



Penn Coachmen Newsletter

June/July 2026



Don Laine Campground Rally (June 15-18)

Even though this was a small rally, we had lots of fun. There were fifteen of us. We had beautiful weather. Nice cool days with a breeze...just perfect. Our days were open to do some exploring or just relaxing...which some of us do not always get to do.

Our evenings were nice “get togethers” where we played some games and got to know each other a little more. We had a fun night of Bingo with prizes and of course we always have good food. Stacey, at the campground, made us a nice “picnic” meal one night. A pot-luck night was enjoyed and we all went to the camp store one day and Stacey made us all lunch. It would not have been a true Penn Coachmen event if we didn’t have our donuts on our departure morning. It really was a fun, relaxing rally. Thank you all (Aunt Janet, Uncle Ken, cousin’s Barb & Don, Glenn, Lora, Deb, Tom, Walter, Sally, Gary, Sue, Jack, Karoline & Killian).

July 20-23...Lakewood Park Campground

Fifty two Penn Coachmen members enjoyed a wonderful rally. The Mandik's did a fantastic job, as always, to make sure we all had a good time.

They kept us busy and we ate extremely well.



We celebrated America's 250th birthday. We all enjoyed this delicious cake.

What a beautiful flag Patti Mandik knitted in honor of America's birthday. She is selling raffle tickets for the next two months at our rallies. She will be donating the proceeds to the Mattioli Foundation at our Pocono Rally in September. The winning ticket will be drawn at the Pocono's. You do not need to be present to win.



After a fun round of trivia...



1st Place Winners...

Nadine, Patty, Bruce, Holly, Terry,
Winifred & Chris!

2nd Place Winners...

Cliff, Christy, Lora, BJ, Dave,
Dorene and Kevin!



3rd Place Winners...

Sue, Phyllis, Eric, Sally, Walter
and Gary!

Monday night we started off the rally with a Happy Hour and a campfire. On Tuesday afternoon, with registration, we had Root Beer Floats and our evening meal was ham with a variety of sides. What a nice evening to catch up with friends. Wednesday was a full day. You could do one of three crafts, if you chose to. They served us an "All American Lunch" followed by some fun BINGO games. They had a "Campsite decorating contest" and the top three Patriotic winners were: 3rd place: Glenn Momme, 2nd place: Phyllis & Eric Britz and the winners were Debby & Sal Farino.

Ken Frey made our evening meal of chicken pot pie and sides and bananas foster for dessert. The evening rounded out with the movie "1776". Thursday morning we met for breakfast and said our good byes until we meet again.

A few of us (18 in total) stayed another night and we met at the new bar/restaurant at the campground and shared another special evening.

Thanks again to Patti, Tony, Carol, Lou & Bob Mandik for a fun relaxing rally.





GEAR

(GREAT EASTERN AREA RALLY)

October 5-10, 2027

Lewisburg, WV Fairgrounds

SAVE THE DATES:

August 10-14: Spacious Skies, Luray, VA

Sept. 9-14: Pocono Raceway

Oct. 18-21: Pinch Pond, Manheim, PA

Dec. 7: Shady Maple, X-mas lunch

April 18-21, 2027: Old Mill Stream

May 16-19, 2027: Dogwood Acres

June 2-6, 2027: Penn Avon, Selinsgrove, PA

July 19-22, 2027: Lakewood Park, Barnesville, PA

Websites to know....

Penn Coachmen:

www.PennCoachmen.org

Eastern Area: www.FRVA-EA.com

FRVA: www.FRVA.com

Friends

One day, all of us will get separated from each other. We will miss our conversations. Days, months and years will pass until we rarely see each other. One day, our children will see our photos and ask, "Who are these people?" And we will smile with invisible tears and say, "It was with them that I had some of the best days of my life."

Penn Coachmen will be holding our **second annual membership meeting** at the Pocono rally. We will be voting on new officers for 2027. If you are interested in a position on the board, please contact one of our nominating committee folks:

Bob Crossett, Diane Heck or Steve Mahanes. Please get their information from our Penn Coachmen Directory. The slate of officers will be announced 30 days prior to the election. .

Do you want to stay in touch with fellow members? Check out our Penn Coachmen Directory. It lists all members and their information as well as upcoming rallies and who is attending. You can also see additional info on our private Facebook Page.



Happy Birthday America!

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