

Penn Coachmen Membership Meeting
May 18, 2026
Dogwood Acres Campground

- Sue Cipa, Penn Coachmen President called meeting to order at 7:00 PM
- Pledge of Allegiance
- A quorum was present
- Officers present: Sue Cipa, President, Donna Henry Secretary, Chris McGee Treasurer, Bev Beidel, Area VP
- Members were welcomed
- Minutes from last meeting held at Pocono Rally September 27, 2025, were read and are posted on the website.

Millie Lavalley made a motion to accept the minutes as read.
Judy Mahanes seconded it.

Treasurers Report, Chris McGee gave report on our finances. No one had any questions. The information will NOT be posted. See Chris McGee if you have any questions.

List of upcoming rallies was noted by Sue Cipa.
\$300.00 is being given to each rally from Penn Coachmen to help offset costs.

- June 15-19 Don Laine no rally master, 9 rigs going; looking for new place for next year
- July 20-23 Lakewood Rally Mandik's
- July 1-4 FRVA International Convention, Sedalia, MI please let Bob Bucklew know if you are going so he can add you to the online group
- Aug 10-13, Spacious Sky Campground; Rally Master Phyllis Britz; Joint Chapter event; 21 Penn Coachman -10 Dogwood members
- Sept. Pocono Rally, Early birds 9/9-10, 11-14, 15th is Nascar day, see the sign up sheets many hands are needed.
- Oct. 10/18-21 Pinch Pond Campground, Carol Crossett rally master, early bird 18, rally 19-21
- December 7, Shady Maple Christmas Luncheon, room for 100 attendees and we are being charged \$300.00 for the room this year.

Reports

1. Area VP, Bev Beidel had nothing to report
2. Nominating committee, Steve Mahanes had no updates other than to emphasize Sue Cipa will not be returning as President of Penn Coachmen 2027.

Unfinished Business

1. GEAR updates; No rally this year 2026 . EAMA voted to NOT hold rally since the Eastern Area hosted Perry Convention this year.
2. Eric Britz's motion to disassociate Penn Coachmen from FRVA . Gary Cipa read his report from his conversation with Paul Mitchell, FRVA National President. This report was given to Secretary of Penn Coachmen to be filed. This is now done business, subject closed.

New Business

- Reports

Clarissa Sherrow, Northern VP of FRVA

- Clarissa reported that as of March 16, 2026, FRVA had 42,245 F numbers which includes 80,000+ members. Dues for FRVA remain at \$99.00 per year or \$188.00 for 2 years, \$267.00 for 3 years.
- How can we help FRVA to gain more families? Talk face to face and use packets or scan codes, enroll in T-Mobile/RV Overnight program, continue small RV gatherings, get information on Ambassador program and attend Conventions and Area rallies.
- FRVA has implemented a new computer system, the new website is much easier to navigate. However, we are being asked to update our membership files and be patient with new system as it is being implemented.
- Changes at FRVA are being made at the executive level for the better as they try to find new ways of saving money.
- The FRVA assist program is no longer available worldwide, it will however, continue to be available in the US, Canada and Mexico
- The Hershey RV show in September needs volunteers. If you would like to help work the show, please let Clarissa Sherrow or Sue Cipa know. They will forward your name to the correct person in charge.

Lynda Bucklew, Membership and Directory

- If anyone needs help accessing directory, please call her.
- Discussed how we are updating the new FRVA membership directory on the website and reviewing non-active Penn Coachmen on our directory so both systems will be current.

Bob Bucklew, (Website)

- Website is up to date, and our Facebook group is looking good, and encourages members to post activities from our rallies.

Audit for 2026

- Chris McGee is looking for a few volunteers, 2-3, for an audit team. The audit will be done at one of our rallies. If interested, please contact Chris or Sue.

Trailer Discussion

- Sue Cipa brought up the need to finalize our plans with the trailer, to keep it or let it go? There is a current inventory of all items stored in it. Problem remains we cannot get anyone to take it to the rallies and bring it home, even with a money incentive. Sue encouraged us to talk amongst ourselves and decide what we want to do.

Rallies

- Sue Cipa began a discussion about length of rallies and new places we would like to try. We need to keep in mind when looking for new campgrounds that they have a common building for our meals and activity use and is the campground willing to hold sites? Again, we should discuss this amongst ourselves as we decide where to hold rallies for next year and going forward.

Gary Cipa made a motion to adjourn meeting

Steve Mahanes second.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:11 pm

Submitted by

Donna Henry, Secretary Penn Coachmen

Attachment: Gary Cipa's notes from unfinished business #2.