



# TIDBITS FROM PENNY

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## Penn Coachmen's Camping Season Opens at Schnecksville

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### 2011 Rallies:

4/15-4/17—Schnecksville, PA

5/27-5/30—Centre Hall, PA

6/23-6/26—Cherry Hill, MD

7/15-7/17—Lebanon, PA

8/19-8/21—Bloomsburg, PA

9/23-9/25—Gettysburg, PA

10/9-10/17—GEAR Pre-Rally

10/19—10/18—GEAR—  
Winston-Salem, NC

11/11-11/13—Camp Swatera,  
Bethel, PA

Just as in past years, the Penn Coachmen Chapter of FMCA opened their camping season at Schnecksville, PA on April 15-17, 2011.

The rally was a huge success with 72 Penn Coachmen in attendance for the weekend and at least another half dozen who stopped by to visit their friends. Among those who stopped by was Marianne Dolan, a long time Penn Coachman, and friend to many of us. Also stopping by was Bob Salzman, another good friend and member in good standing. Bob gave a beautiful and meaningful Palm Sunday message during our worship service. Some gave him credit for the sunny day that we all enjoyed on our way home from the rally.

After a sunny and warm Thursday, Friday turned more like a springtime day, sunny but windy and cool. Then on Saturday around noon we were treated to rain and wind that did little to dampen the rally.

Our rally masters had planned an excellent program that saw us visit the fabulous farmers market in Allentown, PA. On Friday after we registered for the rally. Joe and Barbara Veneziaie were responsible for the mini-meal we enjoyed on Friday evening. The musical entertainment presented by the Lehigh Valley Folk Music Society topped off a wonderful first day of our rally.

On Saturday, many car enthusiasts went to the America On Wheels Museum in Allentown. Displays ranged from old cars and trucks to the newest electric vehicles—a truly wonderful collection housed in a superb building in downtown Allentown. Later on Saturday, the ladies gathered under the direction of our own Mrs. Crockpot, Lorraine Shaak, to discuss and swap ideas on housekeeping tips. Many of us now have soap chips under the sheets of our beds which some claimed will reduce and actually stop leg cramps!!! Saturday evening saw an awesome display of the Penn Coachmen/women's ability to prepare and serve a pot luck dinner. It could only be described as scrumptious. After supper, we again were treated to a musical presentation, this time by Jet Wilson, the Cowboy Troubadour.

The week end ended with our traditional continental breakfast and a worship service led by Louise Birett.

A great deal of gratitude is owed to the Rally Masters, Joe and Barbara Veneziaie and Lorraine and Jack Shaak.



## **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](mailto: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**

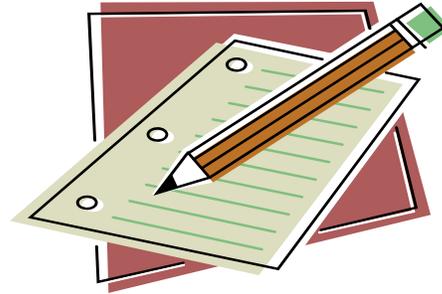
**Funny pet stories**

**Funny grandchildren stories or sayings**

**Life on the road**

**Interesting people you have met along the way**

**Nature encounters**



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## **THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS:**



**Betty Moyer—Contemplating spinal surgery.**

**Ken Frazier —Undergoing cancer treatment.**

**Shirley Lothert—Successfully underwent heart ablation surgery.**

**Vera Sattazahn—Undergoing treatment for cancer and Alzheimer's.**

**Roy Weil—Suffering from heart problems.**

**Carolyn Thurston—Undergoing cancer treatment.**

**Wayde Kelly—Undergoing cancer treatment**

I fell on 2/15 and broke three bones in my left foot and one bone in the ankle. I was at our Grandson's home and missed the step going from the kitchen into the laundry room, I also hit my head against the door frame that goes from the laundry room to the garage, so I had five stitches above my left eye and two black and blue eyes and my face and nose on the left side were black and blue, My face looks a lot better now ,but I cannot put any weight on my foot. I know God was with me because it could have been so much worst. No one was home at his house and there were no neighbors around, so I drove home, which is about four miles, Earl came home from work about five minutes after I got home and took me to the hospital.

By the way, Earl is doing good with his knee replacement. The day I fell was his first day back to work. Needless to say, he hasn't worked very much since.

Jean Ruch

**IMPORTANT NOTICE ABOUT RALLY AT CENTRE HALL:**

The rally deposit and reservation are due by 15 May for the May 27-30 rally. The reservation and deposit should be sent to Jim Lothert, 660 Canal Drive, Pine Grove, PA 17963

The rally masters, Fred and Barbara Thum and John & Melva Schon, have a program that is outstanding for the Memorial Day Weekend. Jim Lowthert

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**LOST OR MISPLACED:**

A Canon digital camera. Last seen while packing for Schnecksville. If you have any information please contact Norma Moss at [normam0927@aol.com](mailto:normam0927@aol.com).

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**SAVE TABS FROM BEVERAGE CANS, PLEASE:**

Don't forget to save your tabs from beverage cans for Jim Lexa He saves them for a charity which provides service dogs for the deaf.

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**NOMINATION COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN NEEDED:**

An urgent need exists for a Nomination Committee Chairperson. This is an elected position and must be filled ASAP so that nominees for 2012 can be selected and voted on later this year. If you are willing to serve as the Nomination Committee Chairperson please notify Betty Moyer at [bob.moyer@gmail.com](mailto:bob.moyer@gmail.com) or call Betty at 610-777-0808. This appeal is urgent and your assistance will ensure the continuation of The Penn Coachmen.



**GEAR FOOD DONATIONS:**

The April issue of Family Motor Coaching has an article (page 28) about the food drive that was conducted at GEAR at Winston-Salem for the Second Harvest Food Bank of Northwest North Carolina.

Thanks to all members who participated. We will designate Second Harvest as our Community Donations recipient in 2011. Their folks appreciated what we did.

Thanks – Betty and Jake Kessler.



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**IT'S ALL IN THE ATTITUDE (Submitted by Karen Brandis)**

**Psalms 34:1 I will bless the LORD at all times: his praise shall continually be in my mouth.**

There once was a woman who woke up one morning, looked in the mirror, and saw that she had only three hairs on her head. "Great," she said, "I think I'll braid my hair today."

So she did, and had a wonderful day.

The next day she woke up, looked in the mirror and saw that she had only two hairs on her head. "Hmm," she said, "I guess I'll part my hair down the middle."

So she did, and had a wonderful day.

The next day she woke up, looked in the mirror and saw that she had only one hair left on her head.

"Wow," she said, "today I get to wear my hair in a pony tail." So she did, and had a wonderful, wonderful day.

The next day she woke up, looked in the mirror and saw that there wasn't a single hair on her head.

"Thank God!" she exclaimed. "I was running out of things to do with my hair!"

**ATTITUDE is everything!** Let's be grateful for the things God has given us and have a wonderful day!

# FMCA DOINGS

## Coming Soon:

**Northwest Area Rally—June 2-5, 2011, Albany, OR**

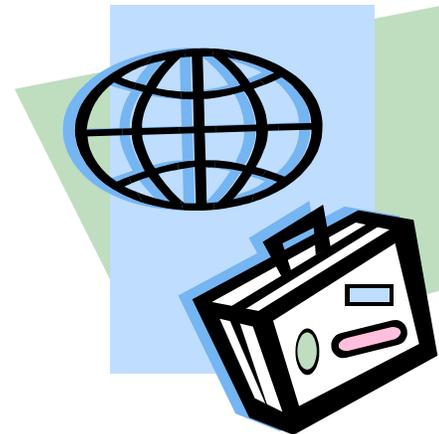
**Northeast Area Rally, July 21-24, 2011, Essex Junction, VT**

**FMCA's 86th International Convention, August 10-13, 2011, Madison, WI**

**South Central Area Rally, Sept. 28-Oct. 1, 2011, Hutchinson, KS**

**Rocky Mountain Area Rally, Oct. 11-15, 2011, Farmington, NM**

**Eastern Area Rally, Oct. 19-23, 2011, Winston-Salem, NC**



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## Those known to be celebrating a birthday

### In April and May 2011:

**April 2      Joe Thurston**  
**April 5      Barbara Venezia**  
**April 6      Jill Funk**  
**April 11     Bill Doering**  
**April 11     Dorothea Troutman**  
**April 11     Roy Weil**  
**April 14     Hal Henning**  
**April 17     Gene Boniello**  
**April 19     Lorraine Shaak**  
**April 19     Emily Momme**  
**April 24     Pat Doering**  
**April 25     Kate Smith**  
**April 26     Jake Kessler**  
**April 27     Dotty Finn**  
**April 30     Barbara Arcati**



**May 4        Larry Troutman**  
**May 4        Betty Kessler**  
**May 8        Bob Birett**  
**May 9        Carol Becker**  
**May 9        Carol Kendzor**  
**May 10      Bob Moss**  
**May 11      Clark Van Buskirk**  
**May 13      Maryanna Hall**  
**May 16      Jim Strunk**  
**May 22      Ron Lee**  
**May 26      Jim Lexa**  
**May 27      Kathy Rollins**

