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- 2014 Rallies:**
- 4/25-4/27—Pine Grove, PA
 - 5/23-5.26—Centre Hall, PA
 - 6/13-6/15—Gilbert, PA
 - 7/17-7/20—Lebanon, PA
 - 8/22-8/24—Bloomsburg, PA
 - 9/19-9/21—Manheim, PA
 - 10/12-10/15—Quarryville, PA
 - 11/7-9—Bethel, PA

SPRING START-UP - TWIN GROVE RALLY

What a great location to start our 2014 camping season. Twin Grove is a really nice campground.

Our “mini meal” Friday evening at the “Lodge” was prepared by Joanne Freeman, with Philly cheese steaks and all of the trimmings (red sauce, cheese, onions and peppers. Sorry, no mushrooms). Preparing food for 568 people is not an easy task!

Saturday started with a great breakfast buffet served at the campground “public” restaurant. Since the camping schedule doesn’t “officially open until May, we had the dining area exclusively for Penn Coachmen.

After breakfast, we car-pooled to Pine Grove for a historic tour. The first house we toured is privately owned and beautifully restored. The second building was run by the Pine Historic Society which is a “work in progress.” Very interesting!

Our evening meal was again catered by “Debbie” the campground’s resident chef. A full course dinner of ham and stuffed baked chicken breast was served. Excellent meal!

Sunday started with lots of sweets in the form of doughnuts, filled and unfilled, but all delicious.

Our worship service was prepared by Louise Birett, but in her absence was presented by Joe Thurston and Sue Knorpp accompanied by Ruth Morrell on the keyboard. Great job!

Then it was time to depart, and we were homeward bound, with more good memories to cherish.

Many thanks again to Jim and Shirley Lowthert for all of the hard work they put into this rally.

Editor’s Note: Joanne Freeman and Ron Buckley were co-rally masters, and did an excellent job also. Thank you for your many talents.

Submitted by Joanne Freeman

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Another Month. Another campground . We were at Twin Grove Camp ground and had a great rally .

We would like to thank Jim & Shirley and Joanne & Ron for putting on a nice rally and thanks to the hosts who participated and made the rally a success.

The catered breakfast and dinner was great Joanne ,the cheese steaks were a great meal.

The campground treated us very nicely.

The historic tour was very interesting.

Thank-you George Moyer for taking the trailer.

Welcome to the first timers

Submitted by Ron Becker



FMCA's 89th FAMILY REUNION IN PERRY, GEORGIA

FMCA's 89th Family Reunion in Perry Georgia this past March 17-20 was well attended with a reported 2545 coaches and 480 commercial vendors. It was also well attended by the Penn Coachmen Chapter with about 15 coaches adding to the fun. John and Jane Reynolds did us proud by winning the paddle boat race. The gang was able to get together for a social hour on Tuesday and the Penn Coachmen Ladies attended the Ladies Social (see photo). The seminars were informative and the vendors had great stuff to look at and buy. The entertainment was top notch. We had such a good time that we'll have to check out the 90th Family Reunion in Redmond, Oregon!



Rolling Red Hatters Ladies' luncheon

Submitted by Phyllis Britz

PERTINENT INFORMATION REGARDING CENTRE HALL RALLY

Bill and Kathy Rollins have taken over as hosts of the rally because of the tragic loss of Bob Moss.

There is a wonderful tradition of good times at our Centre Hall Rallies. We have a nice long weekend of fun, games, socializing and good food.

Bill and Kathy have tried to arrange a little more free time for some of the interesting things going on this year at the fairgrounds. There will be a large flea and farmers market on the grounds on Saturday and Sunday.

Also, the Coachmen group (which group shares the entertainment with us) prepares a lunch on Saturday (such as hot dogs, soup, desserts, etc.) at a reasonable price. They also have a flea market on Saturday. Could be a good opportunity if any of us have things we want to sell and could set up a table in our area.

Arrangements have been made for our members to come in earlier on Friday if they wish, and also stay over an extra day if you want to attend the Boalsburg Festival or the Military Museum on Monday. Just be sure to check in with Jim Lexa when you arrive or if staying over.



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**
- Special anniversary celebrations**
- Members and former Penn Coachmen who are ill, have had surgery, or have passed away**

- 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:



- Bill Rollins - Chronic Arthritis Pain.**
- Betty Moyer - Neck Pain.**
- Joe Venezia - Chronic Leg Pain and Kidney Failure**
- Karl Deardorff - Eye Surgery**
- Ed Molinsky - Throat Cancer**

In Fond Memory of:

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| Robert Moss | Glenn Vonada |
| William Wrick | Marianna Dolan |
| Dennis Hall | Alan Brandis |
| Betty Wampler | Gerard Denoncourt |

“Lexophile” is a word used to describe those who have a love for words, such as “you can tune a piano, but you can’t tuna fish,” or ‘to write with a broken pencil is pointless.’ A competition to see who can come up with the best lexophiles is held every year in an undisclosed location. This year’s winning submission is posted at the very end.

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| When fish are in schools, they sometimes take debate. | A thief who stole a calendar got twelve months. |
| When the smog lifts in Los Angeles U.C.L.A. | The batteries were given out free of charge. |
| A dentist and a manicurist married. They fought tooth and nail. | A will is a dead giveaway. |
| With her marriage, she got a new name and a dress. | A boiled egg is hard to beat. |
| When you’ve seen one shopping center you’ve see a mall. | Police called to a daycare center where a 3 year old was resisting a rest. |
| A bicycle can’t stand alone, it is two tired. | When a clock is hungry it goes back four seconds. |
| A guy fell onto an upholstery machine & is now fully recovered. | He had a photographic memory which was never developed. |
| When she saw her first strands of grey hair she thought she’d dye. | Acupuncture is a job well done. That’s the point of it. |
| Those who get too big for their pants will be exposed in the end. | You cannot hang out with negative people and expect to live a positive life |

Submitted by Don Lassen

FMCA DOINGS

Coming Soon:

Great Lakes Area Rally—June 11-15, 2014—Goshen, IN

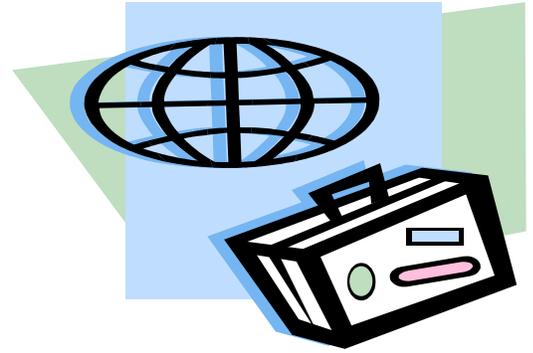
Northeast Area Rally—July 17-21, 2014—Essex Junction, VT

FMCA's 90th Family Reunion—August 13-16, 2014—Redmond, OR

Midwest Area Rally—August 27-30, 2014—Lincoln, NE

Eastern Area Rally—September 24-28, 2014—Asheville, NC

South Central Area Rally—October 1-5, 2014—Shreveport, LA



Those known to be celebrating a birthday during May and June 2014:

May 4 Larry Troutman

May 4 Betty Kessler

May 8 Bob Birett

May 9 Carol Becker

May 9 Carol Kendzor

May 11 Clark Van Buskirk

May 13 Maryanna Hall

May 16 Jim Strunk

May 17 Carol Seyfried

May 20 Stan Seyfried

May 22 Ron Lee

May 26 Jim Lexa

June 4 Priscilla Swetland

June 5 Bernie Gilbert

June 12 Shirley Lowthert

June 13 Nancy Breisch

June 13 Karen Brandis



Some minds are like concrete, thoroughly mixed up and permanently set.

The task ahead of us is never as great as the Power behind us.

The good Lord didn't create anything without a purpose, but mosquitoes come close.

People are funny; they want the front of the bus, middle of the road, and back of the church.

Opportunity may knock once, but temptation bangs on the front door forever.

The Pillsbury Doughboy died yesterday of a yeast infection and trauma complications from being repeatedly poked in the belly. He was 71.

Doughboy was buried in a lightly greased coffin. Dozens of celebrities turned out to pay their respects, including Mrs. Butterworth, Hungry Jack, the California Raisins, Betty Crocker, the Hostess Twinkies, and Captain Crunch.

The grave site was piled high with flours. Aunt Jemima delivered the eulogy and lovingly described Doughboy as a man who never knew how much he was kneaded.

Born and bread in Minnesota, Doughboy rose quickly in show business, but his later life was filled with turnovers. He was not considered a very smart cookie, wasting much of his dough on half-baked schemes.

Despite being a little flaky at times, he lived to be a crusty old man and was considered a positive roll model for millions.

Doughboy is survived by his wife Play Dough, three children: John Dough, Jane Dough and Dosey Dough, plus they had one in the oven. He is also survived by his elderly father, Pop Tart.

The funeral was held at 3:50 for about 20 minutes.

Submitted by Diane Freed

Is Bottled Water Better For You than Tap Water?

Short answer: No

Bottled water is no safer or purer than tap water, although it is substantially more expensive. A recent study by Glasgow University in the U.K. found that bottled water is actually more likely to be contaminated than water from your faucet because it is less well-regulated. Bottled water and tap water typically come from the same sources — natural springs, lakes, and aquifers. While public water supplies are tested for contaminants every day, makers of bottled water are only required to test for specific contaminants every week, month, or year.

Is it Safe to Microwave in Plastic Containers?

Short answer: Yes

But the plastic container should display the words "microwave safe." This means that the Food and Drug Administration has tested the container to make sure no chemicals used to make the plastic leech into foods during microwaving. If chemicals do seep out into food, the amounts are tiny and not dangerous to our health. As a general guideline, plastic grocery bags as well as most plastic tubs that hold margarine, yogurt, cream cheese, and condiments are not microwave safe.

Do Whitening Toothpastes Whiten Teeth More Than Regular Toothpaste?

Short answer: No

Whitening toothpastes usually contain peroxides and other strong abrasives that might make your teeth appear whiter by removing stains. Unlike at-home whitening strips and gels that contain bleach, these toothpastes do not actually change the color of your teeth.

Is Red Wine Better for You than White Wine?

Short answer: Yes

Red wine contains much more resveratrol than white wine, an antioxidant found in the skin of grapes that has been shown to fight off diseases associated with aging.

