

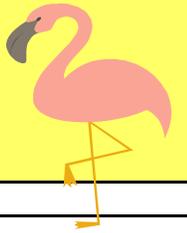


TIDBITS FROM PENNY

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GREETINGS FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Centre Hall was a rally packed full of activity; games, entertainment, eating and laughs. Friends of Wayne and Peggy Dilliaine, Mel and Johnnie Fetty, came as guests and had such a good time they left as Penn Coachmen members!

Friday evening, the semi-annual Business Meeting was held. Please read the secretary's report for a complete summary of the meeting.

Executive Board:

Phyllis Britz, President
Sue Cipa, Exec. VP
Wayne Dilliaine, Treasurer
Barbara Arcati, Secretary
Bob Birett, Area VP
Linda Deardorff, Area VP
Jim Lexa, Area VP
Larry Troutman, Area VP

2017 Rallies:

4/21-4/23—Pine Grove, PA
5/26-5/29—Centre Hall, PA
6/16-6/18—Gilbert, PA
7/14-7/16—Lebanon, PA
8/18-8/20—Bloomsburg, PA
9/13-9/17 - Pennsylvania RV Show
Rolling Ralley to GEAR—9/24-10/4—Orrstown, PA
10/4-10/8—GEAR—Lewisburg, WV
11/3-11/5—Bethel, PA



FMCA's 96th International Convention

July 12 to 15, 2017

Indiana State Fairgrounds, Indianapolis, Ind.

John Breisch, National Director for the Penn Coachmen, gave a review of FMCA's plan to remodel the organization. The Leadership of FMCA has decided that for the organization to survive, there needs to be more members, and this can be done by opening up membership; FMCA becomes INCLUSIVE of all RV owners. Those at the meeting supported this action by a 2 to 1 vote.

Eastern Area Rally (Will be celebrating its 25th Anniversary)

Oct. 4 to 8, 2017

State Fairgrounds of Virginia, Lewisburg, W.Va.

Registration is NOW open.

Currently 15 Penn Coachmen families are signed up to go, many as volunteers.

(Don't forget, Penn Coachmen will have a rolling rally to GEAR and volunteers get in early.)

Penn Coachmen will be having its **50th Anniversary** in 2019. We need to start planning for this milestone and would like to have folks willing to serve on the planning committee. Please consider being part of this event! Sign-up sheet will be available at Gilbert.

Two rallies are in the books for 2017:

Gilbert is just around the corner - June 16-18. The Deardorffs and their hosts have a wonderful time planned for all, and Karl said we'll have great weather too.

The importance of recruiting new members for FMCA and Penn Coachmen was addressed. Penn Coachmen interested in recruiting were given *Family Motor Coaching Magazines* and some pointers. I encourage members to reach out to fellow motorhomers. Let me know if you want any magazines. Let's continue to grow!

Hope to see you at one of our rallies. Bring a friend!

Phyllis Britz

RECAP OF CENTRE HALL RALLY - MEMORIAL DAY

If you were unable to attend our rally at Centre Hall this year, you missed a great time. From the moment we rolled in until we bid our farewells, we were rockin' and a rollin.'

Our theme was "Those were the Good Old Days" and coupled with Memorial Day, it was fantastic. For the early birds who arrived on Thursday, we met at Brother's Pizza for dinner and then gathered in our building for the movie "Mash." Even though the rain dampened the sound a little bit, we were still able to enjoy it and our time together.

Our hosts started decorating our building Friday morning, and before long it was a patriotic wonderland.

Our ice cream social made it nice to visit with friends we haven't seen for a while.

Friday night came with a mini meal, our semi-annual board meeting, and rounded the night off with a fun game of crazy bingo.

On Saturday, we started off with brunch. For those who like to sleep in, we met at 10:30 a.m.

We jumped right into games, weather cooperated, and we had a golf match and a great round of ladder golf. We all had a good time, whether playing or a spectator. There were lots of laughs.

Saturday evening we met at the Grange Hall for another wonderful meal and came back to our building for entertainment by "One More Time." Larry and Melissa put on a wonderful show as we all sang or laughed along.

We met Sunday morning for a quick breakfast and a nice worship service by the Cipas. Gary's sermonette was a wonderful story of how a soldier carried a deck of cards as his bible. It was a very moving story.

We then jumped into several competitive games of bean bag baseball. What laughs we had! We all cheered for each other and had a great time.

We had a nice picnic "cook out" Sunday night.

Our evening entertainment was Al Hamilton, our auctioneer friend. Oh my goodness ,what laughs we had. I thought Peggy Dilliplaine and Linda Deardorff were going to fall off their seats. We cleaned out our closets and brought in things we no longer wanted. We made \$242 which will go toward our 50th anniversary celebration in 2019.

Monday morning was a quick and easy breakfast followed by Gary's annual military recognition. He had a member of each branch of service read their "creed".

Hal Amos, Air Force
Ed Park, Coast Guard
Eric Britz, Navy
Jim Lexa, Army
Gary Cipa, Marines

A quick clean up and we were ready to depart.

Thank you to everyone for making this a special weekend. It is one day longer, a little more work, but always lots of fun. We thank the hosts for all their help, cooking on the grills, organizing the games, making coffee, running to Wal-Mart, and making this rally one we will remember for a long time to come.

Sue Cipa

NOTICE TO MEMBERS

Wayne Dilliplaine has been diligently snapping pictures at our rallies. He has been doing an excellent job, and deserves much praise for his efforts.

Hal Amos has been posting the rally photographs on the Penn Coachmen website, and your attention is directed there if you want a true feel of what goes on at our rallies.

Henceforth, in the interest of brevity and the elimination of redundancy, the newsletter will no longer post the rally photos

A TIME TO LAUGH

The deadline for West End Fairgrounds in Gilbert has been extended until June 12th.

Twenty-five coaches are already signed up. If you want to join in for a time to laugh, please get in touch with Karl and Linda Deardorff at 717-439-6314 to reserve your spot as soon as possible.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH BY JAY LENO

"With hurricanes, tornados, fires out of control, mud slides, flooding, severe thunderstorms tearing up the country from one end to another, and with the threat of bird flu and terrorist attacks, are we sure this is a good time to take God out of the Pledge of Allegiance?"

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Aspire to inspire before you expire.

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A semi-annual membership meeting of the Penn Coachmen Chapter of FMCA was held on Friday, May 26, 2017, at the Grange Fairgrounds in Centre Hall, Pennsylvania. The following officers were in attendance:

Phyllis Britz, President	Sue Cipa, Vice President	Wayne Dilliaine, Treasurer
John Breisch, Natl. Dir.	Linda Deardorff, Area VP	Jim Lexa, Area VP
Robert Birett, Area VP	Eric Britz, Alt. Natl. Dir.	Barbara Arcati, Secretary

Phyllis Britz opened the meeting at 6:40 PM and all stood for the Pledge to the Flag. Phyllis certified that we have a quorum with 26 F members in attendance.

Reports of Officers.

Secretary: Barbara Arcati read the minutes of the Nov. 4 meeting. There were no additions or corrections and the minutes were approved.

Treasurer: Wayne Dilliaine gave the treasurer's report. He read a letter from himself to the president Phyllis Britz which stated that he was enclosing checks number 1095 through 1100 from the Penn Coachmen bank account. Instructions were that if any of these checks are issued that he will need documentation of what was purchased for the treasurer's records. A copy of the letter is enclosed with the secretary's records.

Wayne Dilliaine also gave the treasurer's report that there is a balance in the treasury of \$9404.59. There are 3 restricted accounts in the treasury: 50th anniversary, Penn Coachmen store account and the trailer account. The total of the restricted accounts is \$1662.15. A detailed copy of the treasurer's report is with the secretary's records.

Vice-President. Sue Cipa reported on rallies. New locations are being investigated. She is checking on different entertainment and tours. Lou and Carol Mandik are taking the Lebanon rally. They are new rally masters and will need our help.

There will be a 50/50 drawing at this rally to benefit the 50th anniversary celebration.

President. Phyllis Britz is working on the rally masters guidelines with help from committee members Bob Birett and Barbara Arcati.

Trailer towing schedule is by sign up. So far, Jack Vliet, Karl Deardorff, Hal Amos and Gary Cipa have done the towing. Sign up sheets are available.

National Director. John Breisch gave a detailed account of the changes proposed to the governing board affecting FMCA governance with the goal of changing membership status to include towables. Each year FMCA membership numbers are dropping. The governing board will meet in July at the Indianapolis Family reunion to vote. John will be available to talk to our members here about these proposals.

Membership. Nancy Breisch stated that we have 119 F members. We welcomed 15 new couples to Penn Coachmen since October 2016. Nancy sends out emails and John has volunteered to make phone calls to new FMCA members in our area.

Nominating committee. Linda Deardorff stated that there is nothing to report at this time.

Phyllis Britz asked for and received applause for our special committees: Yearbook, Karl Deardorff, Webmaster, Hal Amos, Sunshine, Mary Amos, Newsletter, Louise Birett. Website photos are courtesy of Wayne Dilliaine and Karl Deardorff.

Phyllis stated that she is on the RVillage website.

GEAR: John Breisch is head of Security. Ron Lee is head of Facilities. Linda Deardorff is doing crafts.

Announcements: Karl and Linda Deardorff will hold a meeting for the Gilbert Rally hosts after the brunch on Saturday.

Glen Kline state that the Pastor who held services at the Twin Grove rally had surgery and is recovering. There being no further business, Phyllis Britz adjourned the meeting.

Barbara Arcati, Secretary

For those who think we Pennsylvanians 'talk funny' or use 'big words', here's why ...

About Pennsylvanians: You've never referred to Philadelphia as anything but 'Philly' and New Jersey has always been ' Jersey .'

We don't go to the beach -- we go 'down the shore.'

You refer to Pennsylvania as 'PA' (pronounced Pee-Ay). How many other states do that??

'You guys' (or even 'youze guys', in some places) is a perfectly acceptable reference to a group of men and women.)

You know how to respond to the question 'Djeetyet?' (Did you eat yet?)

You know that the Iggles play football and so do the Stillers.

You learned to pronounce Bryn Mawr, Wilkes-Barre , Schuylkill , the Poconos, Tamaqua, Kutztown, Tunkahannock, Bala Cynwyd, Kishacoquillas, Duquesne and Monongahela, also Conshohocken.

And we know Lancaster is pronounced Lank-ister, not Lan-kaster.

You know what a 'Mummer' is, and are disappointed if you can't catch at least highlights of the parade.

At least five people on your block have electric 'candles' in all or most of their windows all year long.

You know what a 'State Store' is, and your out-of-state friends find it incredulous that you can't purchase liquor at the mini-mart.

Words like 'hoagie,' 'crick,' 'chipped ham,' 'dippy eggs', 'sticky buns,' 'shoo-fly pie,' 'lemon sponge pie', 'pierogies' and 'pocketbook' actually mean something to you. (By the way, that last one's PA slang for a purse!)

You not only have heard of Birch Beer, but you know it comes in several colors.

You know the difference between a cheese steak and a pizza steak sandwich, and you know that you also can't get a really good one anywhere outside of the Philly area. (Except maybe in Atlantic City on the boardwalk.)

You know that Blue Ball, Intercourse, Paradise, Climax, Bird-in-Hand, Beaver, Moon, Virginville, Mars, Bethlehem, Hershey, Indiana, Sinking Spring, Jersey Shore, State College, Washington Crossing, Jim Thorpe, King of Prussia, Wind Gap, and Slippery Rock are all PA towns ... and the first three were consecutive stops on the old Reading RR! (PS - That's pronounced Redd-ing.)

You can identify drivers from New York , New Jersey , Maryland or other neighboring states by their unique and irritating driving habits.

A traffic jam in Lancaster County is 10 cars waiting to pass a horse-drawn carriage on the highway. (And remember ... that's Lank-ister!)

You know several people who have hit deer more than once.

Driving is always better in winter because the potholes are filled with snow.

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

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

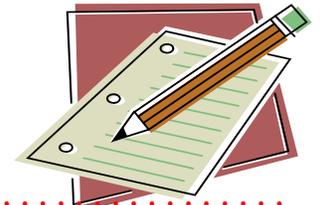
Funny grandchildren stories or sayings

Life on the road

Interesting people you have met along the way

Nature encounters

Photos taken at rallies



THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS



NOTE TO OUR NEW MEMBERS:
Please provide the editor with names of those needing prayers and your birth-day(s) - lbirett@comcast.net. Thank you.

- Bill Rollins - Chronic back pain.**
- Betty Moyer - Chronic neck pain.**
- Bob Moyer - Recovering from multiple stents in heart.**
- Bill Freed - Cancer treatments and vertigo.**
- Bill Pascoe - Cancer treatments.**
- Stan Seyfried - Cancer treatments.**
- Roz Newman - Cancer treatments.**
- Barbara Beers - Multiple leg and foot breaks due to fall in Springfield, MA.**
- Faye Anderson - Broken hip due to fall at GEAR.**
- Sally Thomas - Cancer treatments.**
- Jim Lexa - Inoperable hip pain.**
- Larry Troutman - Congestive Heart Failure.**
- Former President Bill Katz - Cancer treatments.**
- Martha Lloyd - Recovering from heart attack.**

**THOSE KNOWN TO BE CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY BETWEEN
JUNE AND JULY, 2017**

- June 12 Shirley Lothert**
- June 13 Nancy Breisch**
- June 25 Jack Shaak**
- June 27 Darrell Beers**
- June 27 Ron Buckley**
- June ? Dan Cocca**
- July 2 Jim Lothert**
- July 5 Andrea Lee**

