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2017 Rallies:

4/27-29—Gettysburg, PA
5/25-28—Centre Hall, PA
6/15-17—Gilbert, PA
7/20-22—Liverpool, PA
8/7-19—Bloomsburg, PA
9/21-23—Orrstown, PA
10/3-7—GEAR—York, PA
Oct/Nov—TBD



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RECIPE FOR WHAT MAKES PENN COACHMEN SUCH A GREAT, UNIQUE CLUB, A/K/A THE SECRET SAUCE

Take the seasoning of the folks who have been with us a long time. That's the base. It's a good place to start. Add a dash of energetic spice and fresh ideas. Add some gumption and a few drops of silly powder. Mix well. We always search for new spices (people) to add to our sauce. When we add them in, the sauce takes on a much better flavor. Top with a large handful of fun, lots of laughter, and plenty of hugs and smiles. The combination of each and every one of us is what makes our sauce so special. Wouldn't it be nice if we could bottle it!



Sue Cipa

PRESIDENT'S GREETINGS

Welcome to a new rally season.

Our first rally at Gettysburg was a lot of fun, and the campground staff could not have been nicer. We enjoyed ourselves so much that we are going back next year, Mark your calendar for April 28-30, 2019. It will be a Sunday to Tuesday rally, and we will have the recreation hall all to ourselves.

A planning meeting for the 50th Anniversary was held, and three couples volunteered to co-chair the celebration—Linda and Karl Deardorff, Carol and Lou Mandik, and Barbara and John Noel. Everyone is encouraged to lend a hand to make this event great.

Even before the Gettysburg Rally, Penn Coachmen were traveling and attending other rallies.

In February, Eric and I met up with Ed and Rae Molinsky at the Pima County Fairground in Tucson, Arizona where the INTO Rally was being held. We landed in that area because the motor home needed repairs and how lucky to find Penn Coachmen friends there.

FMCA's 97th International Convention and RV Expo was held March 15-18, 2018 in Perry Georgia. Penn Coachmen were well represented with 14 coaches attending. During our first evening, we had a social gathering between the Cipa's and Britz's coaches to catch up on what everyone had been doing over the winter.

Gary and Patricia Takata, Janet and Charlie Rizzuto, and Kim and Barry Guckes took the lead in building, decorating and racing our chapter's entry in the boat race. Penn Coachmen tied for 2nd place!

We gained new members, Betty and Al Dealer ,who happen to be Nancy Breisch’s sister and brother-in-law.

FMCA’s 98th International Convention and RV Expo, July 18-21, 2018 will take place in Gillette, Wyoming. It should be a good time, and a couple of Penn Coachmen are planning to attend.. Consider joining us in the Wild West!

I have been getting inquiries regarding GEAR already. There seems to be a lot of interest, and I am hoping that Penn Coachmen will have a large turnout. This will be the chapter's October rally. If you plan on going to GEAR, please consider volunteering. Penn Coachmen chair the following committees: Security: Gary Cipa and Eric Britz; Facilities: Ron Lee and Karl Deardorff; FMCA Store—Hal and Mary Amos and Peggy and Wayne Dilliplaine; Crafts—Linda Deardorff. If none of these areas interest you, there are still trams, parking, etc. As information becomes available, I will make sure everyone is updated.

V O T E

One of the most important items to share—Penn Coachmen membership will be making a determination whether or not to change the chapter’s by-laws to include towables. As this is a major decision for our chapter, it will be voted on by all members. Our by-laws state “voting will be one (1) vote per each adult member. Soliciting by mail may be undertaken when a proposed matter is voted to be of such importance or urgency that a membership vote is advisable.” **Ballots will be mailed to all members prior to the Centre Hall Rally.**

Reminder: We are looking for members who are willing to tow the trailer. It is small and easy to tow. For those who are considering to help towing the trailer, the Board approved payment of \$50 one way (or \$100 round trip).

Finally, but of major importance, the chapter is seeking folks willing to fill officer positions and chair positions. Elections are in November, so there is some time for you to consider supporting our Penn Coachmen Chapter.

See you at Centre Hall!

Submitted by Phyllis Britz, President

RECAP OF GETTYSBURG RALLY

Our Penn Coachmen 2018 season got underway at the Gettysburg Campground, April 27 29, 2018. Thirty-three coaches rolled in and a good time was had by all (we hope).

Friday night, we got together for a summer kick-off cookout—burgers, dogs, baked beans, coleslaw and all the trimmings were on the menu. The dessert table was delightful.

A number of announcements were made as the 2018 season presents some upcoming decisions we need to address. We had a question and answer session, and we played our first round of cards. Carol Mandik was the champion for the night.

On Saturday morning, we carpoled over to the Visitors Center/Museum. We watched an informative movie on the “Gettysburg Battle,” and then went up to the Cyclorama. What an enjoyable attraction that was! Did everyone see the artist’s self-portrait in the mural? We could then spend as much time as we wanted in the museum. It is full of information and would take days reading all about the battle and

seeing the interesting items as well as the pictures of some of the people involved. What a fascinating piece of history that is so close to us.!

Saturday evening, we all gathered at General Pickett’s Buffet for a nice dinner. Lots of choices and no one went away hungry.

The campground had a DJ for entertainment, and some of us danced the night away. Lots of laughs and a few sore muscles the next morning!

!We started Sunday with a continental breakfast. We answered a Gettysburg battle questionnaire and awarded prizes for correct answers.

Louise Birett lead a nice worship service after breakfast and presented an interesting video monolog as the sermon. We appreciate all the time she puts into our services each month. Thank you, Louise!

A number of meetings were held with the groups for the upcoming rallies. People then broke camp and moved out. We had a great turn-out of our chapter family. It was so nice seeing everyone again.

Thanks to everyone who helped out at the rally.

Submitted by Sue Cipa, Executive Vice President

ATTENTION - CHANGE IN LOCATION AND DATE OF LAST RALLY IN 2018

New management at Camp Swatara has been problematic and caused ongoing confusion. The option of another campground for our final rally was put to a vote with no opposition.

We are finalizing details with Holly Shores Camping Resort in Cape May, New Jersey for November 2, 3, and 4 instead of late October.

The Rizzutos are still going to be rally masters. We are confident they will put on an amazing rally.

More details to follow.

The Lord’s Prayer is not allowed in most United States public schools anymore. A kid in Minnesota wrote the following new school prayer after what took place in the Florida school shootings:

Now I sit me down in school	Our hair can be purple, orange or green,
Where praying is against the rule	That’s no offense; it’s a freedom scene.
For this great nation under God	The law is specific, the law is precise.
Finds mention of Him very odd	Prayers spoken aloud are a serious vice.
If scripture now the class recites,	
It violates the Bill of Rights.	For praying in a public hall
And anytime my head I bow	Might offend someone with no faith at all.
Becomes a Federal matter now.	In silence alone we must meditate,
	God’s name is prohibited by the state. . . more

We're allowed to cuss and dress like freaks,
And pierce our noses, tongues and cheeks.
They've outlawed guns, but first the Bible.
To quote the Good Book makes me liable.

We can elect a pregnant Senior Queen,
And the "unwed daddy" our Senior King.
It's "inappropriate" to teach right from
wrong.
We're taught that such "judgments" do not
belong.

We can get our condoms and birth controls,
Study witchcraft, vampires and totem poles,
But the Ten Commandments are not allowed,
No word of God must reach this crowd.

It's scary here I must confess,
When chaos reigns, the school's a mess.
So, Lord, this silent plea I make;
Should I be shot; my soul please take!

Amen.

SUE CIPA'S CRUNCHY COLESLAW RECIPE

1 bag of coleslaw mix
6 green onions—chopped
1 cup sunflower seeds
1 cup slivered almonds
3 packets beef flavored Ramon noodles (crunch them up)
Dressing:
1/2 cup oil
1/2 cup sugar
1.3 cup white vinegar
The beef flavored packet from the Ramon noodles

Combine the dressing. Pour over the cabbage mixture. Let set an hour before serving. You don't want it to get too soggy. Not as crunchy the second day.

Sue toasts the seeds, almonds and noodles ahead of time and puts them in a zip lock baggie. She also mixes the dressing and keeps it in a container until ready to use. Then all you have to do is mix it together.

PERTINENT INFORMATION ABOUT THE FERRYBOAT RALLY IN JULY

We are hoping to see a great turnout at the Ferryboat Campground from July 20 - 22, 2018.

Be aware that you must **make your own reservations** with the campground. A one night deposit of **\$49.50 per site** is required by **June 15th**.

The committee is asking **every lady to provide a dessert for Friday night's mini-meal**.

Please send in your **\$50 camping fee check made out to Penn Coachmen and your registration form** to Bob Birett at 1593 Heebner Way, Lansdale, PA 19446 by **June 15th** because the caterer needs to know how many breakfasts and dinners to provide.

Because we are not paying for entertainment, **there will be a catered breakfast and dinner on Saturday, July 21st**.

SATURDAY MORNING CATERED BREAKFAST:

Bacon, egg, and cheese casserole

Sausage Quiche

Fruit Salad

Croissants, muffins, Danish

SATURDAY EVENING CATERED DINNER:

Sausage and peppers

Stuffed chicken breasts

Gravy

Mashed potatoes

Roasted vegetables

Coleslaw

Rolls and butter

Chocolate cake with peanut butter icing

Carrot cake

We have arranged for a guided tour of the Capitol Building in Harrisburg on Saturday at 11:00 a.m. More information about this exciting excursion will be provided in your activities' packet.

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 birthday(s) -to lbirett@comcast.net. Thank you.

- Bill Freed - Cancer treatments and vertigo.
- Bill Pascoe - Passed away.
- Sally Thomas - Cancer treatments.
- Former President Bill Katz - Cancer treatments.
- Cleo Hartman - Abdominal surgery.
- John Prange - Brain surgery.
- Lori Prange - Multiple health issues.
- John Breisch - Cancer treatments.
- Ed Park - Multiple heart related issues.
- Emily Momme - Passed away.
- Larry Troutman - Congestive Heart Failure

THOSE KNOWN TO BE CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY IN MAY AND JUNE, 2018

May 2	Lew Smith	May 22	Ron Lee
May 4	Larry Troutman	May 25	Dan Cocco
May 7	Terri Stoltz	May 26	Jim Lexa
May 8	Bob Birett	May 28	Linda Deardorff
May 9	Carol Becker	June 12	Shirley Lothert
May 16	Jim Strunk	June 13	Nancy Breisch
May 17	Carol Seyfried	June 25	Jack Shaak
May 17	Darrell Beers		
May 20	Len Weller		

HAPPY BIRTHDAY