

Semi-Annual Penn Coachmen
Membership Meeting
May 19, 2025

Executive board in attendance:

Sue Cipa: President, Bob Crossett: Sr Vice President, Donna Henry: Secretary,
Area VP's: Carol Crossett and Bev Beidel,
Gary Cipa: Past President

The meeting was called to order at 6:45 PM by Sue Cipa, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. It was noted that we had a quorum of FRVA Penn Coachmen members in attendance, and the meeting proceeded.

Old Business

1) Payment for National Director

Sue mentioned that we already voted on paying our National Director to attend the FRVA Convention in Gillette, Wyoming (summer convention). A motion was made to pay her after the convention to avoid complications if attendance is not made.

*Motion by Jay Beidel

*Seconded by Bob Crossett

*All agreed, motion passed

New Business

1) Officer's Reports

Sr. Vice President, Bob Crossett reported on our upcoming rallies:

June 16-19: Don Lane Rally: Rally Master: Diane Heck

July 21-24: Lakewood Acres Campground: Rally Masters: Toni and Patti Mandik and Lou and Carol Mandik

August 17-21: Five River Campground (Parson's WV) Rally Masters: Donna and Jay Henry

September 24-29: Pocono Raceway - Rally Masters: Sue & Gary Cipa and Phyllis & Eric Britz. A large turnout is expected, and volunteers are needed, please offer to help if attending.

GEAR: November 4-8; volunteers needed to assist rally masters. If you are attending, please let us know so we have your name on the master Penn Coachmen rally sheet. We will send out an email on a chapter gathering and in case of an emergency, you can contact someone.

December 8: Christmas Luncheon at Shady Maple (1-4 PM)

April 19-22, 2026: Old Mill Stream: Rally Masters: Larry and Clarissa Sherrow

Volunteer Sign-up Sheets are posted at each rally. Please sign up if you would like to help at a certain location. Role terminology updated: **Hosts** are now called **Volunteers** to avoid confusion with rally masters.

Area Vice Presidents Carol Crossett and Bev Beidel had nothing to report.

1) FRVA Updates

This information was reported at our EAMA Workshop meeting, May 15, 2025. Sue Cipa gave the following information:

Membership declined to 54,00 (from 75,00+ previously)

Officer elections are coming up, check with FRVA magazine or website for bios and candidate details.

Members are encouraged to email Gillian Raye or Sue Cipa with their preferences for voting.

1) Penn Coachmen Membership

Reported by Lynda Bucklew:

Total members 181
156 active members
3 associates members
22 honorary members
New Members 2025: 5
New Members 2024 25

Strong growth in Penn Coachmen was noted; emphasis was placed on retaining club camaraderie and operations regardless of FRVA's future.

Directory program costs. Lynda mentioned that our annual charge to keep the directory running is \$204.00 and is due. We discussed it and we want to keep the directory, and we will pay the charge.

1) Recruitment

Reported by President Sue Cipa

Penn Coachmen is participating in FRVA's Affiliate Program
Recruitment cards with QR codes were distributed, each new member can sign up through the FRVA website and our chapter earns \$10.00. Please see Sue for the business cards.

5) Survey

A survey was developed and sent out by Bruce Bingham. (Good job)!
Everyone should have gotten a copy of this survey. We hope you completed it out and returned it already. We are trying to encourage members to help more with chapter duties (hauling trailer, volunteering your time at a rally or holding an office position). If you did not receive a copy, please contact Bruce (his information is listed in the directory).

1) Penn Coachmen Utility Trailer

Reported by President Sue Cipa

We have several items we use at rallies and are carried in the trailer.
Gary Cipa has been maintaining it (new tires when needed and year to year general maintenance). It would be nice to get several people to haul this too and from our rallies.

Trailer specs: Size: 4'x6', less than 1000 lbs., no brakes, 2-inch hitch

Insured by FRVA; registration and insurance cards are stored inside.

Compensation: \$50.00 one-way hauling

Suggestions needed: Long-term hauling solutions and possible incentives, free rally camping, increase compensation?

Inventory sheet available. (see Sue)

No further discussion was made.

1) Penn Coachmen's AED & Medical Equipment

Reported by Sue Cipa

RED FIRST AID BACKPACK

a) AED (Automated External Defibrillator). Cipa's transport it to and from each rally. (It cannot be carried in the trailer, due to the heat of the summer). We will need to replace the pads after two years. Purchased in 2024, so replacements are due in 2026.

b) First Aid Kit: One is available in the trailer, and one is in our pack.

c) Life Vac: This is a choking rescue device and is brought to the rallies.

1) Membership Dues

Reported by Sue Cipa, with Lynda & Bob Bucklew adding information on this subject.

We discussed changing the price of our chapter dues. We believe the chapter does not need to increase our treasure, so we discussed the following to be updated.

New Members

The first calendar year is free. (example: join any time in 2025, pay nothing for 2025). Beginning on January 1 of the following year, dues will be \$5.00 per year. Everyone expires December 31.

Motion made by: Carol Crossett

Seconded by: Terri Ireland

All in favor, Motion passed

Our Standing Rules also need to be changed, with the above information:

Motion made by: Nadine Parker

Seconded by: Janet Rizzuto

All in favor, Motion passed

Existing Members

Members who have already prepaid through 2026 or later will be able to extend their mebership at the new \$5.00 rate.

- a) Multiyear renewals will continue to be accepted (at \$5.00/year) but efforts will be made to standardize everyone to the calendar year renewal.
- b) A motion was made for existing members to change our dues to \$5.00/year.

Motion by Dorene Henderson
Second by Phyllis Britz
All in favor, motion carried

- a) Motion made to change our chapters Standing Rules regarding dues to \$5.00 per year starting 2025. Lynda Bucklew has a few people she will contact to get them lined up with the new amount.

Motion by Dorene Henderson
Seconded by Bob Bucklew
All in favor: Motion passed

- a) Motion made for all prepaid memberships to expire on January 1 beginning next year and begin renewal at \$5.00

Motion by Charlie Rizzuto
Seconded by Gary Cipa
All in favor: Motion passed

- a) A motion was made to change our chapters "Standing Rules" on the above change to prepaid memberships starting January 1, 2026.

Motion by Chris McGee
Seconded by Phyllis Britz
Outcome: Motion passed

- a) There are four people that Lynda Bucklew will have to call who is holding checks for membership. We will either destroy check or send them back, whichever the member would like to do.

- a) Dues status is listed on website via the “chapter dues report”, please check your status.

1) Miscellaneous

- o Each rally will now receive up to \$300.00 from the treasury to help offset food/entertainment/expenses.
- o \$25.00 registration per person/per rally is expected to be sufficient for rally participation. We will try not to have any additional monies needed. Exceptions: larger rallies like Poconos may require additional participant funds if expenses exceed standard registration. It is a 6-day rally vs our normal 3-day rally.
- o We will try to post “Rally Programs” online prior to the event.
- o Website and Facebook are kept up to date regularly thanks to Bob Bucklew.

Next Membership meeting will take place at Pocono Raceway Rally.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Jay Beidel

Seconded by Carol Crossett

Outcome: Motion passed

Submitted By:

Donna Henry

Penn Coachmen Secretary