



# TIDBITS FROM PENNY

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## GREETINGS FROM OUR PRESIDENT - A GLANCE BACK

### **Executive Board:**

**Phyllis Britz, President**

**Sue Cipa, Exec. VP**

**Wayne Dilliplaine, 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**

**? - Pennsylvania RV Show**

**Rolling Rally to GEAR—9/24-10-4—Orrstown, PA**

**10/4-10/8—GEAR—Lewisburg, WV**

**11/3-11/5—Bethel, PA**

Reflecting back on the Penn Coachmen 2017 “Rally Season” as we just had our last rally, November 3-5, at Camp Swatara, Bethel, PA, I am pleased with our accomplishments. The season ended on a high note with thirty-nine coaches joining a fun packed weekend with the rally theme of “A Taste of Italy.” It was the largest turn out this year with coaches coming from NJ, WV, MD and PA. There were eight first timers, one family who had been Penn Coachmen but hadn’t been to a rally, three who joined at the rally, and four family units who had joined at GEAR in Lewisburg this October. There were several guests in attendance also.

This year, Penn Coachmen had several high points. Our Chapter had good representation at GEAR with twenty-seven coaches in attendance, thirteen of which had come together at Glen Maury Campground, Buena Vista, VA, to caravan in. Eight of the thirteen had arrived after completing a seven day “Rolling Rally.” Most Penn Coachmen volunteered for trams, the FMCA store, facilities, or security. We had great participation at bean bag baseball, the ladies luncheon, and the two socials we held. Penn Coachmen came in second place at beanbag baseball, first place at the Chapter Fair, but our best and greatest reward was making new friends and the addition of twelve new Penn Coachmen family units! So Penn Coachmen left GEAR with thirty-nine coaches.

The eight Penn Coachmen rallies (April through November) were successful, each having a uniqueness based on location, theme and schedule the rally masters and their team of volunteers developed, not to mention the Penn Coachmen who attended. We toured some interesting places such as an automated farm, Old Towne Harpers Ferry, and Hershey Chocolate World. We had some interesting activities including crafts, an auction, biking, miniature golf, scavenger hunt, horse racing and of course games of beanbag baseball, ladder golf, bingo and last but not least “Nickel Nickel”. Entertainment ranged from skits, an Elvis Impersonator, a magician, and musical groups. What all had in common was the fun, fellowship and, of course, the good food.

Five Penn coaches attended “Crossroads to Fun” in Indianapolis, FMCA’s 96th International and RV Expo. Six Penn Coachmen coaches also made it to Chandler, AZ in March to celebrate the FMCA’s 95th International Convention. For some of us, it provided a good reason to escape the cold and head to warm, sunny parts of the country.

Although the year was amazingly good, it also brought some challenges and some loss. Penn Coachmen is one of the oldest chapters of FMCA, receiving its charter July 1969 and each year we lose members. This is to be expected but is never easy. We treasure the good times and the memories but continue to make new memories, and seek out new friends and members.



## RECAP OF CAMP SWATARA RALLY

BON GIORNO to you and GRAZIE to our rally masters, the Rizzuto's, for our Italian weekend. We cannot say enough thank you's to them and all of their team for the fantastic time had by all.

Many of the early birds gathered at the 501 Grille for dinner on Thursday evening. The restaurant is close to Myerstown. It started the weekend off with a favorable flavor.

Friday afternoon was reserved for registration.

Our evening mini-meal consisted of Italian hoagies, salad, chips, various condiments and Italian goodies.

After the semi-annual business meeting, games and fellowship were the evening's entertainment.

Following a super potluck breakfast on Saturday morning, many headed to see the Moyer's incredible dairy farm. How things have changed at dairies—WOW!

Several of the men came back to play bocce ball while the ladies created their own lovely black stone craft under the direction of Linda Deardorff.

Penn Coachmen were greeted by Charlie and Vito dressed as gangsters Saturday evening. Everyone enjoyed the Italian feast—and I do mean “feast.” We had chicken parmesan, spaghetti, shrimp fettuccini alfredo, salad, Italian bread, tiramisu and New York cheesecakes plus other Italian goodies.

To top off the evening, we were entertained by an illusionist, Denny More. Was he great, or what?

What a surprise on Sunday morning! We had continental breakfast by candlelight because there was a power outage in the area. Luckily, our decorations were wine bottles filled with mini-lights. They lent a special atmosphere. How cool!

Due to the semi-darkness in the hall, there was no church service. After eating loads of pastries, fruit, bagels, etc., and with our full tummies and happy memories, we packed up and headed home.

ARREVIDERCI til next time.



Submitted by Helen Young



## MINUTES OF SEMI-ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

A semiannual meeting of the Penn Coachmen was held on November 4, 2017 with the following officers in attendance:

Phyllis Britz	President
Sue Cipa	Executive Vice President
Wayne Dilliplaine	Treasurer
Bob Birett	Area Vice President
Larry Troutman	Area Vice President
Linda Deardorff	Area Vice President
Eric Britz	Alternate National Director
Louise Birett	Acting Secretary



Phyllis Britz announced that there was a quorum of members, and therefore the meeting was officially called to order.

### APPROVAL OF SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 2017:

Ron Lee motioned, with Karl Deardorff seconding, to approval the minutes of the semi-annual meeting of the Penn Coachmen of May 2017.

Sue Cipa noted two corrections to the minutes:

The membership list includes 119 F numbers.

John Prange volunteered to work on recruitment (not John Breisch).

### RALLY MASTER GUIDELINES:

Phyllis Britz informed of newly drawn up Guidelines (including directions on how to complete the new tally sheets after the rally) to be distributed to all rally masters and officers.

### TREASURER'S REPORT:

Wayne Dilliplaine presented his treasurer's report from May 26, 2017 through November 3, 2017 as follows:

Beginning balance		<b>\$ 9,404.59</b>
Receipts		\$ 20,334.00
Disbursements		\$ 18,501.17
Receipts less disbursements for the period		\$ 1,832.83
Penn Coachmen ending balance		<b>\$ 11,237.42</b>
Restricted Accounts (funds included in ending balance):		
Raffle & Auctions: 50 <sup>th</sup> anniversary	\$1,376.17	
Penn Coachmen store account	\$ 600.00	
Trailer account (supplies & service)	\$ 468.04	<b>\$ 2,444.21</b>

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

2018 Rally Season:

April 27-29: Gettysburg Campground, Gettysburg:

**Britz and Cipa – Rally Masters.**

**Will not have use of the building all of the time. Sue Cipa is considering Pickett's Buffet as the Saturday night catered dinner location.**

**Activities include a visit to the museum, film, and cyclorama.**

May 25-28 – Grange Fairgrounds, Centre Hall:

**Rizzuto – Rally Masters.**

**Office personnel to take reservations.**

June 15-17 – West End Fairgrounds, Gilbert:

**Rally masters needed.**

July 20-22 – Ferry Boat Campground, Liverpool:

**Rally Masters needed.**

**The building will cost \$200 for the entire weekend.**

**Office personnel to take reservations.**

August 17-19 – Bloomsburg Fairgrounds, Bloomsburg:

**Amos, Lexa, Arcati – Rally Masters.**

September 21-23 – Roxbury Holiness Camp, Orrstown:

**Rally Masters needed.**

October 3-7 – GEAR, York:

**It was decided to count GEAR as the Penn Coachmen rally for October.**

October 26-28 – Camp Swatara, Bethel:

**Rizzutos – Rally Masters.**

**Camp Swatara will no longer be open in November.**

**Rates per night have gone up to \$41.60 after 10% discount.**

**\$7 charge for a wheel barrow of wood.**

**There is no hall rental fee.**

**Office personnel to take reservations.**

ALTERNATE NATIONAL DIRECTOR REPORT:

Eric Britz reminded the membership to vote before November 30, 2017 on whether towables should be permitted membership into FMCA. Ballots can be found in the FMCA Magazine.

RECOGNITION OF CHAPTER SUPPORT:

Phyllis Britz bestowed "fun" gifts on those serving on the Executive Board as well as anyone who has been a rally master, host, or helped in any other capacity during the past year.

Sue Cipa surprised Phyllis Britz with a flamingo lamp for her exceptional leadership during the past three years.



Because Phyllis Britz would like to tap into talents of chapter members to make Penn Coachmen a greater organization, the following assistance, among others, is being requested of the membership:

Safety Officer to keep the chapter apprised of safety related matters via announcements at rallies or through an article in the monthly newsletter.

Assistance with the newsletter.

Reporter at large.

Assistance with church services.

Assistance with website.

Assist with mailing get well/sympathy cards.

John Prange has volunteered to work on recruitment.

Looking for someone to replace Diane Freed as hospitality hostess.

CHAPTER FAIR AT PERRY, GA:

The same materials which were used at GEAR will be taken to Perry, GA.

PARKING FEES:

The Executive Board decided that early parking fees should be collected as part of the rally fees from this time forward.

2017 AUDIT:

The Executive Board is seeking volunteers to audit the Treasurer's books at the completion of 2017. Kim Guckes graciously accepted the position. At least two more persons are needed.

Wayne Dilliaine informed that reports from the membership chairperson and the country store chairperson should be submitted every year.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to attend to, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Louise Birett, Acting Secretary

Attest:

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Phyllis Britz, President

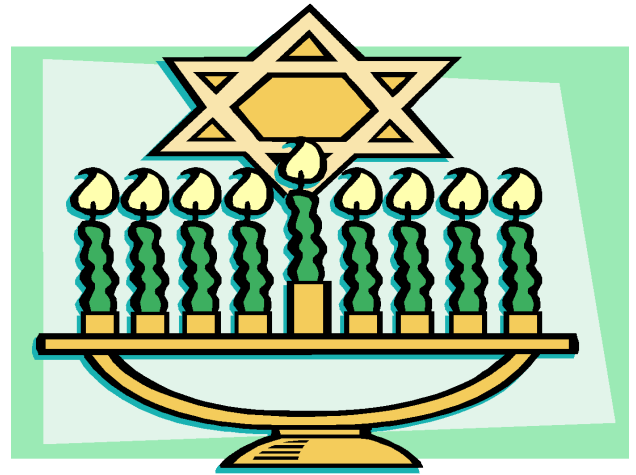




NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

The Nominating Committee for 2018 presented the following slate to the membership:

President:	Phyllis Britz
Executive Vice President	Sue Cipa
Treasurer	Wayne Dilliplaine
Recording Secretary	Barbara Arcati
Area Vice President	Bob Birett
Area Vice President	Linda Deardorff
Area Vice President	Jim Lexa
Area Vice President	Jack Vliet
National Director	John Breisch
Alternate National Director	Eric Britz



There were no nominations from the floor.

VOTE ON SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR 2018 ALL YES MOTION CARRIED

Ron Lee presented the following names to serve on the Nominating Committee in 2018 for the 2019 season:

- Sue Cipa
- Linda Deardorff
- Terry Stoltz
- Joan Park
- Bob Birett



VOTE ON NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR 2019 YES BY ACCLAMATION

YEAR BOOK COMMITTEE:

Karl Deardorff reminded that anyone who does not have a directory should notify him. He needs all pertinent information and/or corrections before the end of November.

REPORT OF THE MEMBERSHIP CHAIRPERSON:

Nancy Breisch will continue to be chairperson for one more year.

Dues may be given to Phyllis Britz this weekend.

There are approximately 125 F numbers in Penn Coachmen.

There were 21 new F numbers in 2017 to date.

FIRST TIMERS WELCOME TO PENN COACHMEN:

It was decided to reinstate the practice of meeting with first timers to inform them about Penn Coachmen procedures.

Phyllis Britz scheduled a meeting with newcomers at 1:15 p.m. on Saturday afternoon.

ADDING CHAPTER SUPPORT POSITIONS:

When Phyllis Britz and Sue Cipa attended the President's Breakfast at GEAR, they learned that some chapters have added support positions.

**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**

**Special camping experiences**

**Funny pet stories**

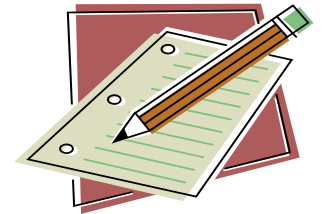
**Funny grandchildren stories or sayings**

**Life on the road**

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

**Nature encounters**

**Photos taken at rallies**



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**THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS**



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

- Bill Freed - Cancer treatments and vertigo.
- Bill Pascoe - Cancer treatments.
- Stan Seyfried - Cancer treatments.
- Sally Thomas - Cancer treatments.
- Jim Lexa - Recovering from hip replacement surgery.
- Former President Bill Katz - Cancer treatments.
- Cleo Hartman - Abdominal surgery.
- Dan Zydorczyk - Knee infection surgery.
- John Prange - Brain surgery.
- Lori Prange - Multiple health issues.
- John Breisch - Hospitalized with various issues.



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**THOSE KNOWN TO BE CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY  
BETWEEN DECEMBER 2017 AND APRIL 2018**

<b>December 8</b>	<b>William Walthour</b>	<b>February 13</b>	<b>Diane Freed</b>
<b>December 8</b>	<b>Ed Park</b>	<b>February 15</b>	<b>Nell Kline</b>
<b>December 11</b>	<b>John Weber</b>	<b>February 16</b>	<b>Bill Young</b>
<b>December 13</b>	<b>Irene Lassen</b>	<b>February 16</b>	<b>Karoline Kormann</b>
<b>December 14</b>	<b>Tom Ricks</b>	<b>February 25</b>	<b>Robyn Needel</b>
<b>December 19</b>	<b>William Bracken</b>	<b>February 27</b>	<b>Fred Needel</b>
<b>December 20</b>	<b>Hal Amos</b>	<b>February 27</b>	<b>Gary Takata</b>
<b>December 21</b>	<b>Carol Mandik</b>	<b>March 7</b>	<b>Ellis Brown</b>
<b>December 30</b>	<b>Rae Molinsky</b>	<b>March 13</b>	<b>Barbara Beers</b>
<b>January 1</b>	<b>Walter Sattazahn</b>	<b>March 15</b>	<b>Eunice Smith</b>
<b>January 2</b>	<b>Bill Freed</b>	<b>March 15</b>	<b>Martha Lloyd</b>
<b>January 10</b>	<b>Sue Cipa</b>	<b>March 22</b>	<b>Glenn Momme</b>
<b>January 11</b>	<b>Jack Vliet</b>	<b>March 25</b>	<b>Carol Ricks</b>
<b>January 21</b>	<b>Jay Ziegler</b>	<b>March 28</b>	<b>Patricia Takata</b>
<b>January 27</b>	<b>Kim Guckes</b>	<b>April 9</b>	<b>Nancy Wall</b>
<b>February 4</b>	<b>Killian Kormann</b>	<b>April 11</b>	<b>Dorothea Troutman</b>
<b>February 6</b>	<b>Mary Amos</b>	<b>April 19</b>	<b>Lorraine Shaak</b>
<b>February 7</b>	<b>Sharon Ziegler</b>		

