



LEBANON RALLY RECAP

(Submitted by Helen Young)

What a great weekend! The fellowship, food and weather were just what we ordered. Yes, we had showers on Sunday morning, but we were grateful for them.

The Committee and several other coaches arrived on Thursday, and 16 of those folks went to the Quentin Haus for an enjoyable meal. Afterwards, a group gathered in the Food Court area for a couple of card games.

Friday night, Grumpy (that's what Joe Vee said he was) and his Snow White, with the other dwarf helpers did a great job serving us his homemade barbeque, chips and cake. Then it was game time—Sequence, Marbles, Dominos, Mexican Train and Pass the Ace (otherwise known as “S—— Your Neighbor.”)

The semi-annual business meeting conducted by Senior Vice President Ellis Brown was held following our super breakfast prepared by the ladies of the Fairgrounds. Minutes of the meeting will be posted by Louise Birett in the October edition of the Newsletter. If you have no e-mail address, Louise will mail you all the news if you will provide her with self-addressed stamped envelopes.

Jim Lexa sold 50-50 tickets Friday and Saturday with the proceeds going to the food bank in the Winston-Salem area.

Some members did a bit of shopping at the Rockvale Outlets, Green Dragon or the Lebanon Farmers Market on Friday and Saturday. Others just “hung out” with the gang. A few were lucky enough to get some of the hot, homemade pretzels from Shuey's in Lebanon. If you weren't with us, you missed the treat of the season. Saturday afternoon, we had root beer floats which were part of Emil Carbone's original plan.

As usual, the ladies from the Fairgrounds served an outstanding dinner (fruit cup, stuffed chicken, green beans almandine, applesauce, salad and pie). The only problem was that there was not enough food—RIGHT!!! If anyone left Lebanon hungry, they weren't with Penn Coachmen.

Following our dinner on Saturday night, there was a DJ who treated us to a variety of music for listening and dancing. The line dancers are all ready for Nashville. Some of the sports fans were able to watch one of their favorite football games thanks to the accommodating employee who set up the TV.

Continental breakfast was served Sunday morning followed by our worship service conducted by Pastor Henning with the assistance of Ruth Morrell on the organ.

We would be remiss if we did not give a big thank you to Joe Vee and Barb. Even though he endured much discomfort with his broken foot, he, with Barb's help, carried out his responsibilities like the “champ” that he is.

Many of the folks departed with “See you at the GEAR Rally,” and others said, “See you at Swatara.” Whether you're headed to GEAR in October or the Birthday Bash in November, we'll be anxious to see you.

Executive Board:

Bob Moss, President

Ellis Brown, Exec. V.P.

Al Brandis, Treasurer

Louise Birett, Secretary

Bob Birett NE Area VP

Kathy Rollins, NW Area VP

Don Lassen, SE Area VP

Jim Lexa, SW Area VP

2010 Rallies:

4/16-4/18—Schnecksville, PA

5/28-5/31—Centre Hall, PA

6/11-6/13—Gilbert, PA

7/16-7/18—Liverpool, PA

8/20-8/22—Bloomsburg, PA

9/10-9/12—Lebanon, PA

10/16-10/18—Pre-Rally Mt.
Airy, NC

10/19-10/24—GEAR Rally,
Winston-Salem, NC.

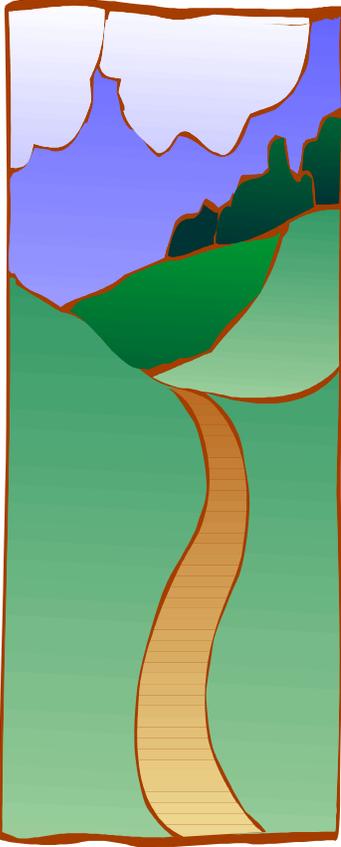
11/12-11/14—Bethel, PA



GOING BACK IN TIME

The Penn Coachmen Pre-Rally in Mt. Airy, North Carolina

(Submitted by Bob Moss)



Get ready for a trip back in time to Mayberry, home of Andy, Opie, Aunt Bee and, of course, Barney Fife, trusted deputy of the Mayberry Police Department. In fact, we're going to Mt. Airy, NC which is a town often referred to in the TV series Mayberry RFD, which starred Andy Griffith.

Andy (the real Andy) was actually born in Mt. Airy. Mayberry was down the road a few miles. Mt. Airy has kept all the characters alive with a museum dedicated to the show. It has also kept alive its country music, the largest open pit granite quarry in the world, the home of the original Siamese twins, and, of course, that down-home friendliness found in the South.

The rally runs from the 16th to the 19th of October when we will caravan to Winston-Salem, NC for GEAR.

To date, there are 34 Penn Coachmen coach's signed up for the rally, and while that is very near the limit, it may be possible to entertain that there is always room for someone else who would like to attend. BUT, but you must sign up ASAP.

For more details about the planned events and how to sign up, refer to pages 18 and 19 in the 2010 Penn Coachmen Yearbook.



SPECIAL REQUEST FROM BOB MOSS:

- At the Camp Swatara Rally in November, Bob would like to hold a meeting with the entire Executive Committee (including 2010 and 2011 officers) at 4:00 p.m. on Friday afternoon, November 12th.
- Similarly, Bob has called a meeting of all 2011 Rally Masters for Saturday November 13th at 4:00 p.m. at Camp Swatara. Please make every effort to attend.

DIFFERENT DRUG PROBLEM

(Submitted by: Diane Freed)

The other day, someone at a store in our town read that a Methamphetamine lab had been found in an old farmhouse in the adjoining county, and he asked me a rhetorical question, "Why didn't we have a drug problem when you and I were growing up?"

I replied, "I had a drug problem when I was young: I was drug to church on Sunday morning. I was drug to church for weddings and funerals. I was drug to family reunions and community socials no matter the weather.

I was drug by my ears when I was disrespectful to adults. I was also drug to the woodshed when I disobeyed my parents, told a lie, brought home a bad report card, did not speak with respect, spoke ill of the teacher or the preacher, or if I didn't put forth my best effort in everything that was asked of me.

I was drug to the kitchen sink to have my mouth washed out with soap if I uttered a profanity. I was drug out to pull weeds in mom's garden and flower beds and cockleburrs out of dad's fields. I was drug to the homes of family, friends, and neighbors to help out some poor soul who had no one to mow the yard, repair the clothesline, or chop some firewood, and, if my mother had ever known that I took a single dime as a tip for this kindness, she would have drug me back to the woodshed.

Those drugs are still in my veins, and they affect my behavior in everything I do, say or think. They are stronger than cocaine, crack, or heroin; and, if today's children had this kind of drug problem, America would be a better place.

God bless the parents who drugged us."

FOR SALE:

Gulfstream 2005 Cresenda, 35' diesel, two slides.

Bought new in 2007. Loaded. All new tires, only 11,000 miles. Still under warranty. Clean. Kept under cover. New PA inspection. NADA list \$100,000. Asking \$84,900 OBO.

Kathy and Bill Rollins—717-264-7099

Travel Supreme 2003 40' diesel, two slides.

New tires, new batteries. A lot of upgrades. Fireplace w/ heater. 46,000 miles. Slide-out trays. Asking \$82,000.00

Bill and Pat Clark—PC18969@aol.com

IT'S NOT TOO EARLY TO START THINKING ABOUT THE SWATERA CAMPOUT IN NOVEMBER:

We are planning a fun-filled weekend including a visit to a master taxidermist whose work includes exotic animals, and a birthday party with a magician on Friday. Saturday will begin with a covered-dish breakfast, a tour of George and Pearl Moyer's son's fully automated dairy farm, dinner at Kaufman's BBQ, and visiting Kozier's Christmas Village thereafter. Other attractions include Cabela's, Road Side America, Murdough's Christmas Barn, and the Reading outlets on your own. Sunday will begin with a Continental breakfast followed by our usual church service. Do plan to attend. It'll be our last get-together in 2010. Can you believe it? **It would be a good weekend to bring your grandchildren if you so choose. Let me know if interested at lbi-rett@comcast.net.**

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

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



ANSWER TO PUTTING YOUR THINKING CAPS ON FROM THE AUGUST NEWS-LETTER—Which two members of Penn Coachmen are listed in every issue of the FMCA Magazine in 2010? (Answer John Reynolds and Louise Birett)

***THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS:**

- Linda Salzman — Passed away.**
- Ken Frazier —Undergoing cancer treatment.**
- Bill Schmidt (Barbara Arcati's brother) — Undergoing cancer treatment.**
- Bill Katz—Recovering from back surgery.**
- Vera Sattazahn—Undergoing treatment for cancer and Alzheimer's.**
- Sharon Ziegler—Recovering from a fractured femur.**
- Evelyn German—Recovering from heart attack.**
- Carolyn Thurston—Undergoing cancer treatment.**
- Betty Harper—Recovering from knee replacement surgery.**
- Joe Veneziale—Recovering from fractured foot.**



FMCA DOINGS

Coming Soon:

Greater Eastern Area Rally—October 19-24, 2010, Winston-Salem, NC

Western Area Rally—January 12-16, 2011, Indio, CA

Southeast Area Rally—February 2-6, 2011, Brooksville, FL

FMCA's 85th International Convention, March 14-17, 2011, Perry, GA

INTO Area Rally, May 11-15, 2011, Goshen, IN

Northwest Area Rally—June 2-5, 2011, Puyallup, WA

FMCA's 86th International Convention, August 10-13, 2011, Madison, WI



Those known to be celebrating a birthday in September and October:

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| September 4 | John Hunsicker | October 7 | Keith Garber |
| September 6 | Barbara Thum | October 7 | Betty Moyer |
| September 11 | Jon Hall | October 12 | Ruth Morrell |
| September 12 | Margo Garber | October 13 | Louise Birett |
| September 12 | Jan Bendziewicz | October 19 | Bill Rollins |
| September 13 | Evie Strain | October 20 | Edward Miles |
| September 15 | John Breisch | October 27 | Roger Swetland |
| September 15 | Linda Franks | | |
| September 18 | Bob Moyer | | |
| September 19 | Vera Sattazahn | | |
| September 21 | Gwen Brown | | |
| September 27 | Norma Moss | | |
| September 27 | Glenn Fink | | |



GEAR Community Donations Project:

Jake and Betty Kessler are the chairpersons for this project. GEAR has chosen the Second Harvest Food Bank of Northwest North Carolina to be recipients of cases of nonperishable food items which everyone attending the rally will be asked to donate. Contributions from anyone in Penn Coachmen will be welcome even if they do not intend to travel to the GEAR rally. Bob Moss and Jake Kessler will make sure the groceries are delivered to NC.

MINUTES OF THE SEMI-ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING—9/11/10

A Semi-Annual Membership Meeting of the Penn Coachmen was held on September 11, 2010 with the following officers in attendance:

Ellis Brown, Senior Vice President
Louise Birett, Recording Secretary
Jim Lexa, Area Vice President

Bob Birett, Area Vice President
Don Lassen, Area Vice President

INVOCATION:

Rev. Harold Henning offered the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Ellis Brown called the meeting to order, and asked everyone to Pledge Allegiance to the Flag.

QUORUM CERTIFICATION:

Ellis Brown certified that there were more than 15 family units represented at the meeting. Thus, a quorum was achieved.

Approval of Minutes of Semi-Annual Meeting in May 2010:

The Minutes of the Semi-Annual Meeting in May 2010 were posted in the latest edition of the newsletter. Therefore, it was motioned and seconded to approve those Minutes without reading.

VOTE ON MOTION ALL YES MOTION CARRIED

REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

Treasurer's Report:

Ellis Brown reported the following information supplied by Al Brandis, Treasurer:

- Cash balance after Bloomsburg Rally in August was \$1,971.09.
- The current cash balance is \$4,480.56 before expenses for the Lebanon Rally are deducted.

It was motioned and seconded to approve the Treasurer's report.

VOTE ON MOTION ALL YES MOTION CARRIED

Report of the President:

Bob Moss, President, is presently vacationing in Maine. He submitted a written report, the highlights of which are as follows:

- Fifty-Fifty drawings will be held at both Bloomsburg and Lebanon with the proceeds being donated to the Second Harvest Food Bank Drive at GEAR in October 2010.
- Appreciation expressed to all rally masters who have gone further this year to make their rallies interesting and fun-filled.
- Thanks to Kathy and Bill Rollins who stepped in along with Bob and Norma Moss to fill in for the Salzmans as Rally Masters at the Centre Hall rally.
- Appreciation expressed to Joe and Barbara Veneziale who stepped in to assist Dot Carbone in running the Lebanon rally.
- Thanks to Area Vice Presidents Jim Lexa, Don Lassen, Bob Birett and Kathy Rollins for their advice and assistance.
- Thanks to our parking Czar Jim Lexa, Chaplain Harold Henning, Organist, Ruth Morrell, Chuck Wagon Captain Bob Moyer, Web Master Hal Amos, Sunshine Lady Mary Amos, Membership Chairperson Nancy Breisch, as well as Hospitality Chairpersons Gwen Brown and Norma Moss.
- Kudus to the officers Ellis Brown, Louise Birett, Al Brandis and John Breisch.
- Commendations to Louise Birett for establishing and editing the monthly newsletters.
- Congratulations to Betty Moyer for her hard work as the head of the Nominating Committee.

- The membership must continue to search for or recruit new members to fill the ranks of the Penn Coachmen. Members are urged to talk to their local RV dealers to determine if they can somehow speak with or get to know those who are buying new and used motorhomes.
- The membership was asked to remember and pray for those who are ill.

Report of the Vice President:

Ellis Brown reported as follows:

- Rallies for 2011 are posted on the bulletin board. Cherry Hill Campground in College Park, MD in June and Drummer Boy Campground in Gettysburg, PA in September have been added to the usual rallies.
- The GEAR Rally will be held once again at Winston-Salem, NC in October with a pre-rally a few days before the event.
- Don Lassen who is Rally Master for the Cherry Hill Rally informed that registrations must be submitted and deposits made to the campground in March 2011. The cost is \$52.20 per night. Therefore, your \$50.00 deposit must be received by Don Lassen by the beginning of March. A volunteer is needed to conduct the church service on Sunday morning.
- Rally locations for 2012 are being researched.
- An additional pair of rally hosts is being sought for the Memorial Day Rally in Centre Hall in 2011 to assist Barbara and Fred Thum.
- Additional hosts are requested for most of the rallies in 2011.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Report of the Penn Coachmen's Webmaster:

- Hal Amos requested that members go to the Penn Coachmen Website for any changes in programs.
- There are 261 e-mail addresses on the website list.
- Members are urged to register for rallies via e-mail. When the form is completed, do not forget to hit the "SUBMIT" button so your information will be sent to Hal Amos. Then print a copy of the registration form for submission with one check for each individual rally mailed to the Rally Masters specified for that month.

Report of the Sunshine Lady:

- Mary Amos reported that she sent out 15 get well cards and 3 sympathy cards thus far in 2010.
- All members are requested to advise her via e-mail of any illnesses and deaths in the organization.

Second Harvest Food Bank Drive at GEAR:

Members are asked to donate cases of non-perishable foods for the Second Harvest Food Bank Drive at GEAR. If you are not going to GEAR but wish to make a contribution, please contact one of the attendees who will be happy to transport your donations.

Report of John Breisch, National Director of FMCA:

John Breisch reported on the Governing Board Meeting held August 11, 2010 as follows:

- Various monthly reports were submitted and approved.
- The position for Executive Director has been advertised. Forty resumes were received, and the Governing Board is in the process of narrowing the list down to 3 finalists who will be brought to Cincinnati before the end of the year for interviews.
- Medex will end at midnight, December 31, 2010. A new benefit called FMCAassist will begin immediately at 12:01 A.M. on January 1, 2011. Said coverage is already available for a premium if anyone is traveling outside of the United States. FMCAassist is less costly per member with better benefits. Information will soon be available on the FMCA website and in the Family Motor Coaching magazine.
- The Governing Board passed the \$9,624,832 budget with a deficit of \$91,570. FMCA is financially sound with \$7 million in reserves. Many cost-saving actions have been taken to reduce expenditures.
 - The FMCA store has been moved to in-house at a yearly cost-savings of \$60,000.

- FMCAssist is partnering with GMAC to offer discounted insurance rates for members.
- Reduction in funding for staff and volunteer travel expenses.
- FMCA received \$1,352,784 in past tax refunds which amount was added to FMCA's reserves.
- Lifetime maximum terms of office for National President and National Senior Vice President were brought in line with National Secretary, National Treasurer, and all National Area Vice Presidents. Each term of office will be two 2-year terms. Chapters will not be affected by this change.
- Due to a bylaw change, there will be only one candidate for each office after nominations are closed. The Chair may take a voice vote or declare the result by acclamation, whereby national elections are accommodated more easily.
- The Governing Board authorized a change in the fiscal year to October 1st through September 30th of each year.
- The cost of mail forwarding was reduced from \$10 per month to \$8 per month.
- A motion to go to one convention per year was referred to the Constitution and Bylaws Committee.
- A motion to hold election of national officers at conventions East of the Rockies and West of the Appalachians was also referred back to the Constitution and Bylaws Committee.
- Chapters must file to the IRS using the Treasurer's name, address and EIN.

Report of the Membership Committee:

Nancy Breisch reported as follows:

- Current membership is 198 "F" units. There are two honorary members and 196 members.
- Five new "F" units were added to Penn Coachmen's ranks during 2010.
- Dues for 2011 are now payable - \$15 per year, or 3 years for \$40.
- Since October of 2009, Nancy has sent out e-mails and letters to prospective members of Penn Coachmen for a total of 44 through e-mail and 12 via mailings.
- A Chapter Fair will be held at the GEAR Rally in hopes of further recruitment.

Newsletter Editor:

Louise Birett commented as follows:

- The membership was asked to continue sending information and articles for the monthly newsletters.
- Anyone who does not have an e-mail address and who wishes a hard copy of the newsletter mailed to them, please supply the editor with a pack of pre-addressed stamped envelopes (2 stamps per envelope) for that purpose.

Nominating Committee:

Betty Moyer listed those nominated for office in 2011:

President – Bob Moss

Executive Vice President – Ellis Brown

Recording Secretary – Barbara Arcati

Treasurer – Al Brandis

Area Vice Presidents: Don Lassen, Jim Lexa, Jim Lowthert and Larry Troutman

National Director: John Breisch

Alternate National Director – Bob Moyer

VOTE ON NOMINATIONS

ALL YES

NOMINATIONS APPROVED

ADJOURNMENT:

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