

TIDBITS FROM PENNY

PENN COACHMEN'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY JULY 1969-JULY 2019

OUR 50TH CELEBRATION

ROXBURY HOLINESS CAMP
50TH ANNIVERSARY OF
PENN COACHMEN



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It was a beautiful weekend for our 50th anniversary celebration of Penn Coachmen at Roxbury Holiness Camp in Orrstown, PA. Our older members who no longer own an RV stayed on the grounds in the guesthouse. The large dining hall was ample space for our catered meals, stage, memorabilia table and our photo booth. Everyone went home with a framed picture souvenir.

The fire protection seminar by Proteng was well attended with a demonstration outside. Gary Cipa also held a captive audience as he presented a Safety/Technical Seminar on Saturday morning.

We were grateful to have Emily Thompson of "Shirts and Things by Emily" with a wide assortment of colors & sizes be able to print T-Shirts, bags, etc. for us. Coffee mugs and other Penn Coachmen shirts were available from the Company Store by Jim Lexa.

Ron Lee ran our competitive ladder ball tournament with double eliminations. We all played our best but Bill Mallory and Wayne Watts were the ultimate winners. Bruce and Kate Lemmon led our horse racing game again this year. It was a lot of fun whether you lost your pennies or not. On Friday evening the Servello's sang a variety of tunes from the past. Some of us were even inspired to get up and dance.



On Saturday after our delicious catered brunch, Eric Britz gave his report of the National FMCA Rally in Minot, ND, then The Freedom Valley Chorus (A Sweet Adeline Group) gave a chorale performance with such harmony. Gary Cipa lead our program and we heard remarks from our guest, John & Jane Reynolds, FMCA National Treasurer. Bill and Garnetta Mallory, President of Eastern Area of FMCA, presented Bob Birett, President of Penn Coachmen, a \$350 check in honor of our 50th anniversary. Bill congratulated us for our 50 years of active membership and being one of FMCA's oldest chapters. Tom & Helen Hoffmeier, VP of Northern Region of Eastern Area of FMCA were also guest. There were some interesting and very funny stories from some of our honorary members of the early years of Penn Coachmen. After dinner and our anniversary cake, we enjoyed the magical experience of David Wayne. Following breakfast on Sunday morning, Jeremy Spears, Roxbury's pastor gave an inspiring message titled, "Do you see what I see"?

Hand in hand in a circle we closed our celebration by singing our "Penn Coachmen anthem".



Submitted by: Linda Deardorff



“NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT”

What an awesome 50th Anniversary Celebration at Roxbury.

Great weather; shorts during the day and just a hint of fall at night for really great sleeping. (Who slept right through Breakfast and Church Service on Sunday?)

Absolutely fantastic event organized by Barbara & John Noel and Linda & Karl Deardorff.

Activities back to back so there was so little time to catch a nap if you stayed awake too late catching up with old friends.

Great food, pot-luck and catered, and always plenty to go around. (Forgive me for beating a dead-horse but a Penn Coachmen Cookbook, while a lot of work, but would also have been a great showpiece of the culinary talent in our kitchens. C'est la vie.)

And you have to love the total cost for the week-end. All you paid for was the camping fee. The cost of the Anniversary celebration including the entertainment was out of our treasury. We try not to lose money on individual rallies and there is the income from our 50/50 sales that builds up the treasury to more than we need to continue operations. So once in a while it's time to spend a little and party.

My only disappointment was the relatively low participation when compared to our 40th Anniversary bash at York. I was also hoping more Honorary members would take advantage of the non-motorhome accommodations available at Roxbury. But declining participation seems to be where organizations made up of Seniors are headed.

However, we are Penn Coachmen and we are not going down without a fight. The Nomination Committee waited until the 11th hour but then pulled magic out of their hat with a slate of experienced officers for next year. It's going to be a great 2020 but we still have a couple of neat events to complete in 2019 so let's enjoy Harpers Ferry and Holly Shores before the snowflakes return.

My best to all of you always,
Bob

THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING...The following "Honorary" members and guests attended our 50th anniversary celebration at Roxbury. It was great seeing everyone and talking with the past members: Bob & Betty Harper, Suzanne Knorpp, Ellis & Gwen Brown, Dan & Barb Zydorczyk, Carol Becker, Bill & Cathy Katz, Bill & Kathy Rollins, Rae Molinsky and Maryanne Hall. We certainly appreciate you joining us and sharing a few of your stories. It made our celebration so special.



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We are in need for help with our 2020 rallies. If you are planning on attending a rally, please consider volunteering as a host. Contact the Rally Masters tell them you would love to help and ask what you can do. It is so much fun being a part of the rally. You also get to know other members and form some wonderful friendships. Please help!



FOR SALE!

- 2007 Honda CR-V. Model EX-L 98,000 miles, 4 new Michelin tires, Blue Ox base plate installed, Blue Ox Tow Bar, Brake Buddy, New Interstate Battery, Electric Connections for towing, Reese Hitch (2" receiver). Asking \$8,000 for everything. Contact: Al Heller at 610-366-9050
- Tony Onufer's 1992 Holiday Rambler AlumaLite: SOLD
- Rae Molinsky has her coach for sale too. She has a 2008 Gulf Stream Crescendo diesel pusher, 40 ft. long with two slide outs; Freightliner chassis and a Mercedes-Benz engine, 83,000 miles. Call her at (717) 424-1991 for more information.



UPCOMING 2020 SCHEDULED EVENTS & RALLIES

- March 26-29: FMCA's 101st International Convention at PIMA Fairgrounds in Tucson, AZ
- April 27-29: Gettysburg Rally, Gettysburg Campground
- May 22-25: Centre Hall Rally, Grange Fairgrounds, Memorial Day weekend
- June 16-18: Palmerton Rally, Don Laine Campground
- Liverpool, Ferryboat Campground (CANCELLED)
- July 20-27: Harborfest, Oswego, NY
- July 29-Aug 1: FMCA's 102 International Rally at NY State Fairgrounds, Syracuse, NY
- August 14-16: Bloomsburg Rally, Bloomsburg Fairgrounds
- September 18-20: Orrstown Rally, Roxbury Holiness Camp
- September 30-Oct 4: GEAR, Lewisburg, WV
- November 2020: Cape May, NJ, Holly Shores Camping Resort, Dates to be announced

FYI...

- We will not be ordering our Keystone name badges from Crown Trophy after the first of the year. We will let you know of our new supplier as soon as we lock one in.
- Your 2020 dues can be paid directly to Karl Deardorff at a rally or they can be mailed to him. See website for more info.

Calling all Members

We are in need of help pulling our 4x6 trailer from one rally to the next. Please contact Sue Cipa if you are able to help.

(610) 334-3287



NEWS ON HOLLY SHORES...

Dear Friends,

This is a reminder to anyone who is planning to attend the Holly Shores Camp out on November 1st to 3rd. You have to call the campground directly to make your reservation by **October 2** in order to get a group site. The campground is still open this week for other campers. This is in addition to sending the normal registration into Charlie Rizzuto. Also be sure to look at the program on the web site as there are changes that will effect the weekend activities. We are having Friday night and Saturday morning meals catered. On Saturday night, we will be included in the campgrounds free Thanksgiving Dinner celebration. The hall is reserved for our group at 8:00 PM once the dinner is over. In keeping with a Halloween theme at the campground, we planned to have a team Mummy decorating contest with prizes. Please bring some costume materials to dress your human mummy in once your team has wrapped them in toilet paper. Also if you have any decorations that we could add to the campgrounds that would be welcomed. Since we are having the Saturday breakfast catered, we will not be doing a pot luck but you are welcome to bring a dessert or breakfast treat Saturday morning.



Thanks so much,

The Rizzuto's

Penn Coachmen Annual Christmas luncheon...

Thursday, December 5, 1-4PM
 Shady Maple Smorgasbord

\$18.00 per person

Contact Sue Cipa for more information (610) 334-3287



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The winter months are coming upon us. If you are calling it quits for the year, be sure to drain your water lines and winterize your coaches. If you are heading to warmer climates, make sure your rigs are ready to roll. Check your tire pressures, fluids and batteries before pulling out. Safe travels and we will see you next year!

Gary Cipa