



***PENN COACHMEN***

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***2026***

***POCONO RACEWAY RALLY***



Penn Coachmen Newsletter, September 2026

I would like to start by saying "THANK YOU" to everyone who attended our rally this year at the Pocono Raceway. The weather cooperated and it was a beautiful week at the track. It was great seeing some old friends and it's always nice making some new ones.

I neglected to thank all the helpers involved in this years rally. They were a huge help to Gary and me and they made this rally a success!

Registration Captain: Phyllis Britz

Coffee Station Captain: Clarissa Sherrow

Tour Captain: Jen Bowman

Hot Dog Daze Captains: Marilyn Helfrich & Joe Gaibler

Game Captains: Janet & Charlie Rizzuto

Parker Captains: Eric Britz & Gary Cipa

All the hosts to who volunteered one way or another: Carol Mandik, Patti & Tony Mandik, Dave & Barb Wood, Nadine Parker, Denise Moyer, Dorene & Kevin Henderson, Ken Frey, Dave & BJ Witt, Emily & Ava Thompson, Kathleen Gottschling, and Ellen Kane.

Our guests this year were: **Erica & Eric Kreiser from Kleen Tank:** We were pleased by the number of people who had their tanks cleaned. Eric thanked everyone who took part in his service and we were glad he was able to spend the week with us too. **Mary Bach from AARP:** What a great speaker and full of information on "Scams all around us...don't take the bait". She loved that red flag didn't she? We appreciated her coming all the way from Pittsburgh. Don't forget to use your gel pens when you are writing checks! And we thank **Emily Thompson** at the Shirt Shack. We appreciate her bringing all her designs, our souvenir Pocono shirts and the fun tie-dying we did.

We had several people come from the Cardinal Virginians, Over-the-Mountain and the Hoosier Cruiser chapters. We hope you all enjoyed the rally as well.

Folks had several seminars they could attend while at the track. Gary did two seminar's, one on multi-meters and the other was a round table. Eric Kreiser from Kleen Tank held a seminar, Clarissa & I talked about FRVA and our Chapter. Starr Warner from the track gave us some insight on the working of the track and what they need to do to prepare for the big race. It was very informative. Ken Frey had a "Hodge Podge" gathering and we had four crafts people could attend...thank you Clarissa, Emily & Ava, Ellen and Jen. There were some fancy crafts done and we hope you enjoyed them if you attended any. Folks also had a chance to take a tour of the "Monroe County Environmental Education Center" with Jen Bowman. Everyone seemed to enjoy the morning. Thanks Jen for arranging this!

I want to also do a "shout out" to the Café folks. Christy, Denielle and their crew did a great job again this year and we appreciate all the meals they prepared for us.



Thank you to Patti Mandik who knitted the beautiful USA flag blanket. It was raffled off with proceeds going to the Mattioli Foundation. We collected over \$300.00 and the winner was "Chris Grant". Congratulations Chris, I'm sure you will enjoy that beautiful blanket.

We had two "Hot Dog Daze" at the rally this year. Thank you Joe & Marilyn for helping out and we appreciate your generous donations. We collected over \$400 and that money will also be going to the Mattioli Foundation. Thank you everyone who made a donation.



We had many activities that I would like to just touch on...we had track tours, where Ashton or Starr drove you around to give you some insight on the track. People always seem to enjoy driving your own cars on the track too. Thanks to Ashton for the four lap escorted ride! We hope people sold some items at their "flea market" if they set one up. I also saw several people down at Jen's rig working on the puzzle she had set out. Hope everyone who wanted to got to ride their bikes, scooters, or walk on the track when we had free time as well. BINGO was fun and a big thank you to Patti & Tony for running that for us this year! See...it really does take a lot of people to pull this rally off.

2027 POCONO RALLY WAS SCHEDULED.  
MARK YOUR CALENDAR, MORE INFO  
TO FOLLOW...  
SEPTEMBER 9-14





## BEAN BAG BASEBALL:

Thank you Janet & Charlie for arranging and running this for us. We had three teams play through the tournament, everyone seemed to have a fun time. Below are some pictures of the teams! Thanks to everyone who participated. Thanks to Phyllis for all her "picking up" of the bean bags she did.



## SOME HIGHLIGHTS....



Friends, crafts,  
game and  
donuts...what a  
rally!





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Driving on the track



AARP Seminar!



Visiting at the coffee station...



Heading into the track

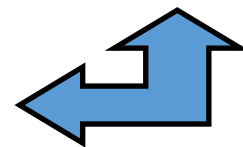


Playground





What a bonus we all enjoyed at the track with the "Lighting of the Lanterns". It was a spectacular show. Hope everyone got to see it.



Thanks again to everyone who joined in the fun at this rally. It was a great group, and we had lots of good times. We hope our paths will cross again in the near future.

Submitted by Sue Cipa ...Safe travels...

