



BLOOMSBURG RALLY

(Submitted by: Dr. Margaret and Marlin Long)

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:

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We came back to the Bloomsburg Fair—our hometown for 35 years—and much healthier than last year.

You missed an action-packed weekend for tired grandparents, and for those of us who enjoyed watching the enthusiasm of the grandkids who particularly enjoyed Knoebel’s Amusement Park, dog walking during the pet parade, petting and feeding deer at the Rolling Hills Red Deer Farm, shopping for fresh vegetables at Rohrbach’s Farm Market, private pizza party for grandkids, and adult and grandkid’s hands-on entertainment by Dan and Galla.

The Bloomsburg Arts and Crafts Festival was three blocks long this year. Bill’s Old Bike Barn, the old Rupert school house, and the Caleb Barton historic house were all amazing reminders of the past.

Unfortunately, we missed the covered bridge tour by one week and the Bloomsburg Theatre Ensemble by a month, as well as the coal mine tour by lack of time to travel there.

That gives us some things to look forward to next year. HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE - AUGUST 19-21, 2011.

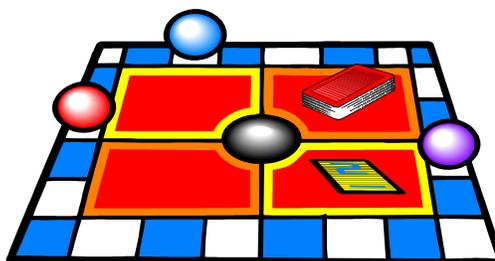
We really enjoyed the turkey and roast beef dinner with all the trimmings on Saturday night.

In closing, don’t forget the Lebanon Rally, September 10-12, 2010.

The falling leaves will increase the pleasure of the drive to Mount Airy, NC - pre-rally October 16-18, 2010, and the GEAR FMCA Rally at Winston Salem, NC October 19-24, 2010.

REQUEST FOR LEBANON RALLY

At the Lebanon Rally, part of the activities will be a **GAME NIGHT**. All attendees are asked to bring their favorite board games to share with fellow campers.



SENIOR WEDDING

(Submitted by: Jean Ruch)

Jacob, age 92, and Rebecca, age 89, living in Miami, are all excited about their decision to get married. They go for a stroll to discuss the wedding, and on the way, they pass a drugstore. Jacob suggests they go in.

Jacob addresses the man behind the counter:

“Are you the owner?”

The pharmacist answers, “Yes.”

Jacob: We’re about to get married. Do you sell heart medication?”

Pharmacist: “Of course, we do.”

Jacob: How about medicine for circulation?”

Pharmacist: “All kinds.”

Jacob: Medicine for rheumatism?”

Pharmacist: “Definitely.”

Jacob: “How about suppositories?”

Pharmacist: “You bet!”

Jacob: “Medicine for memory problems, arthritis and Alzheimer’s?”

Pharmacist: “Yes, a large variety. The works.”

Jacob: “What about vitamins, sleeping pills, Geritol, antidotes for Parkinson’s disease?”

Pharmacist: “Absolutely.”

Jacob: “Everything for heartburn and indigestion?”

Pharmacist: “We sure do.”

Jacob: You sell wheelchairs and walkers and canes?”

Pharmacist: “All speeds and sizes.”

Jacob: “Adult diapers?”

Pharmacist: “Sure.”

Jacob: **We’d like to use this store as our Bridal Registry.**



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 lbi-rett@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



PUT YOUR THINKING CAPS ON!!! Which two members of Penn Coachmen are listed in every issue of the FMCA Magazine in 2010? (Answer in October Issue of the Newsletter)

**THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS:
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- Linda Salzman — Undergoing cancer treatment.**
- 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.**
- Doris (Boozie) Henning—Recovering from pneumonia.**
- Joanne Freeman—Recovering from Legionnaire's Disease-induced pneumonia.**
- John Breisch—Recovering from prostate surgery.**

FMCA DOINGS

Coming Soon:

South Central Area Rally—September 29-October 3, 2010, Shreveport, LA

Rocky Mountain Area Rally—October 12-15, 2010, Farmington, NM

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:

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| September 5 | John Hunsicker |
| September 6 | Barbara Thum |
| September 11 | Jon Hall |
| September 12 | Margo Garber |
| September 12 | Jan Bendziewicz |
| September 13 | Evie Strain |
| September 15 | John Breisch |
| September 15 | Linda Franks |
| September 18 | Bob Moyer |
| September 19 | Vera Sattazahn |
| September 21 | Gwen Brown |
| September 27 | Norma Moss |
| September 27 | Glenn Fink |



Recipe Corner:

Lemon doodles (based on the Snickerdoodle recipe in Betty Crocker Cookbook (submitted by Irene Lassen)

Mix together thoroughly:

1 c. soft shortening

1 1/2 c. white sugar

2 eggs

1 1/2 tsp. lemon extract

Zest from one lemon

Sift together and stir in:

*** 2 3/4 c. flour (Note this is a correction from last month)

2 tsp. cream of tartar

1 tsp. baking soda' 1/2 tsp. salt

Note: The cookies will be rolled in a mixture of:

White sugar

True Lemon (available either in the sugar or the powdered drink section in the supermarket). Note: True Lemon is powdered lemon juice.

Chill dough so that the lemon flavor has a chance to meld into the dough.

Preheat oven to 400 degrees

Roll into balls the size of small walnuts

Roll in mixture of 1/2 c. white sugar and True Lemon.

Bake 8-10 minutes until lightly browned but still soft.

Note: These cookies puff up at first, then flatten out with crinkled tops.

Yield: About 5 dozen two inch cookies

These cookies freeze well.

A CASE WHERE YOU CAN HELP

GEAR 2010 - COMMUNITY DONATIONS

Community Donations are a way for GEAR attendees to say “Thank You” to the Winston-Salem Community for hosting GEAR.

We have designated Second Harvest Food Bank of Northwest North Carolina as the recipient of our Community Donations at GEAR in Winston-Salem in October 2010.

Second Harvest Food Bank’s mission is to reduce hunger and malnutrition in 18 counties across northwest North Carolina. Nearly 220,000 individuals in this area live below the federal poverty level; North Carolina is among the 10 states with the highest percentage of families who are at risk of hunger (U S Census and USDA).

Second Harvest Food Bank receives food from a wide variety of sources: governmental, commercial, public, private, fraternal, corporate, and manufacturers. Donated product is distributed from their 64,000 square foot warehouse in Winston-Salem. The freezer and cooler space allow acceptance and distribution of donated meats, produce and other perishables that might otherwise go to waste. Most partner agencies come to the warehouse to select product; some deliveries are made to rural delivery areas.

Suggested items: canned meats, fish, beans, chili, peanut butter, nuts, shelf stable dry milk or evaporated milk, canned vegetables, spaghetti sauce, canned fruit, tomato juice or sauce, dried fruit, all types of pasta, low sugar/high fiber cereals, whole grain rice, cream of wheat, oatmeal. Please, no glass containers and no perishables.

We have contacted several local (FMCA Eastern Area) store managers of national and regional chains (Super Fresh, Giant / Super G, Food Lion and Safeway) and they indicated they will order case lots of product for you bring to GEAR. Cost will likely be shelf price. No glass or perishables.

Additional information about Second Harvest Food Bank is available at www.hungernwnc.org

Penn Coachmen will make a difference in Northwest North Carolina. Thank you for your donation. Anyone going to GEAR will be glad to take your contribution down to North Carolina with them.

Betty & Jake Kessler - Community Donations Committee



FOR YOUR REVIEW BEFORE SEPTEMBER SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING

A Semi-Annual Membership Meeting of the Penn Coachmen was held on May 29, 2010 with the following officers in attendance:

Bob Moss, President

Ellis Brown, Senior Vice President

Louise Birett, Recording Secretary

Bob Birett, Area Vice President

Don Lassen, Area Vice President

Jim Lexa, Area Vice President

Kathy Rollins, Area Vice President

INVOCATION:

Jake Kessler offered the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Bob Moss called the meeting to order, and asked everyone to Pledge Allegiance to the Flag.

QUORUM CERTIFICATION:

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

REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

Approval of Minutes of Semi-Annual Meeting in October 2009:

The Minutes of October 2009 were posted on the bulletin board for viewing by the membership. Therefore, it was motioned and seconded to approve the Minutes of October 2009 without reading.

VOTE ON MOTION

ALL YES

MOTION CARRIED

Treasurer's Report:

Bob Moss reported the following information supplied by Al Brandis, Treasurer:

Cash balance as of April 30, 2010 was \$4,256.04.

The cost to print and mail the 2010 directories was \$3,095.20.

There is money in the treasury that is constantly "moving," i.e., assets for rallies to take place in the future.

Each rally master has been charged to "break even."

As last year's treasurer, Bob Birett was asked to summarize the 2009 activity and rally season:

The cash balance at the beginning of 2009 was \$8,360.00 in checking with a \$5,000 CD that increased to approximately \$6,000.

The total cash balance at the beginning of 2009 was therefore \$14,354.00.

By the end of 2009, the balance was \$2,400.

The total losses were \$8,800.

The biggest event in 2009 was the 40th Anniversary Celebration with costs exceeding income by \$8,100.

Office products and rally pins accounted for \$400.00.

Costs associated with the trailer insurance, licenses and registration were \$830.00.

\$100.00 was added to the treasury per rally last year.

The treasurer's books were audited in April 2010.

Appropriate tax returns were filed for the year 2009.

Rally summaries for 2008 and 2009 are available for viewing by the membership.

Members were asked to submit separate checks to register for each rally to make recordkeeping easier for the Treas-

Report of the President:

Bob Moss urged all members to sign up as rally masters and rally hosts.

Report of the Vice President:

Ellis Brown reported as follows:

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Aside from the usual locations, rallies are being planned at Cherry Hill Campground, MD; and Drummer Boy Campground in Gettysburg in 2011.

Rally locations for 2012 are being researched. Ellis Brown is particularly interested in holding a rally at Watkins Glen, NY.

In preparation for the rally at Bloomsburg, special 15 and 30 amp plugs were investigated by Ellis Brown and Bob Birett. Bob Birett has contacted a dealer in Ohio who is willing to supply a 30 and 15 amp plug for \$20.00 including shipping and handling. Anyone interested is asked to contact Bob Birett at BirettCPA@yahoo.com or 215-450-2321.

Bob Moss reminded those who will be attending the pre-rally in Mt. Airy, NC to contact the Mayberry Campground and register as soon as possible.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Report of the FMCA National Director:

John Breisch reported as follows:

If no one from Penn Coachmen will attend FMCA's 84th International Convention in Redmond, OR in August, he can recommend an alternate to cast Penn Coachmen votes at the Executive Meeting.

Anyone wishing to join FMCA for the first time will pay \$50.00 (a \$10 discount) between April and September 30, 2010.

Effective January 1, 2010, anyone recruiting a new FMCA member will receive a \$10.00 certificate which can be used for various purposes including offsetting FMCA dues.

Any chapter who recruits 12 new members for FMCA will be awarded a prize package full of give-away items for their membership.

New Penn Coachmen Brochures have been printed up and are available for use by members who recruit prospective members. See John Breisch if interested.

Membership Tool Kits and FMCA magazines for recruiting purposes can be obtained from John Breisch.

Penn Coachmen have 9 free FMCA memberships to giveaway to new recruits.

Penn Coachmen have been assigned to handle security at the GEAR Rally in Winston-Salem, NC in October. They will be assisted by volunteers from other chapters.

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.

Membership Committee:

Nancy Breisch commented as follows:

Current membership is 195 "F" units.

Although 248 "F" units are listed in the 2010 Yearbook, according to FMCA rules, our records were purged and Penn Coachmen lost 56 members.

Dues for 2011 are now payable - \$15 per year, or 3 years for \$40. Bob Moss intends to send out a personal communication to those who have not paid their 2009 dues.

Volunteers to man the FMCA Booth during the Hershey RV Show in September 2010 are needed. It was noted that the volunteers last year signed up 59 new members for FMCA.

Nancy has done monthly mailing to all new people recruited at the Hershey RV Show who have signed up to join FMCA inviting them to join Penn Coachmen..

Since October of 2009, Nancy has sent out e-mails and letters (to those without e-mail) to a total of 170 prospective members for Penn Coachmen.

A Chapter Fair will be held at the GEAR Rally in hopes of further recruitment.

Newsletter Editor:

Louise Birett asked everyone to continue sending her information and articles for the monthly newsletters.

Nominating Committee:

Betty Moyer announced that she is looking for volunteers to fill the positions of Recording Secretary and Trailer Captain.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motor Racing Outreach:

Penn Coachmen member John Hobrle is a chaplain for NASCAR drivers and their families representing a non-denominational motor racing outreach program. He described the work this organization does and brought along free literature and information about the race drivers.

Recognition:

John and Nancy Breisch were recognized for their hard work on behalf of the Penn Coachmen during John's tenure as President and for Nancy's fine work as head of the Membership Committee. John was the recipient of a plaque and Nancy received a bouquet of roses.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Respectfully submitted,

Louise S. Birett, Recording Secretary

Attest:

Bob Moss, President

