



TIDBITS FROM PENNY

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5TH ANNUAL GRANDKIDS WEEKEND—AUGUST 22-24, 2014
BLOOMSBURGH FAIRGROUNDS—BLOOMSBURG, PA

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2014 Rallies:

4/25-4/27—Pine Grove, PA

5/23-5.26—Centre Hall, PA

6/13-6/15—Gilbert, PA

7/17-7/20—Lebanon, PA

8/22-8/24—Bloomsburg, PA

9/19-9/21—Manheim, PA

10/12-10/15—Quarryville, PA

11/7-9—Bethel, PA



Hal and Mary Amos, Dan and Barbara Zydorcck and their group of hosts - Jack and Lorraine Shaak, Mickey and Jackie Shaak, Ron Buckley and Joanne Freeman, Joe and Patricia Zeblicky, Karl and Linda Deardorff, Vernon & faye Anderson and Glenn & Emily Momme - provided Penn Coachmen with yet another interesting and entertaining rally.

In addition to the Becker and Amos family gatherings complete with grandchildren, there were only four other youngsters present - the grandsons of the Zydorccks, the Deardorffs' the Amos' and Sue Knorpp. For certain, Knoebel's Amusement Park was the highlight of the weekend for all of them.

A recap of the weekend's activities is as follows:

Friday evening's activities consisted of a delicious mini-meal provided by the hosts followed by "crazy bingo" during which everyone enjoys "stealing" prizes from others in the room only to find that their prizes were also "stolen" and resurfaced as someone else's prize. Laughter fills the room every time we play this "silly game" and everyone truly enjoys the camaraderie and strategies of fellow Penn Coachmen.

A potluck breakfast started Saturday off deliciously. Our ladies always outdo themselves to more than satisfy hungry tummies.

A fantastic surprise was the tour of Old Bill's Bike Barn. The writer must admit that she thought she'd be looking at a "bunch" of old motorcycles. Wrong. The barn was huge - yes filled with motor cycles - but also containing antiques and collections of a myriad of old Americana items (including antique carousel animals) the likes of which will not be found anywhere else. So much to see! So much to ponder! Absolutely amazing considering one man has amassed the entire inventory! Every nook and cranny was tastefully filled with interesting tableaux of related items grouped together throughout the barn and in one particular area in mock "store fronts" down a "main street" in the middle of the barn. If you haven't been there yet, do put it on your "bucket list" of things to do in the future.

Attendees were free to spend Saturday afternoon enjoying other attractions in the area if they so wished. Others stayed back at the fairgrounds and socialized.

The catered dinner of chicken, beef and sausage and peppers complete with side dishes was plentiful and delicious.

Our entertainer was a school teacher who is native to the area and has composed his own songs about the Bloomsburg area and especially the historic floods that have taken place over the years. As he sang his historical renditions, a slide show of events he was singing about were flashed on a screen. Something different, entertaining as well as educational!

Sunday morning's continental breakfast was followed, as usual, with a worship service conducted by yours truly. It is heartening for the writer to see that most everyone attends and participates by singing with gusto. Bob Salzman's sermon touched the hearts and minds of all present, and Ruth Morrell enhanced the experience with her accompaniments. Singing the Penn Coachmen hymn is always a poignant way of ending each service because everyone holds hands in unity and fellowship.

Thanks to all involved for a great weekend!

Submitted by Louise Birett

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

Special anniversary celebrations

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

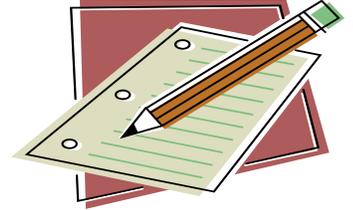
Funny grandchildren stories or sayings

Life on the road

Interesting people you have met along the way

Nature encounters

Photos taken at rallies



THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS:



- Bill Rollins - Chronic back pain
- Betty Moyer - Chronic neck pain
- Joe Venezia - Chronic leg pain and kidney failure
- Ed Molinsky - Esophageal cancer
- Lorraine Shaak - Recovering from hip replacement surgery
- Bill Freed - Cancer treatments
- John Breisch - Cancer treatments
- Carol Becker - Recovering from double knee replacement surgery
- Doris (Boozie) Henning - Recovering from hip replacement surgery
- Jim Lexa - Five arterial stents and pacemaker placement
- Sue Knorpp's Parents - Multiple age-related ailments
- Barbara Arcati's Son - Recovering from major surgery

URGENT MESSAGE PERTAINING TO GEAR

Louise Birett and I have put our heads together to come up with our "It's Showtime" GEAR theme, which was chosen because many movies/TV shows have been filmed in North Carolina over many years.

One of those movies was, "Patch Adams," starring the late Robin Williams. If you have never seen the movie, do try to watch it. It is based on a true story. "Patch Adams" character, with his white lab coat, red clown nose and funny hat went around to his patients (children) to help brighten their stay while facing their illness..

For those of us who will be going to GEAR, we thought that this would be a great movie to represent in the parade. Louise has purchased 37 red noses, and we have 23 hats and a big bow tie. We will need everyone to wear a large men's white dress shirt or hospital scrubs to look like a doctor's attire. If you want you can borrow a stethoscope from your grandchild's doctor kit if that is feasible.

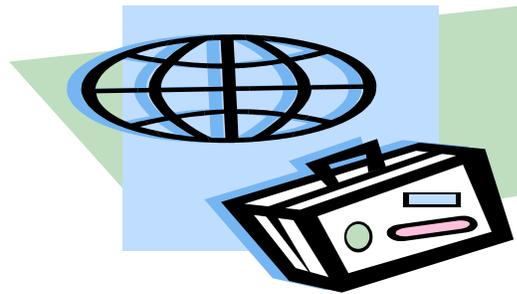
I will be bringing decorations for the golf cart to go along with our "Patch Adams" theme. We will have fun doing this because clowning around is what Penn Coachmen do best.

**Linda Deardorff
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Coming Soon:

Eastern Area Rally—September 24-28, 2014—Asheville, NC

South Central Area Rally—October 1-5, 2014—Shreveport, LA



Those known to be celebrating a birthday during September and October 2014.

September 4	John Hunsicker	October 7	Al Heller
September 6	Barbara Thum	October 7	Keith Garber
September 11	Jon Hall	October 7	Betty Moyer
September 12	Jan Bendziewicz	October 12	Ruth Morrell
September 12	Margo Garber	October 13	Louise Birett
September 13	Evie Strain	October 20	Edwin Miles
September 15	Linda Franks	October 29	Bill Rollins
September 15	John Breisch	October 27	Roger Swetland
September 18	Bob Moyer		
September 18	Helen Young		
September 28	Joanne Freeman		
September 21	Gwen Brown		
September 27	Glenn Fink		
September 27	Norma Moss		



ANNOUNCEMENT

Bob Birett has been appointed to serve as a member of the FMCA Finance Committee.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH BY JAY LENO

"With hurricanes, tornados, fires out of control, mud slides, flooding, severe thunderstorms tearing up the country from one end to another, and with the threat of bird flu and terrorist attacks, are we sure this is a good time to take God out of the Pledge of Allegiance?"