



TIDBITS FROM PENNY

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Penn Coachmen Invade Washington, DC

On June 23-26, eighteen Penn Coachmen couples and their guests spent a great weekend of camping and touring our nation's capitol, Washington, DC.

Staying at the beautiful Cherry Hill Park just north of the city provided us with an easy way to commute into the city by bus and metro (subway). For some, the metro ride was a completely new experience, and when we reverted to car pooling for other venues, they quickly learned just how efficient public transportation can be.

Penn Coachmen guided tours of the Capitol Building, The Aero Space Museum at Dulles Air Field and the National Cathedral proved to be extremely popular trips. At each place, a professional guide took over from the Penn Coachmen guides who got us to our destinations, and proceeded to tell us much about their respective activity. Did you know that the National Cathedral took 82 years to construct or that the Capitol dome was once made of wood!! How about the fact that the SR-1 Blackbird could actually fly faster than a speeding bullet!! These and many other facts were given at every stop.

Of course, there were many individual side trips taken by the members as well. The Washington Monument, the Lincoln Memorial and several of the downtown Smithsonian museums were popular.

The one side trip that seemed to be a favorite among the attendees was Arlington Cemetery and the tomb of the Unknown Soldier(s). Several were present for the actual Changing of the Guard which occurs every 30 minutes during the summer when the weather is hot.

There was a special side trip to the gallery of the United States Senate which was in session. Unfortunately, there was little going on in the way of debate on the Senate floor. Thanks to Senator Bob Casey's office for arranging for that visit. There is not room to report on the many and beautiful stained glass windows at the National Cathedral, nor to tell about the literally hundreds of airplanes and other things at the Aero Space Museum. The same is true, of course, about the beautiful Capitol Building or the several memorials that were visited.

But suffice it to write, there were several families who spent additional days in Washington to view attractions that there wasn't time to visit in the 4 days of the weekend.

One last note, there were three grandchildren with us who got along wonderfully--both on the various sightseeing trips and in the campground pool.

The food prepared by the campground staff and our own ladies was excellent, and the weather couldn't have been better. Thanks to Don and Irene Lassen and all those who helped them to put on a very nice rally.

Executive Board:

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2011 Rallies:

4/15-4/17—Schnecksville, PA

5/27-5/30—Centre Hall, PA

6/23-6/26—Cherry Hill, MD

7/15-7/17—Lebanon, PA

8/19-8/21—Bloomsburg, PA

9/23-9/25—Gettysburg, PA

10/9-10/17—GEAR Pre-Rally

10/19—10/18—GEAR—
Winston-Salem, NC

11/11-11/13—Camp Swatera,
Bethel, PA





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

Hobbies or craft how-tos

Poems, stories, vignettes

New camping gear/equipment you have learned about and where to purchase them

Funny pet stories

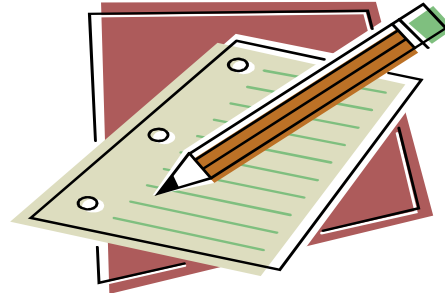
Funny grandchildren stories or sayings

Life on the road

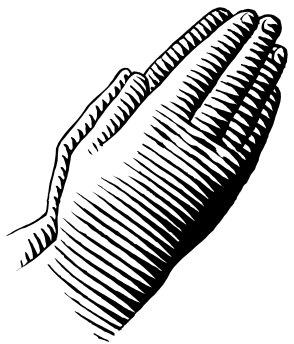
Interesting people you have met along the way

Nature encounters

Photos taken at rallies



THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS:



- Betty Moyer—Preparing for neck surgery.**
- Ken Frazier —Undergoing cancer treatment.**
- Vera Sattazahn—Undergoing treatment for cancer and Alzheimer’s.**
- Roy Weil—Suffering from heart problems.**
- Carolyn Thurston—Undergoing cancer treatment.**
- Wayde Kelly—Undergoing cancer treatment.**
- Jack and Lorraine Shaak—Upon the death of his sister.**
- Joe Veneziale—Suffering from various health problems.**
- Ray Miller—Recovering from a fall from his motorcycle.**
- Ron Becker—Recovering from heart catheterization surgery.**

HAPPY 50TH ANNIVERSARY

- TO: JOHN AND NANCY BREISCH—MAY 13TH—CELEBRATED AT A RECEPTION AT STOKESY CASTLE WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS.**
- TO: DAN AND BARBARA ZYDORCZYK—JUNE 17TH—CELEBRATED WITH A FOUR DAY DISNEY CRUISE, FOUR DAYS IN FLORIDA, AND A MEDITERRANIAN CRUISE.**
- TO: BiLL AND KATHY ROLLINS—JUNE 17TH.**
- TO: HAL AND MARY AMOS—JULY 15TH—CELEBRATING WITH A CRUISE TO ALASKA..**

50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS OF THE ZYDORCZYKS

For starters our daughter, son-in-law and grandson Aiden (pictured on page 50 in the yearbook) took us on a four day Disney Cruise aboard the new Disney Dream and then 4 days in Florida. It was fun, fabulous and too fast (timewise). But we did have a very good time and enjoyed interacting with our grandson whom we only see a few times a year. The highlight was swimming with the dolphins in Nassau.

Our next adventure is a Mediterranean Cruise starting in Venice, Italy and ending in Barcelona, Spain with the Greek Isles in between. We leave June 20th. Lots of shore excursions planned. It will be busy too, but we will have time for sun, sea and siestas.

Our celebration began in May and ends in July. The Harrisburg Catholic Diocese had a Mass and Reception Sunday, June 5th for all couples in the Diocese who are celebrating 50th anniversaries this year. It was held at our parish, Good Shepherd in Camp Hill ,and was packed. Our family joined us. It's a good feeling to see that there are a lot of couples celebrating their 50th.

HERE IS WHAT JEFF FOXWORTH HAS TO SAY ABOUT PENNSYLVANIA

- If your Dairy Queen is closed from September to May, you may live in Pennsylvania.
- If you've worn shorts and a parka at the same time, you may live in Pennsylvania.
- If you had a lengthy conversation with someone who dialed a wrong number, you may live in Pennsylvania.
- If vacation means going anywhere south of Harrisburg for the weekend, you may live in Pennsylvania.
- If you measure distance in hours, you may live in Pennsylvania.
- If you know several people who have hit a deer more than once, you may live in Pennsylvania.
- If you have switched from heat to A/C and back again in one day, you may live in Pennsylvania.
- If you can drive 75 mph through two feet of snow during a raging blizzard without flinching, you may live in Pennsylvania.
- If you install security lights on your house and garage but leave both doors unlocked, you may live in Pennsylvania.
- If you carry jumpers in your car and your wife knows how to use them, you may live in Pennsylvania.
- If you design your kid's Halloween costume to fit over a snowsuit, you may live in Pennsylvania.
- If the speed limit is 55, you are going 80, and everybody is passing you, you may live in Pennsylvania.
- If driving is better in the winter because the snow fills up the potholes, you may live in Pennsylvania.
- If you know all four seasons, almost winter, winter, still winter, and road construction, you may live in Pennsylvania.
- If you have more miles on your snow blower than on your car, you may live in Pennsylvania.
- If you find ten degrees a little chilly, you may live in Pennsylvania.
- If you actually understand these jokes, you definitely do live or have lived in Pennsylvania.

Submitted by Sue Knorpp

FMCA DOINGS

Coming Soon:

Northeast Area Rally, July 22-24, 2011, Essex Junction, VT

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

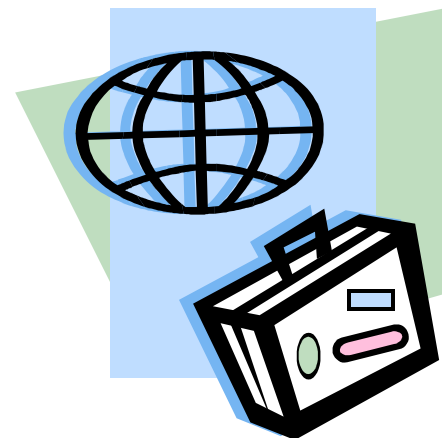
South Central Area Rally, Sept. 28-Oct. 1, 2011, Hutchinson, KS

Rocky Mountain Area Rally, Oct. 11-15, 2011, Farmington, NM

Eastern Area Rally, Oct. 19-23, 2011, Winston-Salem, NC

Western Area Rally, Jan. 11-15, 2012, Indio, CA

Southeast Area Rally, Feb. 1-5, 2012, Brooksville, FL

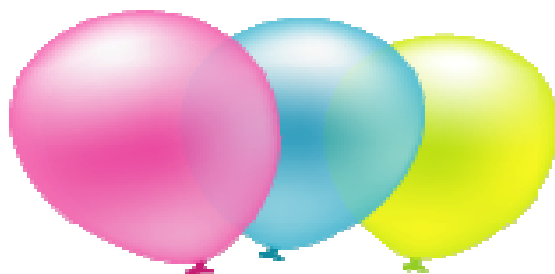


Those known to be celebrating a birthday

In June and July 2011:

June 4	Priscilla Swetland
June 5	Bernie Gilbert
June 12	Shirley Lothert
June 13	Nancy Breisch
June 13	Karen Brandis
June 15	Doris (Boozie) Henning
June 27	Darrell Beers
June 24	Jackie Weil
June 25	Jack Shaak
June 27	Joseph Borell
June 30	Ray Miller
June ?	Dan Cocca

July 2	Jim Lothert
July 5	Barbara Tomczyk
July 5	Andrea Lee
July 6	Carolyn Thurston
July 17	Fred Thum



NEED A NEW TV IN YOUR OLD MOTOR HOME?

Check out this website for some ideas – www.tvformyrv.com.

Our converter box was not working, so we decided to get a new HD TV. The trick was how to install it in the space we had. The old TV was centered in between two cabinets in the front of our 2003 Class C. When it was taken out that left a big hole. Our son made a board that he bolted onto the cabinets in front of the hole. We bought a TV mount from the web site above. The connections on the TV required that some cutouts be made in the mount. There are lots of mounts to be had on the web, but this one has a special latch that holds it steady while traveling. We were able to leave some space below the board for a DVD player. It is held in place by a strap.

We are very pleased with the customer service we received from this website and would recommend it. Let us know if you have questions about our process. A picture of the finished installation is included.



Submitted by Chuck and Dottie Finn, 215 855-8087, cdfinn@verizon.net.

TO ALL YOU CAMERA BUFFS

We would love to publish your photos taken at the various rallies. Please submit them to the editor at

lbirett@comcast.net. Thank you. While we may not be able to use them all, a choice will be made of those pictures that depict most of the membership.

