



The Peach State Traveler

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 SEA Rally - Feb. 5-8, 2020 Lakeland, Florida

Future FMCA International Convention

Summer August 14-17, 2019 – Minot, SD
 Winter March 26-29, 2020 – Tucson, AZ
 * Summer 2020 – Rock Springs, WY
 * Winter 2021 – Perry, GA
 * Summer 2021 – Gillette, WY or St. Paul, MN
 * Winter 2022 – Tucson, AZ
 * Summer 2022 – Rock Springs, WY
 * Winter 2023 – Perry, GA
 * Summer 2023 – Sedalia, MO or Gillette, WY
 * Summer 2024 – Syracuse, NY
 * = Contingent on successful contract negotiations.

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August 2-4 River Country Campground, Gadsden, AL
Esposito 256-543-7111

***September 12-14** Dailey & Vincent Land Fest, Hiawassee, GA
 Mountain View Campground
Ralston, Sawyer

October 4-6 Twin Oaks RV Park, Elko, GA
Bowman, Hollis

November 1-3 Lake Pines RV Park, Midland (Columbus), GA
Duren, Young

December 6-8 Fort Yargo State Park, Winder, GA
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January 4 – Luncheon, Marieeta Diner
Espositos

February 1 – Luncheon, Peachtree Airport, Downwind Restaur
Moremans, Simons
 Luncheon – Lakeland, Florida
Voyna

March 6-8
 April 3-5

May 1-3 – Renfo, KY w/extended trip
Rankins, Ralstons, McCoys

June 5-7
 July 3-5
 August 7-9

September 4-6 – TBD
Youngs, Jones

October 2-4 – Murphy, NC
Carlyle, Mallory, Hamiltons

November 6-8 – TBD
Grubas

December 4-6 – TBD
Officers

PRESIDENTS CORNER – July 2019

By Doug Ralston

Here we are, beginning the second half of 2019, this year is flying by! If you haven't done so, please check out all the exciting rally plans for the duration of this year and make your plans. The Hosts are planning some really fun activities for us, so be sure to make your reservations and confirm your plans to the Hosts.

Our two year term for officer elections comes up this fall. A nominating committee has been formed and they are beginning to get organized. If you receive a call from them, please understand they recognize talents you have and that they have confidence you will be an asset to the club. There is no better way to become fully involved than to hold one of these offices.

We had a terrific turnout for the July luncheon and hope we have as many or more in August! Gadsden, AL is a fun destination and the Esposito's have a lot planned for us.

I hope everyone has an enjoyable summer and we look forward to seeing everyone at the rallies.

Safe Travels,
Doug

NATIONAL DIRECTOR REPORT

By Patricia Voyna

Our travel plans are changing. My brother has just been diagnosed with cancer. Not sure yet what waits for us before we head to Minot, ND. Right now we are at our lake in Missouri, running my brother back and forth to KC for all his multi Doctors involved. Getting ready for our family reunion and then slipping up to Iowa to attend Marvin's family reunion and class reunion. From there, not sure.

SECRETARY REPORT- July 2019

By Kenlyn Sawyer

The July 6, 2019 luncheon rally was held at the Cherokee Cattle Restaurant in Marietta, GA. Host was Eric Oswood. There was a total of 36 people in attendance for the luncheon. Names of those in attendance are at the end of this report.

President Doug Ralston opened the meeting by thanking Eric Oswood for coordinating the luncheon. President Ralston also welcomed our visitors for the luncheon.

Jan Hollis made a motion to dispense reading the June Secretary and Treasure's Reports and to accept them as printed in the June newsletter. John Hamilton seconded the motion.

Secretary Kenlyn Sawyer read a thank you note from the family of Wynette Hutchins that will be printed in the newsletter.

Announcements were made for upcoming rallies.

Upcoming rallies:

August 2 – 4, 2019 - River Country, Gadsden, AL (Esposito)
September 12 – 14, 2019 - Landfest – Mountain View Campground, Hiawassee, GA (Ralston, Sawyer)

October 4 – 6, 2019 - Twin Oaks RV Park, Elko, GA (Bowman, Hollis)
November 1 – 3, 2019 - Columbus, GA (Duren, Young)
December 6 – 8, 2019 - Fort Yargo State Park, Winder, GA – PST Officers

Please contact Wiley Bowman to sign up for 2020 rallies. Reminder, all members after their first year should host or cohost a rally. There will be an upcoming hosting guide.

MEMBERS: Bennett; Bowman; Carlyle; Duren; Esposito; Gruba; Hamilton; Hollenbeck; Hollis; Jones; McCoy; Moreman; Oswood; Ralston; Rankin; Sawyer; Simons; Tripp

VISITORS: Ron and Gwen Crawford; Ron and Linda Castor; Martha Perdue

RALLY REPORT – July 2019

By Eric Oswood

The Peach State Travelers met at Cherokee Cattle Company in Marietta on July 6 for a luncheon/rally. It was decided to conduct the luncheon in lieu of an outing to avoid conflicts over the Fourth of July weekend. The group was greeted by the host, Eric Oswood who welcomed the attendees and Jim Hollis provided the blessing before the meal. After the meal, president Doug Ralston conducted a short meeting. There were 37 individuals in attendance including members: Bennett, Bowman, Carlyle, Duren, Esposito, Gruba, Hamilton, Hollenbeck, Hollis, Jones, McCoy, Moreman, Oswood, Ralston, Rankin, Sawyer, Simons, and Tripp. Also in attendance were guests Ron and Gwen Crawford, Ron and Linda Castor, and Martha Perdue.

SUNSHINE REPORT – July 2019

By Wanda Hollenbeck

Margie Rankin has had knee surgery and is in rehab 3 days a week. Cards can be sent to 2965 Wendy Lane, Marietta, GA, 30062.



Brenda Moreman is recovering from a fall, cards can be sent to 3520 Cold Spring Lane, Chamblee, GA 30341

Both were missing from the Cherokee Cattle Company luncheon today but was glad that Dan and Bobby could make it today, July 6.

Wanda Hollenbeck, Sunshine Chairperson

TREASURES'S REPORT July 2019

By: Terry Carlyle

Beginning Balance 04/04/2019 \$1,908.76



Receipts:

July Rally	20.00
Dues	15.00
New Members	45.00
Bennett, Thomas, Tripp	

Disbursements:

Directories	273.81
Mailing 2 directories	13.90

Ending Balance 07-08-2019 \$1,701.05

Birthdays

7-07 – Marvin Voyna
7-09 – Mary Yaffew
7-12 – Ginny Cooke
7-14 – Terry Carlyle
7-24 – Debbi Simons
7-29 – Steve Matthews
7-29 – Jan Taylor
7-31 – John Hamilton



Anniversaries

7-08 – Alan & Debbi Simons
7-13 – TJ & Ginny Cooke
7-24 – Garry & Mary Yaffe



*Peach State Travelers,
Thank you so very much
for your donation to the
Parkinson's Foundation in
memory of Wynette. Your
thoughtfulness is greatly
appreciated. She enjoyed
the motorhome trips with all
of you when she was able.
Cliff Hutchins
Dorinda Odum*

How a pig nearly sent the U.S. and Britain to war



One of the America's most unusual wars involved only one casualty – a pig – and yet it could have changed the course of history. The bizarre conflict took place on San Juan Island, now part of Washington state, and involved American and British troops, and even warships.

The Pig War began on June 15, 1859, when an American settler named Lyman Cutlar shot and killed a trespassing pig belonging to Englishman Charles Griffin of the Hudson Bay Company. "It was eating my potatoes," said Cutlar, who had already warned Griffin to keep his pig out of his potato patch. "It is up to you to keep your potatoes out of my pig," was Griffin's reply.

Normally, the shooting of a pig would be a small matter, but American and British tempers were short in those days. Both the United States and England claimed the San Juan Islands; ill-defined boundary lines were to blame.

When British authorities threatened to arrest pig-killer Cutlar, his fellow Americans called for U.S. military protection – which they got in the form of the 9th Infantry.

The Brits responded by dispatching three warships under the command of Capt. Geoffrey Hornby. Forces on both sides grew, but guns remained silent. A month passed without incident. British Rear Adm. Robert L. Bayes, commander of British Naval forces in the Pacific, did his best to avoid war. He would not, he said, "involve two great nations in a war over a squabble about a pig."

Yet, the scene remained tense and potentially explosive. By August 10, American forces numbered 461; British forces numbered 2,140 with five warships.

WHEN WORD REACHED WASHINGTON, officials were shocked that the shooting of a pig could cause such an international incident. President James Buchanan dispatched General Winfield Scott, commanding general of the U.S. Army, to investigate and hopefully contain the potentially deadly affair.



Historical marker today on San Juan Island

Scott got both sides to agree to restrain their guns while a solution was worked out. During this time, both countries kept token forces on hand – at what are now National Historic Sites called American Camp and British Camp.

The paramount issue was who owned San Juan Island – the Americans or the British.

For twelve years, including the Civil War period, the issue was debated. It wasn't until 1872 that the question was put to a third party for a decision. On October 21, Kaiser Wilhelm I of Germany declared the San Juan Islands American property; land north of the 49th parallel was Canadian, to the south it was American. A month later, British troops departed.

And so ended the Pig War. If things had gone differently – and war had actually begun – who knows what would have happened. Would the angry British have then sided with the Confederacy in the Civil War? If so, how would that have affected that war's outcome? Would it have swung the balance of power toward the South?

If so, the world would be a far different place today – and all because of a hungry pig in a potato patch.

RV has rooftop swimming pool



It's true, this travel trailer has a rooftop swimming pool. For those RVers who refuse to swim in lakes or rivers or, heaven forbid, public pools, here's the solution. We assume the pool would be emptied before heading down the road.

But wait, here's the rest of the story.

This one-of-a-kind recreation vehicle is the creation of French artist Benedetto Bufalino, who plays with the perception of everyday objects by altering their original function.

Is this the longest fifth wheel trailer?

By Chuck Woodbury

What do you think, is this the world's longest fifth wheel trailer? How would you like to tow this baby? No tight turns for you, for sure.

Well, those questions are moot because we don't think this is a real fifth wheeler at all but the product of someone's imagination and photoshop skills.



The photo was passed along to us by reader George Bliss, who regularly alerts us to

interesting things. He was told it had been built by Weekend Warrior and used by one of its owners. But after I asked him if he knew that for sure, he did a little checking. He then reported: "After five calls to Weekend Warrior and finally speaking to the engineering department, I'm advised they only make three-axle RVs. They do not have a four-axle in production nor is one available through a custom build. It would seem to be a doctored photo but impressive all the same."

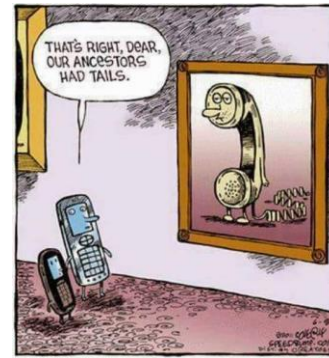
Drones for RV parking?



Question: "I have a little Class A motorhome and I keep thinking: Wouldn't it be nice to have a little drone overhead to show me an outside pic right at my dash as I'm trying to park in a back-in site.

Caveat: I'm sure that branches overhead would be an issue, but I suppose you could deal with that. Anybody ever tried this? How does it work out?"

Response: "When backing into a spot, I stop just long enough to deploy my Back-up assist model 1955. All I need to do is watch out one mirror and if I get close to anything it sounds a loud shriek and flails its arms. Works in all weather conditions and at night when it's dark. Doesn't require batteries although its maintenance requirements are high. I store it in the passenger seat and the only problem is it'll occasionally go off for no apparent reason and scare the hell out of me. Fortunately, it somehow resets itself and the shrieking and arm flailing will stop until the next false alarm. If it starts happening too often I just may trade it in on a newer model. It'll cost me though – exactly half of everything I own."



Father And Son



A man came home from work late again, tired and irritated. He found his 5-year-old son waiting for him at the door. "Daddy, may I ask you a question?"

The dad replied: "Yeah, sure, what is it?"

"Daddy, how much money do you make an hour?"

The dad got mad and said, "That's none of your business! Why do you want to know?"

The little boy said, "I just want to know. Please tell me, how much do you make an hour?"

The dad, wanting to sit down and relax, said, "If you must know, I make \$20 an hour."

The little boy sighed and bowed his head. Looking up, he asked, "Daddy, may I borrow \$10 please?"

The father flew off the handle, "If the only reason you wanted to know how much money I make is so that you can hit me up for some cash to buy some stupid toy, then you march yourself straight to your room and go to bed. You're so selfish. I work long, hard hours every day and don't have time for this."

The little boy quietly went to his room and shut the door. The dad sat down and started to get even madder about the nerve of his little boy. How dare he ask questions only to get some money. After an hour or so, the man had calmed down, and started to think that maybe he was a bit hard on his boy. Maybe his son really needed the money for something important. And so, the father went up to his boy's room and opened it, "Are you asleep, son?"

"No daddy. I'm awake," replied the boy.

"I've been thinking, maybe I was too hard on you earlier. It's been a long day, and I took it out on you. Here's that 10 bucks you asked for."

The little boy sat straight up, beaming. "Oh, thank you, daddy!" he exclaimed. Then, reaching under his pillow, he pulled out a wad of crumpled up bills.

The dad, seeing that the boy already had some money, started to get angry again. The little boy slowly counted out his money, and then looked up at his dad.

The dad, now ticked off, demanded to know what was going on, "Why did you want more money if you already had some?"

The little boy replied, "Because I didn't have enough, but now I do. Daddy, I have \$20 now...and I'd like to buy an hour of your time."

Creator Of Maxine



John Wagner, Hallmark artist since 1970, says Maxine was inspired by his mother, his maiden aunts and his grandmother, the woman who bought him art lessons when 'fill in the pumpkins' was about the extent of his art classes at St. John's Catholic School in Leonia, N.J.

John remembers doodling as a preschooler and says both his grandmother and his mother encouraged his artistic interests. He eventually attended the Vesper George School of Art in Boston and landed at Hallmark as part of a new artists group. But it was the birth of the humorous Shoebox Greetings (a tiny little division of Hallmark) in 1986 that added a new dimension to John's professional life. The Shoebox way of seeing the world unleashed his talents and he created Maxine.

Why the name 'Maxine'? 'People at Shoebox started referring to the character as 'John Wagner's old lady,' and I knew that would get me into trouble with my wife,' John says. The Shoebox team had a contest among themselves to name the character and three of the approximately 30 entries suggested 'Maxine'. John says the name is perfect.

John, who says he's humbled by such acceptance of Maxine, admits he's proud of her. Now you know the story of how Maxine came to be.

Thanks for the share MaryAnn Miller



Trivia

A cockroach can live for a week after its head is cut off. Its nervous system, or "brain," is scattered throughout its body, and thus its head is not really needed to stay alive. Cockroaches have been around for about 280 million years and can live a month without eating, but they need to drink water every week. Since a cockroach can drink only through its mouth, a headless roach dies of dehydration within about a week.



Bubba



Bubba died in a fire and his body was burned pretty badly. The morgue needed someone to identify the body, so they sent for his two best friends, Darryl and Gary.

The three men had always done everything together!!!!

Darryl arrived first and when the mortician pulled back the sheet Darryl said, "Yup, his face is burned up pretty bad. You better roll him over."

The mortician rolled him over, and Darryl said, "Nope, ain't Bubba."

The mortician thought this was rather strange. Then he brought Gary in to identify the body.

Gary looked at the body and said, "Yup he's pretty well burnt up. Roll him over." The mortician rolled him over and Gary said, "No, it ain't Bubba."

The mortician asked, "How can you tell?"

Gary said, "Well, Bubba had two buttoholes."

"What? He had two buttoholes?" asked the mortician.

Yup, I've never seen 'em, but everyone knew he had two buttoholes. Every time we went to town, folks would say, "Here comes Bubba with them two buttoholes!"

Mom: What was that?

Me: My shirt fell.

Mom: It sounded a lot heavier than that...

Me: I was in it.

Bumper sticker of the week

The license plate frame on the back of Sam's truck (TV):
IF YOU CAN READ THIS MY TRAILER FELL OFF

Joke of the Week

My uncle named his dogs Rolex and Timex. They're his watch dogs.



August rally

River Country in Gadsden, Alabama:

August 2-4. Theme:

Flip Flops & Flamingos

Friday, Aug 2nd: Meet n' Greet at Esposito's site along the (Coosa) river at 5 PM.

Look for white/tan Scottsdale Class A.

5:30 PM: Caravan to dinner at Top O' the River Restaurant.

Enjoy best fried catfish dinner around!

Sat, Aug 3rd: 8:30 AM: breakfast at the Clubhouse located directly behind office;

featuring Cothran's Donuts (Gadsden's best). Bring your own coffee.

Free day on your own. Check out Noccolula Falls (parking next to Jacks for short walk to view falls for no charge) or downtown Gadsden and enjoy the beautiful pools at River Country! A nice addition to Aug rally recreational activities: The World's Longest Yard Sale is taking place on this rally weekend and yard sale begins in Gadsden near Noccalula Falls! And for you car buffs planning to attend rally, Downtown Gadsden is hosting a classic car show Fri eve 'til 9 for those who might wish to go after dinner.

6 PM: Dinner at the clubhouse. Wear flip flops and flamingo attire!

Menu: Grilled Pork Loin with sides plus dessert.

Plates/napkins provided. Bring your own beverage & eating utensils.

Sunday morning: Breakfast in clubhouse: Plates/napkins provided.

Bring your own utensils and coffee.

Menu: Breakfast Casserole, fresh fruit and mini pastries.

Meeting followed by goodbyes 'till next time.

Rally fee \$10 per person. Make checks payable to: Margaret Esposito,

mailing checks to 4449 Blowing Wind Drive, Acworth, GA. 30101.

Make RV reservations by calling River Country: 256-543-7111. Tell them you are with the Peach State Travelers in order to get discounted group rate. Block of PST sites reserved along the river are limited and will not be held for long so call now!

For menu planning purposes; please email mespos@bellsouth.net to RSVP by July 12th.

See ya'll in Gadsden!

November 1-3, 2019
Tentative Agenda

Lake Pines RV Park
6404 Garrett Road
Midland (Columbus), GA 31820
(706) 561-9675

Friday night: Caravan to local restaurant

Saturday afternoon: Bowling in Columbus (approximate cost is \$10 for 2 hours bowling + shoes)

Saturday night: Dinner provided by hosts

Sunday morning: Breakfast provided by hosts

*Weather permitting – campfires at night with good fellowship.

*Weather not permitting – good fellowship indoors!

NOTE: Campground is holding spots for us until **October 1st**. Nightly rate is \$36. Please call soon and reserve your spot!

Rally hosts: Ted & Darlene Young, and Jim & Joyce Duren. Contact us if you have any questions.



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