



# The Peach State Traveler

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## Future SEA (Southeast Area) Rally

[www.seafmca.org](http://www.seafmca.org)

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

## Future FMCA International Convention

Winter March 26-29, 2020 – Tucson, AZ

Summer 2020 – July 29-August 2nd - Syracuse, NY

\* Winter 2021 – Perry, GA

\* Summer 2021 – Gillette, WY or St, Paul, MN

\* Winter 2022 – Tucson, AZ

\* Summer 2022 – Lincoln, Nebr. or Sedalia, MO

\* Winter 2023 – Perry, GA

\* Summer 2023 – Sedalia, MO or Lincoln, Nebr

\* Summer 2024 – Gillette, WY

\* Summer 2027 – Gillette, WY

\* = Contingent on successful contract negotiations.

## 2019 RALLY HOSTS



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770-880-2151Cell, (770) 646-3048 Home

\* Weekend different from 1<sup>st</sup> weekend.

\*\*Special rally due to distance from Atlanta

###Our Bylaws require members to host a rally. Ideally, three couples should be able to manage a great rally weekend.

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

*Duren, Young -NO MORE VACANCIES*

**December 6-8** Fort Yargo State Park, Winder, GA

*Officers*

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**January 4** – Luncheon, Marietta Diner

*Espositos*

**February 1** – Luncheon, Peachtree Airport, Downwind Restaur

*Moremans, Simons*

Luncheon – Lakeland, Florida

*Voyna*

**March 6-8** – TBA

*Tripps (w/experienced member*

**April 3-5** –Holiday RV, Chattanooga, TN

*Jones, Castors*

**May 1-3** – Renfo, KY w/extended trip to W.VA

*Rankins, Ralstons, McCoy's*

June 5-7

July 3-5

August 7-9

**September 4-6** – TBD (possible Milledgeville)

*Youngs, Jones*

**October 2-4** – Murphy, NC

*Carlyle, Mallory, Hamiltons*

**November 6-8** – TBD

*Grubas, Youngs*

**December 4-6** – TBD

*Officers*

## PRESIDENTS CORNER – October 2019

By Doug Ralston

Brenda and I were looking forward to joining everyone at Twin Oaks RV Park this past weekend. After seeing the pictures, I'm not sure we would have fit in, as we weren't aware of how many

"real" hippies were in the club. I can imagine people sitting in the pews on Sunday morning when the Reverend Jim "Hippy" Hollis led the congregation in his true image!

Seriously, work got in the way of fun and we left directly from the September Rally traveling to the greater Boston, MA area. A pleasant surprise was we had the opportunity of meeting up with Jim & Joyce Duren for a seafood dinner one night. We were both camped near each other, two different campgrounds but within 20 miles of each other. That was a highlight of our trip.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone in Columbus and, of course, the Christmas Rally in December. Safe travels and good health of all.

Doug

## NATIONAL DIRECTOR REPORT

By Patricia Voyna

FMCA has 70,753 members. 252 National Directors (51%) were present.

I have attached the Executive Director's Report. A lot has been accomplished since our last meeting in Gillette last year.

Bylaw Amendment – Article XVI – Chapters

Any group of ~~twenty~~ fifteen or more members may petition for a chapter.

Any group of ~~ten~~ seven or more may create an associate chapter Rational; Should assist in forming new chapters, new chapter formation is low. 2014-4, 2015-3, 2016-1, 2017-0, 2018-3.

PASSED

Bylaw Amendment – Article XVII – Chapters

A chapter may elect in their Bylaws to combine the position of Secretary and Treasurer into one position.

Rational; Some chapters have difficulty finding offices. The 2 offices have some overlap. However, an individual holding this office cannot hold an office in another chapter.

PASSED

Policy & Procedure #1028

To allow Governing Board to delegate to the Executive Board to be able to make changes to Commercial Memberships to meet business conditions.

PASSED

Policy & Procedure #2031

Reimbursement of Travel Cost

To remove chapter visitation in the National Vice President geographical Area

To assist troubled chapters

Area VP's own annual rally - site selection, pre-rally planning meetings, and expenses incurred to attend their area rally.

Area business meetings

FAILED

Policy & Procedure #2031

Reimbursement of Travel Cost

To add legible, detailed to receipts submitted

PASSED

Policy & Procedure #3006

To remove adequate and add legible, detailed to receipts

PASSED

Policy & Procedure #1024

Policy and Procedure Amendments

To conform to current practice

P&P Committee to forward to the executive Board no less than ~~fourteen~~ three (3) days prior to next meeting.

PASSED

Policy & Procedure #2023

Area VP Responsibilities

To add – The Area VP shall provide to FMCA a copy of all tax filings, amendments and IRS finding within 30 days of filling and notification of findings.

PASSED

Policy & Procedure #2028

Campaign/Election Activities

To delete – Any communication shall not imply FMCA or any FMCA logos or designs that could be construed by the recipients as an endorsement by FMCA for the candidate. Only personal email addresses (not @fmca.com) can be used for sending or receiving campaign materials.

To add – Listing names of all candidates running for an office is acceptable in area newsletters.

PASSED

Policy & Procedure #3009

Chapter and Associate Chapter Application

Any group of ~~20~~ 15 ...may petition FMCA for a charter ...

Any group of ~~10~~ 7 ...may petition FMCA for a charter... of an associate chapter

PASSED

Policy & Procedure #3011

Chapter and Associate Chapter Operations

Changed - Chapters don't have to charge dues, if not needed.

PASSED

Policy & Procedure #4002

Commercial Council Responsibilities

The Commercial Council shall meet 3 times a year. Changed to – at each International Convention and RV Expo.

PASSED

Policy & Procedure #4008

Nominating Committee Election and Responsibilities.

FAILED – sent it back to P&P to match Bylaws

See 1<sup>st</sup> page of this newsletter for places of proposed International Conventions.

49 Informational Items we voted on. Ask for my book, pages 74-77 for details.

Budget

Really a big and tough decisions had to be made. We have been borrowing from our investments to cover the cost of FMCAssist. During our last audit, we were informed we had to have 1 year of operating money in our investments. Our operating cost is 9 million a year. Our investment we have drained down to 7 million. The cost of FMCAssist raised for this coming year 71.3%. We had 2 choices, first to discontinue it or raise the dues \$25.00 to cover the cost. Our dues are now \$75.00 a year and we charged the Executive Board to shop and find the same or more coverage for a lower amount. We also approved \$285,000 for a new computer platform, so all departments can communicate with each other.

## SECRETARY REPORT- October 2019

By Kenlyn Sawyer

The October 4 – 6, 2019 rally was held at the Twin Oaks RV Park in Elko, GA. Hosts were Wiley Bowman and Jim and Jan Hollis. There was a total of 15 people in attendance for the weekend. Names of those in attendance are at the end of this report.

Secretary Sawyer opened the floor on Saturday, October 5, 2019 for a Chairperson Pro tem to conduct the October meeting since President Doug Ralston and Vice President Tori Bray were not able to attend. Jan Hollis nominated Secretary Kenlyn Sawyer to conduct the meeting. Terri Jones seconded the motion. The motion was approved and accepted.

The Nominating Committee included Libba Gruba, Terri Jones, Bobby Moreman, Dan Rankin and Ted Young. Nominating Committee Chairperson Dan Rankin announced the 2020 nominees for PST officers on the behalf of the Nominating Committee.

President – Wiley Bowman  
Vice President – Tori Bray  
Secretary – Kenlyn Sawyer  
Treasurer – Terry Carlyle  
National Director – Patricia Voyna  
Alternate National Director – Steve Matthews

The nominations were approved. There were no additional nominations from the floor. Ballots will be emailed out within the next month. Results will be announced in November and the Installation of Officers will be in December.

Announcements were made for upcoming rallies.

Upcoming rallies:

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.

MEMBERS: Bennett; Bowman; Hollis; Jones; Like; Rankin; Sawyer; Thomas; Young

## RALLY REPORT – October 2019

By Wiley Bowman

Peach State Travelers met at Twin Oaks RV Park near Perry in Elko Georgia on October 4<sup>th</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup>. This location was selected due to the State Fairgrounds being the site of Georgia State Fair with all types of entertainment, games, rides, exhibits and livestock.

Early arrivals enjoyed a delicious barbeque meal at Sonny's restaurant. Following dinner, we gathered at the State Fair to hear "Little Anthony and the Imperials" sing many of their most popular hits from the 60's. Little Anthony must be in his 80's, but still has the voice and energy to sing songs like "Tears

on My Pillow" and "Hurts so Bad" as well as many other favorites hit songs for those are old enough to remember.

On Friday afternoon, all attendees gathered at the clubhouse to enjoy appetizers and a hardy welcome by Host Jim Hollis'. Those attending were the Youngs, Sawyers, Jones, Like, Hollis', Bowman, Rankins, Thomas' and Bennett. We later carpoled to the very popular "Swanson House" Restaurant downtown Perry. As usual, most left with a full stomach and a "to go" box. Many returned to the State Fair to continue watching free entertainment and visit the air-conditioned exhibit halls for all the great "must have" deals.

Saturday morning, all gathered at the club house for a wonderful breakfast featuring Wiley's famous sausage & gravy biscuits with scrambled eggs and home-made grape jelly. Many decided to return to the State Fair to continue watching free musical entertainment and visit the air-conditioned exhibit halls for all the great "must have" deals.



Saturday night, everyone gathered at the club house dressed in their best hippie attire. Jim and Wiley, appeared to be straight from Woodstock as it occurred 50 years ago this year. (see pictures) Pork loin roast and all the trimmings were enjoyed by all.

Sunday morning, we were blessed to have a light breakfast while we enjoyed gospel music by guest vocalist Karen Shelley accompanied by Dan Rankin on guitar. Karen's music was most appropriate and complimented the message of encouragement delivered by Jim Hollis prior to our departure.

## SUNSHINE REPORT – October 2019

By Wanda Hollenbeck

**OBITUARY Betty Jean Hollin (PST Alumni)**  
PASSED AWAY ON SEPTEMBER 23, 2019



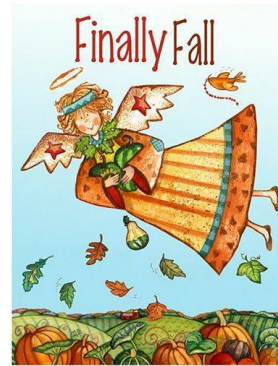
Mrs. Betty Jean Hollin, 85, of Marietta died Monday, September 23, 2019. Betty was a member of Mount Paran North Church of God, Marietta. Betty enjoyed square dancing with her husband Bill and was a member of several different clubs. They also enjoyed camping in their RV and traveling around the country with friends after retirement. Their favorite trip was to the beautiful state of Alaska. She had many stories to share with her grandchildren of their travels. She loved being surrounded by her children and later grandchildren and great grandchildren. She loved making homemade Play-Dough with them and teaching them how to play penny poker and Dominos and board games. She had an infectious laugh and loved the beach and the lake even though she was not a swimmer. Betty loved having the family over during the holidays, and she would put the Brenda Lee and Elvis Christmas music on and have the grandkids help her decorate the Christmas tree. She was preceded in death by her husband, William (Bill) Hollin and her parents, Maxie and Astor Boggs of Johnson City, Tennessee, brothers, Ralph Boggs of Lake Weiss, Alabama,



Donnie Boggs of Beaumont, Texas, and grandson William (Will) Alexander Hollin. Betty is survived by her sister Dorothy (Dottie) Gibson, Johnson City, Tennessee, son, Gary (Nancy) Hollin, and daughters Becky (Ron) Brown, and Pam (Richard) White; 11 grandchildren, Jacob (Finley) Mathis, Kaitlin (Yuri) Feito, Patrick Hollin, Chad McKee, Cameron (Rana) Brown, Joshua Brown, Chelsey (Matt) Raines, Brandon (Chloe) White, Aaron (Bethany) White, Alexis White and Brianna (Jesse) Lee; and 11 great grandchildren.

Family will receive visitors Wednesday October 2 from 12-2 PM at Georgia Memorial Park. Funeral Services will be held immediately following visitation in the chapel of Georgia Memorial Park at 2PM with Kirk Walters officiating. Interment will immediately follow the service. Those wishing to express online condolences may do so at [www.georgiamemorialpark.com](http://www.georgiamemorialpark.com)

<https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/marietta-ga/betty-hollin-8868725> Lots of family pictures



## TREASURES'S REPORT August 2019

By: Terry Carlyle

<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>07/08/2019</b>	<b>\$\$1,701.05</b>	
Receipts:			
New Members - Castor		15.00	
Disbursements:			
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>07-08-2019</b>	<b>\$1,716.05</b>	

## Birthdays

10-01 – Myra Stainback  
 10-09 – Donna Loudermilk  
 10-11 – Carol McCoy  
 10-13 – Bobby Moreman  
 10-28 – Margie Rankin  
 10-31 – Julia Newton



## Anniversaries

10-13 – John & Yvonne Cowan



## Winnebago buys Newmar

EDEN PRAIRIE, Minn., Sept. 16, 2019 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Winnebago Industries, Inc. (NYSE: WGO), a leading outdoor lifestyle product manufacturer, today announced that it has entered into a definitive agreement to acquire Newmar Corporation ("Newmar"), a leading manufacturer of Class A and Super C motorized recreation vehicles ("RV"s) for total consideration valued at approximately \$344 million, based on the closing price of Winnebago Industries stock on September 13, 2019. The consideration consists of \$270 million in cash and a fixed amount of 2 million shares of Winnebago Industries stock, and represents a multiple of 5.2x Newmar's last twelve months ("LTM") June 2019 Adjusted Earnings before Interest, Taxes, Depreciation, Amortization, and certain non-recurring expenses ("Adjusted EBITDA"), adjusted for the value of the tax assets and anticipated run-rate net synergies of \$5 million...

## Moral of the story



Just got stopped by PCPD... I already knew why he got me (speeding) but of course, I was gonna ask him why he stopped me. I don't have any extra money to give them so I decided to test my luck and humor. About a week ago, I purchased some fart spray and tried it on my wife, but wanted to see just how far I could push it. The bottle says to squirt about 2 sprays. Well as the cop walks toward my truck I sprayed about 5 squirts. He gets to my window and asks me to get out. I said I can't! He immediately stops in his tracks and he says oh lawd...what's that smell? I said I've shit myself sir! The look on his face was priceless. I said Sir my stomach hurts and I'm trying get home because I.... (he is at my window and I didn't even finish my sentence) He grabs his face, backs up and says... Omg.. I think you need an ambulance. I said no (of course trying not to laugh...he looked worried and sick) I live right around the corner. Policeman: BE CAREFUL AND TRY NOT TO SPEED BUT I UNDERSTAND ITS AWFUL. HOLD ON.. I'LL ESCORT YOU!  
 Yall, I didn't expect it to go this way but the cop waited till I got out the car (he stayed in his) so I had to walk all the way to my door with my butt cheeks clinched and limpin' like I was hurtin'! Moral of the story: Don't have one...but I'm going to buy a case of that fart spray. No ticket written!

My husband and I were dressed and ready to go out for a lovely evening of dinner and theater. Having been burgled in the past, we turned on a 'night light' and then put the cat in the backyard. When our Uber arrived, we walked out our front door and our rather tubby cat scooted between our legs inside, then ran up the stairs. Because our cat likes to chase our parakeet we didn't want to leave them unchaperoned so my husband ran inside to retrieve her and put her in the back yard again. Because I didn't want the Uber driver to know our house was going to be empty all evening, I explained to him that my husband would be out momentarily as he was just bidding goodnight to my mother. A few minutes later he got into the Uber all hot and bothered, and said (to my growing horror and amusement) as the car pulled away, "Sorry it took so long but the stupid bitch was hiding under the bed and I had to poke her ass with a coat hanger to get her to come out! She tried to take off so I grabbed her by the neck and wrapped her in a blanket so she wouldn't scratch me like she did last time. But it worked! I hauled her fat ass down the stairs and threw her into the backyard....she had better not shit in the vegetable garden again." The silence in the Uber was deafening....

# FLU SEASON.

By Dr. Thomas J Sims

It happens this time every year; grass starts turning brown, we grab a few extra winks each night because sunshine isn't flooding our bedrooms so early in the mornings, and we throw on a jacket or scarf before taking the dog out for his working walk. It's FALL - the time of year when flu season is just around the corner.

That's right: flu season is upon us once again. It hits this time every year – starting in October and ending in May. While most people recover completely from flu, flu can develop into a serious illness that killed over 80,000 people worldwide during the 2017-2018 flu season.

What causes flu? Flu is a viral infection and, as is the case with most viral diseases, it's not easy to treat. Because it's caused by a virus and not a bacteria, traditional antibiotics are ineffective when treating flu. Since flu is not easy to treat, the BEST way to take care of the problem is prevention. And that's done with a flu shot.

Who Needs a Flu Shot and Who Doesn't? According to the Center for Disease Control (CDC) Advisory Committee on Immunizations every person over the age of six months should have a flu shot every single year unless they have a specific contraindication to the vaccine. This means, unless there is a specific reason a flu vaccine should not be taken (such as allergy to one of its components) all persons over the age of six months should receive a flu vaccine once every year.

There are a few caveats about flu vaccine I'd like to mention and a few myths I'd like to dispel.

MYTH: People with "egg allergy" can't get a flu shot

- Most flu vaccines are manufactured using hen's eggs so they potentially contain a tiny amount of egg protein. This can present a problem to persons allergic to eggs. But read on..

- Recent recommendations suggest that people with severe egg allergy (those who have symptoms other than hives when in contact with eggs or consuming eggs) can still receive a flu vaccine.

- People with egg allergy might ask their doctor to consider a vaccine that is not manufactured with eggs (see below) or to suggest they receive a normal vaccine in a controlled inpatient or outpatient setting (hospital, health department, clinic and doctor's office, etc.) where careful monitoring and supervision can be done by a trained health provider who is skilled in recognizing and managing severe allergic reactions should such a reaction occur.

- If you have egg allergy you should discuss this with your doctor. A skin test may help your doctor determine if the egg allergy is significant in your case.

- There is a flu vaccine called Flublok that is manufactured completely without eggs. It is used for people who have had trouble with conventional flu vaccines and are severely allergic to eggs. You might ask your doctor about this if you are allergic to eggs or have special needs when it comes to flu vaccines.

MYTH: Everyone needs the same type and dose of flu vaccine no matter age or body type.

- For people over the age of 65 and people with compromised immune systems it is often recommended they receive a more potent type of flu vaccine than other people.

- Such high potency vaccines deliver 4X the amount of vaccine than standard dose vaccine and high-dose vaccines significantly improve immunity in this group of people

MYTH: Most people in the United States now receive flu shots.

- Sadly, this is not true. Recent studies show that, despite how common and potentially serious flu can be, only about 46% of all Americans receive annual flu shots. Let's try to do something about that!!

- One medical economics study showed that if we could increase flu vaccination coverage in our country by just 5% we could prevent about 800,000 illnesses and nearly 10,000 hospitalizations.

FACT: You should get a flu shot every year.

- o Flu shots take about two weeks to impart immunity and the immunity lasts about eight months.

- o Try to get your flu shot somewhere around the middle of September through the end of October so you will have your immune coverage the entire flu season.

- o Don't delay getting your flu shot. A point made by CDC Director Dr. Tom Frieden, is well taken. "A vaccination deferred is often a vaccination forgotten." The CDC wants to ensure as many people as possible get their flu vaccine.

- o Viruses that cause the flu change a little every year (mutate). This means new vaccines must be developed each year to address changes. For best results, flu shots must be given every year with a specific formula directed at viruses thought to be active for the current season.

MYTH: Flu shots can cause the flu and they have serious side effects.

- Flu shots are made with weakened viruses that cannot cause disease. Such viruses stimulate the immune system to give you immunity to the live viruses that will give you the disease. Live viruses cause disease; attenuated (weakened) viruses used in the production of flu vaccine cannot cause disease.

- Flu shots are safe. The most common side effects of flu shots are discomfort at the site of injection (less than one-third), mild headache, slight fever, and swollen lymph nodes (about 5% - 10%). Most people experience no side effects at all. MYTH: I hate needles and the nasal spray works just as well as the shot.

- Sadly, for those of us who detest needles, the nasal spray form of flu vaccine has been shown to be less than 50% effective. For that reason, nasal spray flu vaccine is no longer suggested. It's better to get a little poke in the arm now, then suffer a series of pokes and IVs later if you get the flu because you failed to get your vaccine and suffered complications accordingly!

Remember: Pneumonia is a complication of flu! Don't let that happen to you or those you love.

I'M GETTING SHOT THIS WEEK! SOURCES: Flagging Flu-Shot Rate Worries CDC MedicineNet.com Dennis Thompson New Seasonal Influenza Vaccine Recommendations MMWR: ePub 2016 Aug 26; Grohskopf, Sokolow, et al Reprinted from Family Practice News. Frontline Medical Communications Inc., Parsippany, NJ, USA Flu (influenza, conventional, H1N1, H3N2, and bird flu (H5N1) facts MedicineNet.com review article <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/professionals/acipi/index.htm>





## GEORGIA'S MOUNTAINS HAVE NEW CAMPGROUND

Northeast Georgia welcomed a new campground this summer when the Willow Valley RV Park opened 58 full-hookup sites with 30- and 50-amp service. The year-round park near Dillard has a laundry, dog park, swimming pool and spacious clubhouse with kitchen and planned activities. Located in Chattahoochee National Forest, the park is near whitewater rafting, wineries, scenic waterfalls, hiking and other outdoor attractions.



## How to prepare for a roadside emergency

By Chris Dougherty  
CERTIFIED RV TECHNICIAN

We all love our RVs and the lifestyle, but, on occasion, Murphy's Law takes over. It's inevitable. By being prepared, you can minimize the inconvenience of a breakdown and get back on the road safe and sound. Here are some ways you can prepare:

First, you need a way to communicate your situation. A cell phone is a necessity. Even an old phone that isn't signed up for an account will still dial 911, but a cell phone with even a minimal service plan will allow you to summon assistance. I don't find CBs useful anymore. Some state police agencies still monitor channel 9 in theory, but I've never been able to report an emergency on a CB.

Who do you call? I am a big believer in services like Coach Net. One call gets help on the way, and these coverage plans often come with RV insurance policies or with new RVs. Having been a subscriber and a service provider, I can tell you they're worth it if you travel frequently, and will often roll over to the family car. Keep a list of important phone numbers and RV data handy to aid in getting proper service. I carry a full set of service manuals for my coach plus the owner's manuals set, and the tech service numbers for the manufacturer. Don't forget to have the extended service plan info handy, if you have one.

Next is visibility. When you break down on the side of the road, it can be extremely difficult for other motorists to see you. Keep a supply of visibility items in your vehicle. These should include reflective triangles, flares, flags and perhaps even reflective vests. When you have an emergency, try to get off the road if it's safe to do so.

Something you may not think about, and I didn't until a good friend was killed in such a situation, is make sure any pets are secured in the vehicle when you stop. This friend of mine had to stop his RV on the side of the road, with wife, kids and grandkids in the RV. He opened the door and off went his dog. He ran after it, right in front of a truck. Make sure your pet is in a carrier or otherwise restrained while stopped on the side of the road.

I AM OFTEN ASKED about spare tires and the equipment to change the tires. RVs are large, bulky vehicles, and changing a tire on one can be a huge challenge without assistance. Again, the aforementioned plans and insurance policies often provide towing and road service for tire changes, etc., free of charge. Use them. I never change a tire on my coach. I don't even carry the gear. I just call for help. The tire trucks show up with compressors, power jacks, and everything else that's needed to change a tire safely. Some folks carry a spare tire, which ensures you'll have it available without a wait for one to be located. Being a professional firefighter and having had an RV fire myself, I can't emphasize enough the importance of having good fire extinguishers available. I carry three rechargeable ABC rated 8-pound extinguishers, plus the one included with the RV, located throughout the unit. Some folks carry a larger one, but I need to be weight- and size-conscious, and prefer to have several smaller extinguishers.

Last, but not least, is have a couple of good, reliable flashlights. I prefer at least one rechargeable lantern like those made by Streamlight. The Streamlight lanterns are used in emergency service. They're durable, come with charger brackets, and emit a lot of aimable light.

A roadside RV emergency doesn't have to be a trip-ender if you're prepared.

A grandfather was walking through his yard when he heard his granddaughter repeating the alphabet in a tone of voice that sounded like prayer. He asked her what she was doing. The little girl explained: 'I'm praying, but I can't think of exactly the right words, so I'm just saying all the letters, and God will put them together for me because He knows what I'm thinking.'



## Growing up in the 50's

The next time someone asks me what it was like growing up in the 50's, I'll ask them to give me their television, all their music except records and an AM radio, computers, telephones (except for a Bakelite rotary phone), their air conditioners, their automatic transmissions, their airline tickets, their washing machines, dryers, dishwashers, microwaves, most of their frozen foods, most all the fast food places, digital clocks, all electronic toys and gadgets, and a few more items. And indoor plumbing,

## Growing Up in the 70's

The next time someone asks me what it was like growing up in the 70's, I'll ask them to give me their cell phone, cable/dish box, computer/laptop/tablet and Wi-fi router... Don't forget their bottled water.

## 13 surprising ways to use Windex

By Emily Woodbury

I'm sure there's a bottle (or two) of Windex in your RV under your kitchen or bathroom sink, am I right? Sure, you use it on your bathroom mirror to get rid of that yucky toothpaste-spray, and you use it when your windows and doors need to be wiped clean, but what else can you use Windex for? Well, it turns out that neon-blue spray is useful for many things around the house or RV. We asked you, our favorite readers, what you use Windex for. Here's what you said:

**1. It's a great sneaker cleaner!** Spray it on your shoes and rub with a clean cloth. Those dingy white sneakers are bright white once more! – *Ann M.*

**2. It kills ants (and other insects)!** Occasionally those pesky "sugar" ants manage to find a way into your RV. We have discovered that a few squirts of Windex on them kills them instantly! This is especially good when there are a lot of them in one place. This will stop them for a while, but be sure to put out a bait trap too! – *Becky Hoblit*

*Reader Tony Madia sent us a similar tip, but mentioned it's great for killing flies that land on windows because then you both kill the fly and clean the window at the same time!*

**3. Windex will remove rings from swollen fingers.** Some years ago, I went to my jeweler to have my wedding rings cleaned and checked. My fingers were swollen, however, and I could NOT take my rings off. The jeweler got his bottle of Windex and sprayed my hands and, voila, the rings easily slipped off my fingers. – *Bev DeAngelis*

**4. Use it as an all-purpose cleaner!** It will clean metal, laminate floors, toilet seats and bathtubs. It leaves no residue if wiped dry and creates a smooth, glass-like surface. – *Barbara Saxon*

**5. Use it to remove stains!** Spray on clothing or upholstery, let sit for 15 minutes then rinse clean. Repeat this process until the stain is fully removed. It works especially well on microfiber fabrics.

**6. It doubles as a grease cleaner.** You don't need an extra bottle taking up prized storage space under your sink. Skip the grease cleaner and use Windex instead. It will quickly remove grease on your stovetop, pots, pans, countertops, etc., but make sure to clean everything with water afterward. We don't want Windex as an added ingredient in your cooking.

**7. Make your patio furniture look like new!** Spray Windex on your outdoor, weathered patio furniture, wipe it off, and your

table and chair set looks brand-new. You can also use it on outdoor playground equipment for the kids.

**8. Clean the ghostly letters off your dry-erase board.** Over time your dry-erase boards become stained with ink particles left behind. Wipe it clean with Windex and it'll be as white as a newborn polar bear (they're very white, aren't they?).

**9. Give Fifi's litter box a deep clean.** When you're ready to clean out your cat's litter box, spray the bottom, sides and top with Windex and wash away, well, all that "gross" stuff.

**10. Use it to clean your phone's screen.** Did you know your cellphone carries more bacteria than toilet seats? A study last year found more than 17,000 types of bacteria on a teenager's phone. That's enough to get a huge "YUCK!" out of us. Do everyone a favor and use a little Windex to clean your phone screen every once in a while, will you?

**11. Clean that crystal that's been collecting dust over the years.** Keep your beautiful crystal sparkling clean by giving it a little Windex bath. Be careful when using it on painted crystal though – it may remove some of the tints.

**12. Move large, heavy appliances or furniture.** If you have a heavy appliance or piece of furniture and need to move it (on non-carpeted surfaces), spray a little Windex underneath it towards the direction of where you'd like to drag it, and it will help those heavy items slide right across.

**13. Clean your car's windshield (and other windows too!).** I used to drag out a bottle of Windex and a roll of paper towels to clean the inside of my windshield periodically, but unless I was home to think about and do the task right then, chances are I would forget about it until the next time I had to drive at night. My wife just gave me a pack of Windex Wipes for my truck, and now I can clean up the inside of my windshield any time it gets a film of streaky dust. Works great and it's always at the ready

## Lawyers



Lawyers should never ask a Texas grandma a question if they aren't prepared for the answer. In a trial, a Texas small-town prosecuting attorney called his first witness, a grandmotherly, elderly woman to the stand. He approached her and asked, 'Mrs. Jones, do you know me?' She responded, 'Why, yes, I do know you, Mr. Williams. I've known you since you were a boy, and frankly, you've been a big disappointment to me. You lie, you cheat on your wife, and you manipulate people and talk about them behind their backs. You think you're a big shot when you haven't the brains to realize you'll never amount to anything more than a two-bit paper pusher. Yes, I know you.'

The lawyer was stunned. Not knowing what else to do, he pointed across the room and asked, 'Mrs. Jones, do you know the defense attorney?'

She again replied, 'Why yes, I do. I've known Mr. Bradley since he was a youngster, too. He's lazy, bigoted, and he has a drinking problem. He can't build a normal relationship with anyone, and his law practice is one of the worst in the entire state. Not to mention he cheated on his wife with three different women. One of them was your wife. Yes, I know him.'

The defense attorney nearly died.

The judge asked both counselors to approach the bench and, in a very quiet voice, said, 'If either of you idiots asks her if she knows me, I'll send you both to the electric chair...'



## November 1-3, 2019 Agenda



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

- Friday night: Caravan to local Seafood restaurant
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- Saturday morning: breakfast will be provided by hosts. Please bring your beverage and eating utensils.
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- Saturday afternoon: Bowling in Columbus (cost is \$12 per person for 2 hours bowling + shoes). Depart for “Stars and Strikes” lanes from the RV Park at 1:30 PM. Please pay Ted prior to departing.  
PLEASE LET YOUR HOSTS KNOW BEFORE 10/15 IF YOU PLAN TO BOWL by email to Ted at [teddyo@icloud.com](mailto:teddyo@icloud.com)
- Saturday night: Spaghetti Dinner provided by hosts at club house. Please bring your own beverage and utensils.
- Saturday after dinner: Play “Card Bingo”. Each person should bring the following: a \$1 bill, 4 quarters and 10 dimes. If you can also bring a deck of cards please do so. This game is great fun.
- Sunday morning: Continental Breakfast provided by hosts. Please bring your beverage and utensils.

\*Weather permitting – campfires at night with good fellowship.

\*Weather not permitting – good fellowship indoors around the fireplace!

\*Rally fee: \$15/per person

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

Darlene 770-468-6177      Joyce 706-621-8755

NOTE: NO MORE VACANCIES



# 2019 Christmas Rally



## Fort Yargo State Park December 6-8, 2019 Host: Officer

**Friday** - Yet to be planned

**Saturday** - Caravan to Boyd & Terry Carlyle's home for a Southern home cooked dinner

**Sunday** - On your own since campground is spread out

**Campground Reservations** - We will be camping in "Campground #1". Suggested sites include 13 thru 27 which are along the same street. Also, sites 2 thru 4 are close by and sites 5 thru 12 can also work. To make your reservation you must visit [GaStateParks.org/fortyargo](http://GaStateParks.org/fortyargo) or call 1-800-864-7275.

New check-in location: Fort Yargo State Park has a new visitor's center and new entrance. We are requesting all guests to check-in at the new visitor center location which is 1/4 of a mile south of the old entrance. The park address will remain the same, but the GPS coordinates of the new visitor center are as follows: Latitude 33.9842 Longitude -83.7335). Thank you for choosing Fort Yargo State Park. We look forward to your arrival.

Fort Yargo State Park: now offers Site-Specific Camping! As of October 4, 2018, you can book your reservation for a specific campsite here at Fort Yargo State Park. Please remember to pay close attention to which site you are choosing during your reservation booking!

Getting There:

**GPS Info.** (Latitude, Longitude):

33.97167, -83.72722

33°58'18"N, 83°43'38"W

Fort Yargo State Park is located one mile south of Winder on Georgia Highway 81.

Contact Information:

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