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Future SEA (Southeast Area) Rally

www.seafmca.org

SEA President-Betty Duncan email:bettyhduncan@fmca.com SEA Georgia VP - Patricia Voyna pfvoyna@marvsdiesel.com SEA Rally - Feb. 5-8, 2020 Lakeland, Florida

Future FMCA International Convention

Summer 2020 - August 26-29, Lincoln, Nebraska-Winter 2021 - March 10-13 Perry, GA Summer 2021 - July 7-10, Gillette, WY Winter 2022 - March 23-26, 2022, Tucson, AZ * Summer 2022 – Lincoln, Nebr. or Sedalia, MO Winter 2023 - March 15-18, Perry, GA * Summer 2023 - Sedalia, MO or Lincoln, Nebr. Summer 2024 - July 17-20, Gillette, WY Summer 2027 - July 14-17, Gillette, WY

* = Contingent on successful contract negotiations.

2020 RALLY HOSTS



Wagon Master – Terry Jones tjcatering@gmail.com 404-925-6440

* Weekend different from 1st 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.

*September 10-12 - Holiday RV, Chattanooga, TN Jones

*October 9-11 - Scenic Mountain, Milledgeville Young, Thomas

November 6-8 – CANCEL due Covid-19 – NC new rules

December 4-6 – TBD Officer

PRESIDENTS CORNER – August 2020

By Wiley Bowman

We are living in a time when so many things seem to be falling apart. How can people be so dissatisfied in a country that offers the best standard of living and freedoms not available in any other country. It seems that a relatively few people are determined, and succeeding, to rebel against all authority, completely dismantle our form of government, that includes repealing many laws that ensure our freedoms as guaranteed by our Constitution. These are freedoms that we take for granted and have never been threatened before.

We must get involved if we are to save the way of life as we know it. I know that I am "preaching to the choir" as Peach State Travelers are probably some of the most patriotic people alive, but we must not sit back and wait for others to get people out to vote this November. I am sure we will all cast our vote, but we must take the time to encourage all friends, neighbors and even strangers to get out and do their part to save our democracy. We cannot wait until after November to realize that we are headed for a socialistic society where current citizens will have little control of our government. Please do your part to preserve our form of government.

> If the person who named Walkie Talkies named everything

Stamps = Lickie Stickie Defibrillators = Hearty Starty Bumble bees = Fuzzy Buzzy Pregnancy test = Maybe Baby Bra =Breastie Nestie Fork= Stabby Grabby Socks = Feetie Heatie Hippo = Floatie Bloatie Nightmare = Screamy Dreamy

NATIONAL DIRECTOR REPORT

By Patricia Voyna

National Directors were asked again to respond to what is happening. Below is my response.

Jon and Executive board.

As SEA-VP-GA, and a National Director, I polled my clubs as VP and my club as National Director. We stand at 80.4% here in Georgia want to keep FMCAssist. Have no problem with \$75.00 dues. I also gave them information what FMCAssist covers, some were not aware they were covered going to Grandma's house by car as long as it is over 100 miles away from home base. A \$25.00 a year to get coverage that is out on the open Market for \$200.00 plus is a great deal.

Members aren't aware of what all FMCAssist covers. Perhaps one full page in Magazine containing bullet points in large print should be considered.

I know there has to be a way to balance the budget without taking away FMCAssist. If I didn't have so many years invested in FMCA, I would say bye if FMCAssist is taken away. I know for sure if a member for 1 or 2 years, I would not renew if assist was removed.

Time is ticking away before new VP's take office. The budget needs to be wrapped up before they leave office. Get this budget done, keeping FMCAssist. Patricia Voyna ND-Peach State Travelers SEA-VP-GA

Don't forget, Please, sign the FMCA waver sheets if attending a rally. At this time FMCA is not insuring our rallies. If you do not sign one, you will not get credit for the rally. Please give sheets to the rally hosts and they will give them to the secretary to be kept as record.

SECRETARY REPORT- August 2020

By Kenlyn Sawyer using information from Terri Jones and Wiley Bowman

The August 2020 was held at the Creek Fire RV Resort in Savannah, GA from August 7 – 9, 2020. Hosts were Wiley Bowman and Dennis and Terri Jones. There was a total of 13 people in attendance for the weekend. Names of those in attendance are at the end of this report.

Discussion was held regarding upcoming rallies.

Upcoming rallies – Please contact your hosts to confirm your attendance.

September 11 - 13, 2020 - Holiday Travel RV Park - 623 S Mack Smith Rd, Rossville, GA (Jones, Castors) October 9 - 11, 2020 - Scenic Mountain RV Resort -Milledgeville, GA (Young, Thomas) November 6 - 8, 2020 – CANCELLED as of 8/15/20

MEMBERS: Bowman; Castor; Esposito; Gruba; Jones; Miller; Young





RALLY REPORT – August 2020

By Wiley Bowman

Peach State Travelers, Rally at Creek Fire RV Resort and Campground, Savannah, GA. Aug. 7 thru 9, 2020. Hosted by Wiley Bowman and co-hosted by Dennis and Terri Jones. There were 7 coaches in attendance at the rally with 13 people. The weather was very warm during the day, but we were blessed with an afternoon thunder storm that helped to cool things down for our evening gatherings.

On Thursday evening, everyone gathered outside the Esposito's new motor home for a Meet and Greet. Light appetizers punch and watermelon was served by the Esposito's. Much conversation surrounded the inconveniences of Covid 19 while practicing social distancing.

We later gathered at the Lake House Restaurant located on the lake for a very nice dinner on the deck overlooking a most beautiful lake scene. Our dinner was briefly interrupted by a tremendous thunderstorm that dropped the temperature for a very comfortable evening.

On Friday morning, everyone gathered at Tubby's Restaurant on Savannah's famous River Walk. We enjoyed a delicious meal from Tubby's menu specializing in fresh seafood. Following the delicious meal, many enjoyed visiting the numerous shops along the river front that included gift shops and homemade candy shops offering free samples that were impossible to pass up.

On Friday evening, everyone gathered at the Jones's *temporary* RV for a delicious meal consisting of heavy appetizers prepared by all attendees.

On Saturday morning, everyone again gathered at Terri and Dennis' RV for a full breakfast consisting of a variety of fruits, juices, scrambled eggs and Wiley's sausage gravy. After breakfast, everyone went their separate ways: some shopping, napping or taking one of the many tours of historic Savannah. Saturday evening, everyone was treated with a most wonderful Low Country Boil, prepared by Terri and Dennis Jones. After enjoying all the shrimp, sausage, corn and all the contents of a Low Country Boil, all were treated to several gallons of Wiley's homemade peach ice cream.

Following dinner, a short business meeting was called by President Wiley Bowman.

Sunday Morning: Continental breakfast was served which ended with lots of good bye and safe travel wishes.

SUNSHINE REPORT - August 2020

By Wanda Hollenbeck



Brain Teaser

My first is in ocean but never in sea. My second's in wasp but never in bee. My third is in glider and also in flight. My whole is a creature that comes out at night. What am I? (answer on page 5) TREASURES'S REPORT November 2019

February Rally

March Rally

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By: Terry Carlyle

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Tripp Flowers	159.00
Annual Corp. Registration	30.00

Ending Balance 02-08-202020 \$1,993.90

REMEMBER EVERYONE MUST FILL OUT RALLY REPORTS AND SEND THEM TO ME.<u>YOU MUST ALSO SEND RECEIPTS FOR EXPENSES!!!!!!!!!</u> PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU KEEP UP WITH THE RECEIPTS!!!!

Birthdays

- 8-?? Linda Castor 8-05 – Boyd Carlyle
- 8-11 Lori Thomas
- 8-15 Jim Duren
- 8-15 Barb Watson
- 8-18 Don Loudermilk
- 8-19 Dawn Cail
- 8-21 Yvonne Cowan
- 8-22 Carole Sawyer
- 8-31 Terri Jones

Anniversaries

8-12 – Pat & Lori Thomaas 8-15 – Boyd & Terry Carlyle





From Tom Tripp

I believe I have sold my coach. Very much mixed emotions. As a result, however, am having a garage sale of either brand new or hardly used RV items. PM me if you want any. I've listed the original price, will consider any reasonable offers!

Emergency Roadside Triangle Warning Kit, never used in box \$20

20' Valterra Bayonet Sewer Kit, never used in box \$40

50amp 30ft Black Extension cord, never used \$96

50amp to 30amp dogbone, never used \$22

Cummins Ribbed Fan Belt, Tiffin part 5015142 \$71

Stromberg Calrson step platform with folding legs, hardly used \$85

Cummins code reader data link to phone app, never used in box \$400v

TOSOT dehumidifier 50 pint, brand new \$200

6 new Watts water filters, fit Tiffin system \$90

Tiffin logo sewer addle bag \$15

4 15x15 Outrigger Bigfoot jack pads, used once \$200

20' Expandable flag pole with tire stand \$500

COVID-19 scammers are after you! Here's how to protect yourself



By Russ and Tiña De Maris As if the COVID-19 pandemic didn't create enough problems – toilet paper shortages, campground closures, etc. – here's another surfacing problem: A pandemic of pandemic scammers. Reports

are coming in from across the country of smooth-talking folks – ones looking to turn fears of coronavirus into a way to worm into wallets. Here's what to watch out for, and how to protect yourself.

Contact tracing scams

When someone tests positive for COVID-19, many health departments will then try and figure out who that person has been in contact with. That way, they can trace those folks down to ensure they quarantine themselves. They also want them tested for the disease. Contact tracing means a phone call to those who may be unwelcome recipients of coronavirus. Here's where the scam comes in.

Someone claiming to be a contact tracer calls you, advising you've been in contact with an infected person. They stress how important it is that you are tested for COVID-19. They may, or may not, also stress you need to quarantine. But the scammer goes farther – he'll see to it that you're sent a "test kit" so you can check yourself at home. And the rub? Ah, he'll need a credit card number for the cost of the test. Legitimate contact tracers will refer you to a public facility for testing, for free. Hang up the phone.

"We've got your results"

As the health system tries to get a handle on just how many people may have COVID-19, more testing is being done. This time, your phone rings, and the caller tells you they have your test results now. If you actually had a COVID-19 test done, this sounds like the call you've been waiting for. The scammer doesn't really have results – he just needs that old "financial information" before he can give you the results. Legitimate labs and health agencies don't ask for money or financial information.

An obvious tip off is, you haven't had a coronavirus test. The scammer doesn't know that, it's just a "numbers game." If he calls enough numbers, he'll soon enough find somebody who really has had the test. If you did have a test performed and haven't received results, just look out for the request for personal or financial information. If you still aren't sure, ask for the name of the laboratory or health agency that's calling, and hang up. Look up the number for the outfit on the Internet or in your phone book. Then call that number to see if they've really called you.

They use e-mail, too

While the "got your results" and the "contact-tracing" scams could also be run via e-mail, it's more likely you'll get an e-mail providing you with "important information" about how to protect yourself from COVID-19. These e-mails may purport to be from legitimate organizations like the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) or the World Health Organization (WHO). In keeping with bold and scheming smarty-scammers, they may include the organization's logotype. The hack here: You'll be given links to click on for more information. Click on the link and you may open your computer to having malicious software dumped inside. Software that can pick its way through your confidential files, or that can record what you type on your keyboard and send it "home" to the scammers – think credit card numbers, dates of birth, information that in the wrong hands could make your life miserable.

DUMP any e-mails that claim to provide information about COVID-19. If you want to know straightforward, legitimate information, then go straight to the legitimate source. Use your browser to locate the REAL website of, say, the CDC or World Health Organization.

The corona-crooks are out there. Don't let them infect you.



Hillbilly Moms Letter

Dear Son, I'm writing this slow 'cause I know you can't read fast.

We don't live where we did when you left.

Your dad read in the paper that most accidents happen within twenty miles of home, so we moved.

Won't be able to send you the address as the last Arkansas family that lived here took the numbers with them for their house, so they wouldn't have to change their address.

This place has a washing machine. The first day I put four shirts in it, pulled the chain and haven't seen 'em since.

It only rained twice this week, three days the first time and four days the second time.

The coat you wanted me to send to you, Aunt Sue said it would be a little too heavy to send in the mail with them heavy buttons, so we cut them off and put them in the pockets.

We got a bill from the funeral home, and it said if we didn't make the final payment on Grandma's funeral bill, up she comes.

About your sister, she had a baby this morning. I haven't found out whether if it is a boy or girls so don't know if you are an Aunt or Uncle???

Your Uncle John fell in the whiskey vat. Some men tried to get him out, but he fought them off playfully, so he drowned. We cremated him and he burned for three days.

Three of your friends went off the bridge in a pickup. One was driving and the other two were in the back. The driver got out. He rolled down the window and swam to safety. The other 2 drowned. They couldn't get the tailgate down. Not much more news this time.

Nothing much happened. If you don't get this letter, please let me know and I will send another one.

Love, Mom

P.S. - I was going to send you some spending money, but I had already sealed the envelope and mailed it.



Wife's Birthday

A man was sitting on the edge of the bed, watching his wife, who was looking at herself in the mirror. Since her birthday was not far off, he asked what she'd like as a gift. "I'd like to be eight again," she replied, still looking in the mirror.

On the morning of her birthday, he rose early, made her a nice big bowl of Coco Pops, and then took her to Adventure World theme park. What a day! He put her on every ride in the park; the Death Slide, the Wall of Fear, the Screaming Roller Coaster, everything there was.

Five hours later they staggered out of the theme park. Her head was reeling and her stomach felt upside down. He then took her to a McDonald's where he ordered her a Happy Meal with extra fries and a chocolate shake. Then it was off to a movie, with popcorn, a soda pop, and her favorite candy, M&Ms. What a fabulous adventure!

Finally, she wobbled home with her husband and collapsed into bed, exhausted. He leaned over his wife with a big smile and lovingly asked, "Well dear, what was it like being eight again?"

Her eyes slowly opened and her expression suddenly changed. "I meant my dress size, you idiot!!!!"

The moral of the story: Even when a man is listening, he is gonna get it wrong.



I tell all my patients this at physical therapy! Homemade Ice packs: 1 part rubbing alcohol to 3 parts water, gets really cold, but never hardens so you can manipulate it, every athlete (or

22 tips for choosing the best campsite

By Chuck Woodbury

Here are some tips about choosing a campsite based on years of experience.

1. First, the obvious: Be sure the site is level or close to it, and long enough so your RV (and tow or towed vehicle) doesn't stick out in the road (so no bumps in the night).

2. Pay careful attention before pulling into a campsite to be sure you can clear tree branches above and beside your RV. Scratches (or worse) are not your friend.

3. Check the power pedestal before pulling in or immediately thereafter before leveling up. Be sure it works and is safe (if not, you could get shocked by your RV – or worse!).

4. Check the position of the water hookup. Will your hose reach? Ditto the sewer hookup.

5. If you choose a campsite on a curve in the park road, choose a site on the inside of it to avoid headlights of passing campers after dark.

6. Never park under a tree with ripe berries or other fruit. They will drop on your roof and stain it.

7. Avoid parking under pine trees that drop sap. Sap is no fun to remove. If there are pine cones, be aware that squirrels may chew them and then drop them when finished (right on your roof with a loud thud!).

8. Before choosing a site, check to see if the ground is covered with bird poop. If so, then birds likely roost at night in the tree above. Unless you're into a slimy, poopy roof, choose another campsite.

9. If the daytime temperature is really cold or really hot, choose a campsite that will either provide lots of sunshine or a

minimum of it. In hot weather, it's a good idea to position the RV so its refrigerator gets the least amount of heat (as in sunshine). If you have a pet you may need to leave alone for brief times in the summer, park where the RV is shaded in the afternoon.

10. If it's windy, choose a site where the front or back of the RV points into the wind. You'll experience a lot less rockin' and rollin' from wind and wind gusts that way.

11. If you have kids and/or love kids, then parking near the playground or pool might be fun. But if you prefer peace and quiet to screaming kids, you might want to choose a site across the park.

12. In the fall, if your campsite is under deciduous trees, be prepared to climb onto your roof before you leave to brush leaves off your roof and slides.

13. If you plan to use the park's WiFi (or your own device) to connect to the Internet, check the strength of the signal before settling into a site. Reception may be strong in one area of a park and useless in another. Ditto for TV if using an antenna. 14. Check out your neighbor's site before setting up: If there's a boombox and lots of beer cans visible, you may wish to move farther away if you treasure quiet time.

15. If you plan to sleep late in the morning, be sure to park a distance away from any dumpsters, which crews may bang around when dumping, commonly early in the morning. 16. If there's a long line of high bushes next to or at the back of your campsite, look behind the bushes for train tracks. If you love the sound of trains, stay. If not, move.

17. If there's a tavern within walking distance of your campsite, be aware that there could be some noise around 2 a.m., when patrons might bring their party back to the park.

18. In the tourist season, when looking for a campsite without a reservation, pick one away from popular destinations, which will be in biggest demand. Move to those popular places on a Sunday afternoon when most of the weekend campers have headed home.

19. To avoid noise from passing RVs and cars, choose a campsite near the back of the park rather than near the entrance. 20. If campfire smoke bothers you, check the location of your neighbor's fire pit. It could literally be 10 or 15 feet away. If so, your RV may fill with smoke when the wind is blowing your way.

21. Always ask when registering if any discounts are available -Good Sam, Escapees, FMCA, AAA, AARP, Passport America, military or veterans rate, etc.

22. Check with Google Earth or Maps before you choose your campground to see what attractions are nearby that you might be able to easily walk or bike to.



A nurse on the pediatric ward, before listening to the little ones' chests would plug the stethoscope into their ears and let them listen to their own hearts. Their eyes would always light up with awe. But she never got a response to equal four year old David's. Gently he tucked the stethoscope in his ears and placed the disk over his heart.

"Listen", she said, "What do you suppose that is?" He drew his eyebrows together in a puzzled line and looked up as if lost in the mystery of the strange tap-tap-tapping deep in his chest. Then his face broke out in a wondrous grin.

"Is that Jesus knocking?" he asked.

TODAY I DECIDED TO CAUSE TROUBLE ...

I went to a RESTAURANT and after seeing every table occupied by couples, I took out my phone and made a very loud phone call saying, "YES, dear friend, your man is here with another woman, just come and see."

Eight men got up and left ...

Brain teaser answer:

Owl.

ALL ABOARD !!!

JOIN PEACH STATE TRAVELERS IN SEPTEMBER

DATES OF RALLY - SEPT 11, 12, 13 - HOLIDAY TRAVEL PARK - CHATTANOOGA, TN

HOSTS – DENNIS AND TERRI JONES (404-925-6440) RON AND LINDA CASTOR (404-625-5402)

HOLIDAY TRAVEL RV PARK

1623 SOUTH MACK SMITH ROAD

CHATTANOOGA, TN 37412 1-800-693-2877

(ENTRANCE DIRECTLY ACROSS FROM DOLLAR GENERAL) NORTHBOUND 75 – EXIT 1 – TURN LEFT ONTO SOUTH MACK SMITH ROAD -CAMPGROUND ON RIGHT

RATES - \$41.65 / night -TAX INCLUDED0 30/50 AMP-FULL HOOKUPS/CABLE/WIFI

PLEASE RESERVE BY AUGUST 1ST - HOLDING SPOTS UNTIL THEN.

WEEKEND TENTATIVE SCHEDULE: BRING BEVERAGES AND CHAIRS TO OUTDOOR EVENTS (HOST SITE TBA)

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 10 - THOSE PRESENT-5:00 PM-HEAVY APPETIZERES AND NIBBLES Clubhouse)

FRIDAY – SEPTEMBER 11 – 5:00 - COOKOUT-HOSTS PROVIDES MEAL-GAMES AND MUSIC

SATURDAY – SEPTEMBER 12- POSSIBLE RIVERBOAT CRUISE AND LUNCH -TBD- 12:00 NOON ** PM EVENING GAMES AND CAMPFIRE NIBBLES!! (Clubhouse)

SUNDAY- SEPTEMBER 13 – 9:00 AM -CLUBHOUSE – BREAKFAST-MEETING-GOODBYES!

RALLY FEE : \$20.00 PER GUEST..PLEASE LET YOUR HOST KNOW THAT YOU HAVE REGISTERED AND MAIL CHIECK TO TERRI JONES ..1100 NEWTOWN ROAD..WASHINGTON, GA. 30673

** RIVERBOAT CRUISE AND LUNCH STILL UP IN AIR..DO NOT SEND \$\$ FOR THAT..WILL NOTIFY YOU AS SOON AS THEY LET ME KNOW!!!!

PST Rally Oct. 9 to 11, 2020

Scenic Mountain RV Park and Campground 2866 Irwinton Rd., Milledgeville, GA 31061 Phone 478-454-1013 Website www.scenicmountainrvpark.com

Hosts: Ted & Darlene Young, Pat and Lori Thomas

We are looking forward to hosting the October Rally. Scenic Mountain RV Park has great reviews and a newly renovated, large building for dining and entertainment. As was noted in Kenlyn's email of June 10, the rally date was changed so as not to conflict with the Coaches for Christ rally in Gulf Shore, AL the first weekend of Oct.

Please call for reservations by Sept. 1. The rate is \$35 per night. Advise you are a member of PST so we can be on sites in close proximity. There is a lot to see in the Milledgeville area.

The tentative schedule will be as follows:

For Thursday Oct. 9 early birds, dinner is on your own or together.

Friday evening- We will carpool to a local restaurant to be determined.

Saturday breakfast- Will be in the clubhouse by the hosts. Bring utensils and beverage.

Saturday evening dinner will be in the clubhouse by your hosts. Bring utensils and beverage.

Sunday morning- Hosts will provide lite breakfast, bring beverage.

Rally fee will be \$20 per person and collected during the rally.

Please contact Darlene or Lori after you make your reservation so we have a count of those attending.

Phone – Darlene 770-468-6177 Darla4sold@icloud.com Phone – Lori 478-390-9090



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