



# 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**

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.

Just a quick reminder, please make sure to drop your 2021 PST dues - only \$10/RV to Terry Carlyle.

Terry Carlyle  
193 Murphy Road  
Pendergrass, GA 30567

Thanks!

## **2020 RALLY HOSTS**



Wagon Master – Terry Jones  
[tjcaterring@gmail.com](mailto:tjcaterring@gmail.com)  
404-925-6440

\* 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 6-8** –The Great Outdoors RV Resort Franklin, NC  
*Carlyle, Sawyers*

**December 4-6** – TBD  
*Officer*

## **PRESIDENTS CORNER – October 2020**

By Wiley Bowman

## **NATIONAL DIRECTOR REPORT**

By Patricia Voyna

Jon Walker is asking us to send in nominations for national committees. Chapter members is anyone interested in serving on a national committee. If so, please have them send Betty Duncan your name, Committee, and what you would bring to the committee.

### Committees are:

Constitution and Bylaws  
Governmental & Legislative Affairs  
Membership & Member Services  
Policy & Procedure  
FMCA Review Council  
Risk Management

The other committees will be appointed by the President or are designated to certain people or areas, such as the Convention Committee, Budget Committee, and Finance Committee.

Also, we welcome candidates for all offices in the Southeast Area (SEA), but we have no one stating they are running for Treasurer, South Florida VP, or Mississippi VP. Steve Parks, SEA nominating chairman asking you to run for an office. Please consider running for one of the above offices of SEA. It would be nice to have several people running for each office. I have heard no one say they want to run for my position, and unlike SEA where there are no term limits on how many two year terms you may hold, National limit on serving in an office is two 2-year terms, so we have to get someone to run for SEA President/National VP, which will take place on line around the first part of the year, and my successor will be installed in Gillette, Wyoming in July of 2021.

Please consider stepping up and requesting to be on a committee and/or to run for an office in SEA.

Please get your Committee requests to me ASAP.

Thank you so much,  
Betty

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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.  
Pat

## SECRETARY REPORT-October 2020

By Kenlyn Sawyer

## RALLY REPORT –October 2020

By

## SUNSHINE REPORT – October 2020

By Wanda Hollenbeck



## TREASURES'S REPORT November 2019

By: Terry Carlyle



**Beginning Balance 02-08-2020 \$2,073.39**

Receipts:

February Rally	4.00
March Rally	65.51
Dues	40,00

Disbursements:

Tripp Flowers	159.00
Annual Corp. Registration	30.00

**Ending Balance 02-08-2020 \$1,993.90**

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

## 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



If every dog has his day, a K-9 dog with the **Brewster County, Texas**, sheriff's office got his in spades. On October 10 the canine "officer" was called out to investigate a suspicious travel trailer being detained by border patrol agents. The unnamed bow-wow alerted, and a subsequent search turned up nearly a ton-and-a-half of marijuana stashed behind a false wall in the trailer. The trailer, its tow rig, two suspects, and 2,957 pounds of MaryJane were all locked up.

The word 'Dussehra' is derived from two Sanskrit words – 'dasha' and 'hara' – that mean defeating the ten bad qualities within us:

- Ahankara (Ego)
- Amanavta (Cruelty)
- Anyaaya (Injustice)
- Kama vasana (Lust)
- Krodha (Anger)
- Lobha (Greed)
- Mada (Over Pride)
- Matsara (Jealousy)
- Moha (Attachment)
- Swartha (Selfishness)

Happy Dusshera

## What to Know: RV Fire Safety

By Mike Wendland



One of the biggest fears many RVers have is fire and for good reason — each year, RV fires cause deaths, injuries and millions of dollars in damages to RVs. Just as fires happen in our homes and businesses.

Overall, the numbers of RV fires reported each year are around 1,000.

Point is: it happens and you need to take steps to make sure you aren't among those stats I just cited.

That's why we talked with our friend Mark Polk of [RVEducation101.com](http://RVEducation101.com).

Mark is a true expert on all aspects of RVs and RV safety and has critical and very practical advice about keeping our RVs safe from fire.

Among his top tips, make sure your fire safety devices are as ready to travel as you are.

“A really good habit to get into is, prior to every trip you take in your RV, you test the device,” Polk said, referring to devices like smoke and propane leak detectors.

Also on the topic of fire safety devices, Polk said to use devices that are made for use in RVs, and, where applicable, make sure devices aren't expired.

“It's typically five years from the date it was manufactured,” Polk said. “Nobody really talks about that.”

Of course, fire extinguishers are important to RV fire safety, though Polk cautions that they have limited use and shouldn't be considered the only line of defense against fire.

“You want to look at the site gauge and make sure that it's fully charged, and if it's not, you'll want to replace it,” Polk said.

Being prepared to handle a fire is good advice.

The biggest question we had for Polk, however, was what can RVers do to avoid causing fires altogether?

In short, he said, problems are caused by various incidents, like poorly maintained propane systems.

Other fires are caused by electrical shorts, such as when electric heaters are being used to supplement furnace systems. “Heaters can have a really high wattage,” Polk said. “So you leave it on for a really long time, like when you're sleeping and it's creating a lot of heat in the electrical circuit to the point where the insulation might start to melt and two wires make contact and that ignites the fire.”

Though Polk offered us plenty of fire safety tips, he said people shouldn't be afraid of RVing.

“I don't want to make people paranoid, it's just being aware of these things,” Polk said.

You can hear my entire interview with Mark on [Episode 126 of the RV Podcast](#). For your convenience, we put Mark's top recommendation into a short list for future reference:

Be aware of fire safety devices in your RV

Know how to use those devices

Make sure those devices are maintained

If your fire extinguisher has a powder-based firefighting chemical, turn it upside down and give it a couple of solid taps before leaving so the powder doesn't get caked and jam.

Make sure anything that can burn doesn't accidentally fall into an area where heating elements or open flame may be present.

Have your RV's LP system inspected by a professional annually.

Use electric heaters in the 750-1,000-watt range to avoid pushing the upper limit of an RV's electrical circuit

Use electric heaters that shut off automatically when knocked over

Always keep an operating carbon monoxide detector in your RV



## **Peach State Travelers November Rally**

November 6-8, 2020

The Great Outdoors RV Resort – 321 Thumpers Trail

Franklin, NC 28734

Call Polly @ 828-349-0412 for reservations &

Let her know you are with Peach State Travelers (PST)

**Hosts: Carlyle's, Sawyer's**

Call Terry Carlyle @ 770-363-2719 to RSVP with your arrival date

### **Tentative Agenda**

Thursday – 5:30 PM To be Determined for early birds

Friday 5:30 PM Soup and Sandwiches \*\*

Saturday 9AM Breakfast/Business Meeting \*\*

Saturday 5:30 PM Hosts will provide meal \*\*

Sunday 9AM Breakfast/Devotion \*\*

Rally fee \$25 per person collected at the rally

Look forward to seeing everyone. Safe Travels

\*\* Bring plate/silverware set-up with beverage to meals

**Schedule and activities subject to change.**



## **Peach State Travelers December Rally**

**Saturday, December 5, 2020 @12:00 noon**

**Bay Breeze Restaurant**

**2418 Canton Road**

**Marietta, GA 30066**

**Hosts: PST Officers**

**Call/Text Kenlyn @ 404-867-3898 to RSVP by 11/30/20**

**Rally fee \$1.00 per couple collected at the rally**

**Look forward to seeing everyone**

**If you are interested in camping, we will be camping at**

**Allatoona Landing Resort @770-974-6089**

**24 Allatoona Landing Road**

**Cartersville, GA 30120**

**Good Sam Rate is \$44.80/night for full hook up**

**Friday night – Restaurant TBD**

**Saturday – possibly see lights at Life University**

**Sunday morning – Breakfast TBD**

**Call/Text Kenlyn @ 404-867-3898 if camping**

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**IN GOD WE TRUST**

