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Future FMCA International Convention

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.

2021 RALLY HOSTS



Wagon Master –

* 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.

February 6 – Canceled

Gruba

March 10-13 TBD Perry Convention

Voyna

April 2-4

May 7-9 –

June 4-6

July 2-4

August 6-8 – Rabun Gap – INFO TO FOLLOW

Esposito

September 3-5

October 1-3

November 5-7

December 3-5 – TBD

Officers

PRESIDENTS CORNER – January 2021

By Wiley Bowman

Dear PST Membership,
 After much discussion with PST leadership and hosts for February Luncheon, a decision was made to cancel the February luncheon due to the continuing threat of COVID 19. The spread of this virus continues to be at an all time high. I know we all look forward to our rallies, but most of us are in the “high risk” category and we simply cannot put our members at risk.

We still look forward to the March FMCA rally in Perry. If you have not yet registered, please do so as soon as possible as I understand that all electrical spaces have been reserved.

As most of you know, we are still looking for someone to replace Terri Jones as Wagon Master. I will be contacting members to fill this position for the remainder of the year. In the meantime, anyone who is willing to step forward and host a rally would be most appreciated. I believe all months are open from April to December.

Safe Travels

Wiley

NATIONAL DIRECTOR REPORT

By Patricia Voyna

See November for the attachments on Covid Release, FMC Assist, etc.

SECRETARY REPORT-January 2021

By Kenlyn Sawyer

No January Rally

RALLY REPORT –January 2021

By

No January Rally

SUNSHINE REPORT – November 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

01-13 – Phil Newton
01-20 – Beth Bennett
01-21 – Cecil Mallory
01-30 – Margie Esposito

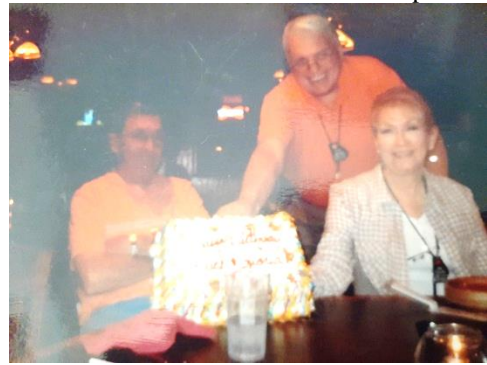


Anniversaries



NOTES

Look what I found. Blast from the past



Join me in telling
Walmart," if I wanted to
check myself out, I'd
stay at home and shop
Amazon." Hire some
cashiers.....

Be Careful

Everyone PLEASE be careful because people are going crazy from being locked down at home!

I was just talking about this with the microwave and the toaster while drinking my Coca-Cola, and we all agreed that things are getting bad.

I didn't mention any of this to the washing machine, because she puts a different spin on EVERYTHING!! Certainly couldn't share with the fridge, cause he's been acting cold and distant! In the end, the iron straightened me out! She said the situation isn't all that pressing and all the wrinkles will soon get ironed out!

The vacuum, however, was very unsympathetic...told me to just suck it up! But the fan was VERY optimistic and gave me hope that it will all blow over soon!

The toilet looked a bit flushed but didn't say anything when I asked its opinion, but the front door said I was becoming unhinged and the doorknob told me to get a grip!! You can just about guess what the curtains told me: they told me to "pull myself together!"

We will survive!!

IMPORTANT: Why you need to Exercise an RV Generator

Mike Wendland



It sounds silly but one maintenance task many RVers forget to do is to exercise an RV generator. It's a simple process that will ensure many years of reliable service. Here's how to do it:

To exercise an RV generator means running it, under load, at least once a month. And despite what you may read on some RV forums, a propane RV generator needs to be exercised just as do gas or diesel generators.

Here's a very short video showing you the process of how I exercise an Rv generator:

Why you need to exercise an RV generator

When you exercise an RV generator it removes water vapor, circulates the oil and lubricants, and burns up the gunk and deposits that can clog its internal parts.

It is so important that some generators look home many hours the generator has been run in deciding to cover a warranty repair. If it hasn't been run enough to show it has been "exercised," they could waive your warranty.

Consider exercising an RV generator basic maintenance.

Most generator failures can be traced to generators that just haven't been run enough.

And there is nothing worse than being in some beautiful boondocking spot only to discover your generator won't start.

How long should you exercise an RV generator?

<https://www.cummins.com/rv-generator-manuals>

EXERCISING THE GENSET

Exercise the genset at least 2 hours each month if use is infrequent. Run the genset at approximately 1/2 rated power. See **LOADING THE GENSET** (Page 2-2). A single two hour exercise period is better than several shorter periods.

Exercising a genset drives off moisture, re-lubricates the engine, replaces stale fuel in fuel lines and carburetor and removes oxides from electrical contacts and generator slip rings. The result is better starting, more reliable operation and longer engine life.

From the Manual" This is from the manual from Onan about the need to exercise an RV generator

More is better. Onan, the most popular of all the RV generator manufacturers, recommends two hours a month.

During the season, if you are using the RV and firing up the generator from time to time, you want to make sure it runs for a bare minimum of 60 minutes.

We're talking about continual running, not cumulative.

How should you exercise an RV generator?

First, if in storage or at a campground, unplug your RV from shore power.

Second, exercise it under load.

That means you need to have various appliances drawing power, at least 50% of the generator's capacity.

Take the Onan generator we have on our [2020 Leisure Travel Vans RTB RV](#). It is a 3,600 watt LP unit.

For 50% draw, I want to then run something that requires 1,800 watts.

What works perfectly for us is a portable ceramic heater that we take with us on our winter camping trips to supplement the heat that comes from the RV's furnace.

The unit we have is the [Lasko 5309 Electronic Oscillating Tower Heater](#), which is rated at 1,500 watts. At full heat settings, it's close enough to provide an adequate drain.

What are the differences between gas, diesel, and propane RV generators?

Although Gas and diesel generators "sip" fuel as they need it from the vehicle's fuel tank, there is always some in the generator itself. And, as we all know, gas and diesel fuel go bad with age. So if you are not using the generator a lot, that bad fuel can gunk up the generator's parts.

If unused for too long, the genny may not start at all.

Propane generators, because they run on LP gas, don't have these issues. In fact, I've heard many RVers say they don't even bother to exercise their propane generators and have never had issues.

Since the manufacturer recommends exercising my propane generator, I trust them rather than the armchair experts.

Onan-Cummins, the most popular manufacturer of RV generators, makes manuals for each model available online.

I definitely exercise my RV generator!

Some RVers don't like propane generators because they worry about gas leaks and fire danger. I have my Rv and its LP system inspected each year and this is not a concern for me.

But the big reason I have a propane generator is that I swear it is quieter than gas or diesel units. I haven't measured the noise with a decibel meter so I'm relying only on my perception. But to me, it's quieter. And that's a big benefit in my thinking because there are times when we are boondocking in the summer and it is so hot that I need to run the air conditioner.

Trying to sleep with a noisy air conditioner is hard enough. A loud generator makes it doubly hard. Our propane generator makes the noise of the AC and the generator at least tolerable.

How to remember to exercise an RV generator?

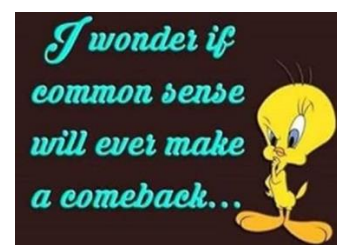
Put it on a calendar if you're a paper person.

But for me, in this digital age, I schedule my monthly generator exercise on my iPhone, which in turn shows up on my calendar, my monthly to-do list, and my Apple watch. There's no escaping the reminder.

I do the requisite full hour exercise period, using the time to knock around the RV, do some cleanup, check to make sure all is well, and often work on some project I have going.

There's always a project to do with our RV's right?

So, if you haven't been doing so, start now. Let your RV generator get some regular exercise.



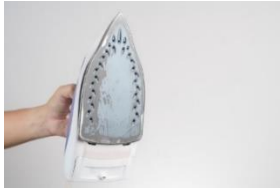
15 surprising ways to use table salt



There is a simple mineral sitting on your kitchen counter right now that has a thousand uses ... and you're only using it to flavor your food!

Table salt is incredibly versatile and it can solve a

whole range of household problems. It's easy to use, and is a whole lot cheaper and easier to find than other cleaning products. From removing red wine stains to softening your cuticles, you can rely on table salt to be the life hack you've been looking for.



1) Clean your sticky iron. Try laying a piece of wax paper on your ironing board and sprinkling it with salt. Turn your iron onto hot and then move it over the paper. The salt will make the sticky gunk on the

iron fall away.



2) Removing wine stains from the carpet. We promised this one, so here it is: Blot the stain with a damp cloth first, and then pour a generous pile of salt on top of the stain, making sure to cover it all. Next?

Walk away. Leave the salt for at least eight hours, and when you come back it will have drawn the liquid out of the carpet. This one works with most liquids, from red wine to coffee.



3) Chill white wine faster. While we're on the subject of wine, salt helps you to cool your drinks faster than the freezer. Simply place your bottle of wine in a bucket with ice, water, and a handful of salt.



4) Run the dishwasher. You can make your own dishwasher soap using salt, baking soda, and regular dish soap. It's cheap, there are no suds leftover, and it keeps your dishes fresh and clean.



5) Make a natural air freshener. Try this recipe for an organic air freshener without all the nasty chemicals. Scoop the flesh from half a orange, lemon, or grapefruit, and fill with coarse salt. If you like, you can add a

few drops of essential oil for fragrance. This is a healthy, compostable way to deodorize your home.



6) Clean a cracked egg. Have you dropped a cracked egg on the floor before? Don't worry, we've all been there. Next time, try pouring some salt over the egg for 10-15 minutes or so before wiping down. The salt will make clean up a breeze.



7) Remove coffee stains. We're all guilty of letting our favorite mugs become stained with coffee rings, but those rings disappear if you scrub them with coarse salt.



8) Keep your laundry bright. Try adding one or two cups of salt directly into the washing machine when washing brightly colored towels for the first time. The salt will help to preserve the colors and keep them from running.



9) De-grease your kitchen sponge. Sometimes after cleaning a frying pan or a pot, the kitchen sponge can become covered in stubborn grime. You can leave your sponges to soak overnight in two cups of water and a good handful of salt, and in the morning the grime will fall away leaving your sponge clean.



10) Fix those smelly shoes. Try sprinkling a generous amount of salt into your boots overnight and shaking them out again in the morning. The salt acts as a deodorant to freshen up your footwear.



11) Heal dry skin and soothe acne. Salt contains moisturizing and healing properties that help with dry or itchy skin and even some skin conditions like eczema and psoriasis.

Try adding a cup of sea salt to a warm bath and giving your skin a good soak. You can also mix up a homemade face mask of one part salt to two parts honey — it'll calm the inflammation associated with acne breakouts.



12) Remove odor from your hands. Our hands can get a bit smelly when we've been fishing, or chopping garlic, for example. After washing thoroughly with soap, moisten your hands with water and then scrub them

with a small handful of salt. Be careful if you have cuts on your hands — the salt will sting.





13) Give yourself a manicure. Try mixing one teaspoon each of salt, baking soda, and lemon juice in half a cup of hot water. Let your fingertips soak for at least ten minutes and then give them a scrub with a nail brush. Rinse with warm water afterwards. This treatment will work to soften your cuticles and strengthen your nails.



14) Soothe a bee sting. You should cover the sting with salt and then hold a wet compress to it. The salt will soothe the sting. (Note: If you are allergic to bee stings or if you experience any swelling or shortness of breath, seek medical attention immediately!)



15) Make your own exfoliant. You've probably heard of sugar scrubs, but a salt scrub is just as good for buffing away dead skin cells and leaving you with smoother, brighter skin. Try mixing the salt with a little olive oil to keep skin well moisturized.



16) Kill poison ivy. Mix salt with boiling water and spray onto poison ivy plant. Be sure the hot water solution goes down the stalk of the plant and penetrates the roots.



17) Keep away the mold and mildew. Salt water keeps mildew from building up on your shower curtain. Run your curtain through the washing machine (if safe to do so), then soak it in the bath with water and a couple of cups of salt — it'll stop the mildew from building up again. Try keeping a spray bottle of salt water in the bathroom and giving the shower curtain a spray once a week.



18) Prevent your clothes from freezing on the clothesline. Put a bit of salt into the final laundry rinse to prevent your clothes from freezing on the clothes line during the cold winter months.

Bonus tip: bad restaurants. Have you ever been at a restaurant, and your food has come out with a hair in it, or something else so off-putting that you send it back? Well here's a good way to ensure that the next dish they bring you is actually a fresh one: Visibly sprinkle the dish with salt. You'll know if you get the same dish back.

Salt is versatile, cheap, and free of toxins, and we almost always have it in the house. It's a good idea to keep an extra box in the pantry just for cleaning — it can replace so many expensive products and it won't release any nasty chemicals into your home. Next time you have stinky shoes or a red wine emergency, reach for the salt instead!

Texting to a Neighbor

Hi, Dave. This is Steve, next door. I've been riddled with guilt for a few months and have been trying to get up the courage to tell you face-to-face. When you're not around, I've been sharing your wife, day and night, probably much more than you. I haven't been getting it at home recently. I know that's no excuse. The temptation was just too great. I can't live with the guilt and hope you'll accept my sincere apology and forgive me. Please suggest a fee for usage and I'll gladly pay you.

Steve

Immediately upon reading the above, Dave, feeling enraged and betrayed, grabbed his gun, went next door, and shot Steve dead.

He then returned home, shot his wife, poured himself a stiff drink and sat down on the sofa. Dave then looked at his phone and discovered there was a second text message from Steve.

SECOND TEXT MESSAGE:

Hi, Dave. Steve here again. Sorry about the typo on my last text. I assume you figured it out and noticed that the darned Spell-Check had changed "wi-fi" to "wife." Technology, huh? It'll be the death of us all.

Steve

A man buys a parrot, only to have it constantly insult him. He tries everything to make the parrot stop, but nothing works. Frustrated, the man puts the parrot in the freezer. After a few minutes the insults stop. The man thinks he might have killed the parrot, so he opens the freezer and takes the parrot out. The parrot is shivering. It stammers, "S-s-sorry for being r-r-rude. Please f-f-forgive me." Then, after a moment, the parrot softly asks, "W-w-what exactly d-d-did the turkey do?"

If Pro Is Opposite of Con

Then what is the opposite of progress?

Congress?

*Men's restroom, House of Representatives,
Washington D.C.*

Rome

A woman was at her hairdresser's getting her hair styled for a trip to Rome with her husband. She mentioned the trip to the hairdresser, who responded:

"Rome? Why would anyone want to go there? It's crowded and dirty. You're crazy to go to Rome. So, how are you getting there?"

"We're taking United" was the reply. "We got a great rate!"

"United?" exclaimed the hairdresser. "That's a terrible airline. Their planes are old, their flight attendants are ugly, and they're always late. So, where are you staying in Rome?"

"We'll be at this exclusive little place over on Rome's Tiber River called Taste."

"Don't go any further. I know that place. Everybody thinks it's gonna be something special and exclusive, but it's really a dump."

"We're going to go to see the Vatican and maybe get to see the Pope."

"That's rich," laughed the hairdresser. "You and a million other people trying to see him. He'll look the size of an ant. Boy, good luck on this lousy trip of yours. You're going to need it."

A month later, the woman again came in for a hairdo. The hairdresser asked her about her trip to Rome.

"It was wonderful," explained the woman, "not only were we on time in one of United's brand new planes, but it was overbooked, and they bumped us up to first class. The food and wine were wonderful, and we had a handsome 28-year-old steward who waited on us hand and foot."

And the Taste hotel was great! They'd just finished a \$5 million remodeling, and now it's a jewel, the finest hotel in the city. They, too, were overbooked, so they apologized and gave us their owner's suite at no extra charge!"

"Well," muttered the hairdresser, "that's all well and good, but I know you didn't get to see the Pope."

"Actually, we were quite lucky, because as we toured the Vatican, a Swiss Guard tapped me on the shoulder, and explained that the Pope likes to meet some of the visitors, and if I'd be so kind as to step into his private room and wait, the Pope would personally greet us. Sure enough, five minutes later, the Pope walked through the door and shook my hand! I knelt down and he spoke a few words to me."

"Oh, really! What'd he say?"

He said: "Who screwed up your hair?"

A married man takes his babe on a date. In a playful and romantic conversation in the restaurant with the babe, he says to her Let me hear words that will increase my heartbeat. She said: Your wife is sitting behind us. 😄😄😄😄😄

Melbourne to Brisbane



WOMAN was flying from Melbourne to Brisbane ...

Unexpectedly, the plane was diverted to Sydney.

The flight attendant explained that there would be a delay, and if the passengers wanted to get off the aircraft the plane would re-board in 50 minutes..

Everybody got off the plane except one lady who was blind. A man had noticed her as he walked by and could tell the lady was blind because her Seeing Eye Dog lay quietly underneath the seats in front of her throughout the entire flight. He could also tell she had flown this very flight before because the pilot approached her, and calling her by name, said, 'Kathy, we are in Sydney for almost an hour. Would you like to get off and stretch your legs?'

The blind lady replied, 'No thanks, but maybe Max would like to stretch his legs.'

Picture this:

All the people in the gate area came to a complete standstill when they looked up and saw the pilot walk off the plane with a Seeing Eye dog!

The pilot was even wearing sunglasses.

People scattered.

They not only tried to change planes, but they were trying to change airlines!

True story...

Have a great day and remember...

...THINGS AREN'T ALWAYS AS THEY APPEAR.

A DAY WITHOUT LAUGHTER IS A DAY WASTED!!!

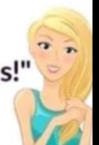
A blonde woman visits her husband in prison. Before leaving, she tells a correction officer:

"You shouldn't make my husband work like that. He's exhausted!"

The officer laughs and says, "Are you kidding? He just eats and sleeps and stays in his cell!"

The wife replies:

"Bullshit! He just told me he's been digging a tunnel for months!"





They tell you not to cry.
 They tell you that it's just a dog, not a human being.
 They tell you that the pain will be over.
 They tell you that the animals don't know that they have to die.
 They tell you that it's important not to let him suffer.

They tell you that you can have another one.

They tell you it's going to happen to you.

They tell you that there is more pain.

But they don't know how many times you've looked into your dog's eyes.

They don't know how many times you and your dog have looked into darkness alone.

They don't know how many times your dog was the only one who was by your side.

They don't know how much fear you have at night when you wake up with your grief.

They don't know how many times your dog slept near you.

They don't know how much you've changed since the dog has become a part of your life.

They don't know how many times you hugged him when he was sick.

They don't know how many times you've acted like you didn't see his hair getting whiter.

They don't know how many times you've talked to your dog, the only one who really hears.

They don't know that it was just your dog who knew you were in pain.

They don't know what it feels like to see your old dog trying to get up to say hello.

They don't know that if things went wrong, the only one who didn't go is your dog.

They don't know that your dog trusts you every moment of his life, even in the last.

They don't know how much your dog loved you and how it is enough for him to be happy, because you loved him.

They don't know that crying for a dog is one of the most noble, significant, true, purest and warmest things you can do.

They don't know when the last time you moved him with trouble... making sure it didn't hurt him.

They don't know what it felt like to pet their face in the last moments of their life...

In Memory of all those who went over the rainbow bridge. You all have a place forever in our hearts ♡



This is what I saw from my house. Dec 21st for 45 minutes after sunset. The Star of Bethlehem will shine for the first time since 1226. I know some have seen the post about The Christmas Star appearing this year on December 21st. I couldn't help but really take a deeper look at how amazing that this occurrence would be happening in the year 2020. In the year when Jesus was born, there was violence, chaos,

political and social unrest. It was dark. The Magi found him by way of the star, which was the "meeting" of 3 stars: Jupiter, Saturn and Mars. They followed the star until it rested on where he was and they began to worship him. In a time where it was dark, Light was brought in to our world. Jesus stepped in to the chaos and brought peace. Fast forward to this year, 2020. It's a time of violence, chaos, political and social unrest. It is dark. Winter Solstice, December 21st, being a time where the day is the shortest and night is the longest...it's literally the "darkest day" and is the beginning of what most would say the cold, dark winter season. But on the darkest day this year, Jupiter and Saturn meet, giving us the Christmas Star! How fitting...that in the moment of time during the Christmas season that we get to see this beautiful reminder...that even in the darkest of times...Light will, and has, stepped in. In our chaos He is there. In our darkest time, He is there. He brings Light, and makes all things new. So as you look out on Dec 21st for the Christmas Star, may we be reminded of His power, and His Light that he brings for all mankind. He is perfect at stepping into chaos and bringing it into peace.





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IN GOD WE TRUST

