

# The Peach State Traveler

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#### **Future SEA (Southeast Area) Rally**

www.seafmca.org

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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

#### 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.

#### 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 – February 2021

By Wiley Bowman

It is with heavy hearts that we have to say good bye to our friend and valued member of PST. Dennis Jones was a person who always had a positive attitude and willing to do anything for the good of our group. He always wore a smile and was there to help Terri in her untiring efforts to make our rallies a success. I accept the fact that many of our members are enjoying their latter years of their life and we are not surprised when we occasionally lose a member. However; I was shocked to learn that we had lost Dennis. He was so full of life and looking forward to spending time with Terri in their new RV. Dennis will be sorely missed and we join Terri in her time of grief. Please keep Terri and her family in your prayers during this most difficult period.

#### NATIONAL DIRECTOR REPORT

By Patricia Voyna

If you are planning to be in Perry, please attend the SEA (Southeast Area) Business Meeting on Wednesday March 10, 2021. See your program for location. Think it may be in the McGill Building. We have to have election of officers.

#### SECRETARY REPORT- February 2021

By Kenlyn Sawyer

No February Rally

<sup>\* =</sup> Contingent on successful contract negotiations.

#### RALLY REPORT – February 2021

By

No February Rally

#### **SUNSHINE REPORT – February 2021**

By Wanda Hollenbeck

#### TREASURES'S REPORT November 2019

By: Terry Carlyle

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



February Rally 4.00 March Rally 65.51 Dues 40,00

Disbursements:

Tripp Flowers 159.00 Annual Corp. Registration 30.00

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

# **Birthdays**

02-01 - Wiley Bowman

02-01 - Tom Tripp

02-09 - Gene Richardson

02-13 - Al Miller

02-16 - Jim Carmack

02-16 - Eric Oswood

02-18 - Brenda Moreman

02-19 - Richard VanGys

02-20 - Libba Gruba

 $02\hbox{-}20-Alan\ Simons$ 

02-22 – Wanda Hollenbeck

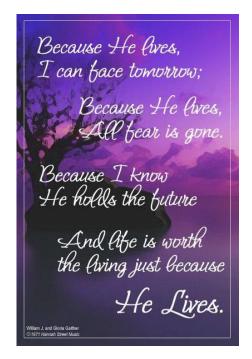
# **Anniversaries**

02-18 – Cecil & Lovena Mallory

02-18 - Steve & Debbie Matthews







Our family will be hosting two Memorial Services for Dennis Jones.

The Jones family is receiving family and friends Wednesday, February 17th, 12 Noon at Mt. View United Methodist Church. Located at 2300 Jamerson Rd Marietta, GA 30066. Officiated by Dr. Stuart Greene and Dr. James Mooneyhan. Saturday, February 20th at 11am, there will be an additional

Memorial Service at Tignall Baptist Church located at 170 S. Hulin Ave. Tignall, GA 30668. Officiated by Pastor Mike Wynn.

All services will be held in compliance with the mandated rules from Georgia Dept of Public Health and masks are required inside.

Here is the address:

Mrs. Terri Jones 1100 Newtown Rd Washington, GA 30673

#### Mr. Dennis Craig Jones April 4, 1952 - February 6, 2021 Obituary for Mr. Dennis Craig Jones

Mr. Dennis Craig Jones, 68, passed away on Saturday, February 6, 2021 at Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia. He was born on April 4, 1952 in Augusta, GA to James Winton Jones and Margaret Katrina Jones. Mr. Jones loved his family dearly, especially his grandchildren. Dennis started his career working at Continental Can Lumber Company in Washington in 1970-71. Moved on to sell Insurance with United Life Insurance. He retired from the IBM in Atlanta after 37 years of service. He was a member of Wilkes County Young Farmers, Peach State Travelers RV Club and Mt. View United Methodist Church. Mr. Jones enjoyed camping, playing the Guitars, tinkering with tools, fishing with his grandchildren, camping, and traveling with his wife and living life to the fullest.

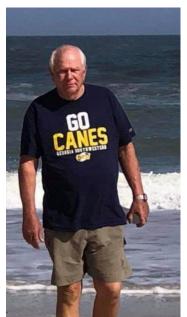
He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Terri Jones, son, Craig Jones (Debbie), daughter, Jenny Veal (Todd), his grandchildren, Zach, Logan, McKenzie, and Nolan.

He was preceded in death by his father, James Winton Jones, mother, Margaret Katrina Jones, and brother, Jimmy Darryl Jones.

Memorial services will be at 11:00am on Saturday, February 20, 2021, at the Tignall Baptist Church with Rev. Mike Wynn officiating.

In lieu of flowers, the family is asking for donations to either The Great Pyrenees Rescue of Atlanta or Washington Wilkes Animal Shelter. Papa always had a special bond with every creature he met.

https://greatpyratlanta.com/donate/ https://washingtonwilkesanimalshelter.org/

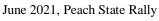


From Face Book. Monday February 8, 2021 It saddens our family to let you know that as hard as Dennis fought, his body could not withstand the pain any longer. We lost a great man, my first and only love, a father and a grandfather early this morning. Thank you for all your prayers, words of encouraged that brought smiles and tears to his eyes. Our family is in disbelief this happened so quick during his encouraging recovery, but he is out of pain and in Gods hands. I will post Memorial

arrangements in the next day or two.

Love to all. Terri & Dennis Jones









## **Worth Pondering**

"We all have an unexpected reserve of strength inside that emerges when life puts us to the test." —Isabel Allende



#### **NO CHURCH**

On a Sunday morning mother knocks on her son's bedroom door and tells him it's time to get up and go to church.

"I'm not going to church this morning," the son says.

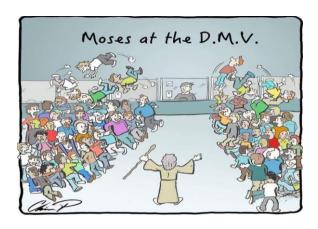
"You gotta get up and go to church", says mother.

"No, I'm not." says the son.

"Yes you are", says the mother.

"No, I'm not, they don't like me and I don't like them." says the son.

"Give me two good reasons why I have to go," says the son.
"Number one, you're 55 years old and number two, you're the pastor!"



The fellow unexpectedly hurtling toward earth after being tossed out of a plane. Struggling to figure out the rip cord on his parachute, he spots another man flying upward toward him. "Hey!" he calls out. "Do you know anything about parachutes?" "Nope!" shouts the upwardly moving character. "Do you know anything about propane stoves?"

# Mice in the RV- Prevention and Treatment



Mice in the RV can be one of the worst things to have to deal with ever! Evidence of pests in your home on wheels is upsetting. Whether you're dealing with ants, flies, or something else entirely, the need to defend

your RV and get rid of the intruders is a nuisance, especially when those intruders are likely causing damage to the rig.

While the bugs mentioned above are pretty awful, there are worse pests to have. Perhaps worst of all are mice. Mice are nasty and destructive little creatures, and though they may be kind of cute, they are not something you want taking over your motorhome or trailer.

Unfortunately, mice are a fairly common problem in the RV world. For this reason, all RVers should take measures to keep the little critters out of their rigs. Not only that, but RVers should also educate themselves on how to get rid of the rodents should they try to take over.

Read on to learn how to do these things so you can be well prepared.

Keeping Mice Away from Your RV

Let's begin by talking about how to keep mice *out*. Hopefully, by taking these steps you'll never have to deal with these little pests at all—and if you've just gotten rid of an infestation, these steps will help keep them away.

Keep It Clean

First and foremost, you want to make sure you keep your RV clean. Take out the trash often and sweep and vacuum the floors on a regular basis. It's also important to clean up any spilled food as soon as possible. Basically, the goal is to keep all food out of reach of the mice, so as not to tempt them.

#### Fill In Holes

Mice can fit in teeny tiny holes. In fact, they are capable of squeezing into a hole the size of a pen. Most people are unaware of this, and even more people are unaware that their RVs offer tons of entry points for these little critters. That's right, you likely have lots of holes in your RV that make perfect doors for mice.

In order to close and lock these "mouse doors", you'll need to carefully inspect every inch of your RV and fill in any and all holes. Many people use expanding spray foam to do this; others use steel wool, or some combination of the two.

Use Deterrents

There are several scents that work nicely as deterrents for mice. Better yet, many of these deterrents actually smell *good* to us humans, meaning you can freshen up your camper while keeping the mice away.

Some of the most popular mouse deterrents include:

Peppermint oil (put it on cotton balls and place them around the RV)

Irish Spring bar soap

Bounce dryer sheets (great for putting in drawers and cabinets) "Fresh Cab" botanical-based rodent repellent pouches Store Food Wisely

Obviously, you'll need to keep *some* food in the RV while camping. However, you can do so without drawing the attention of mice. We recommend storing all dry goods in airtight plastic or glass containers. Sure, this is a little more work for you, but it is well worthwhile. Besides, storing everything in matching containers may even save you some space, especially if the containers are stackable.

Once your camping trip is over, and before putting the rig in storage, be sure to take all food out of the cabinets and anywhere else it may be stored. Even well sealed food can be attractive to mice, especially if you're not around to scare the pests off. Additionally, canned foods have a tendency to explode during very cold weather, something that makes a mess, causes some terrible smells, and thus draws mice in.

For these reasons, it's always best to empty the pantry when storing your rig, even if only for a week.

Getting Rid of Mice in Your RV

Of course, if you already have mice, none of these suggestions will help much. Yes, you will want to use those tips to keep more from coming in, but you're also going to need to find a way to get rid of the mice already making themselves at home in your rig.

#### Try these options:Poison

Mouse poison is one option for getting rid of mice in your RV. However, it's far from the best option and should only be used as a last resort. The reason for this is, while poison will kill the mice, you have no control over where they go to die. This can lead to mice dying in the walls of your RV, a stinky problem you definitely don't want to have.

Snap Traps

Traditional <u>snap traps</u> are a much better option. These can be set up throughout the RV and will almost certainly catch the little pests. That said, these must be checked regularly to ensure you don't have dead mice hanging out in your RV for weeks. Additionally, on rare occasions, you might have a mouse who is too smart and can actually take the bait without setting off the trap.

Sticky Traps

If you are dealing with one — or more — of those super smart mice, you might need to turn to <u>sticky traps</u>. Many people feel that these traps are inhumane, as they trap the mouse without actually killing it, meaning it suffers for a long time before finally begin gotten rid of by you (be sure to check them often).

That said, they are much more for mice difficult to escape from should they go after whatever bait you place on them. Therefore, these traps are ideal for those who are having trouble with the snap traps.

Trash Can Trick

Finally, there is the trash can trick. This DIY trap option may seem a bit odd, but it actually works quite well.

To set up your trash can trap, fill a tall trash can or bucket with a few inches of water. There should be enough water to drown a mouse, but not enough to allow them to climb out. Float a few sunflower seeds on top of the water to attract the mice, and lean a broom against the trash bin to give them a way to climb in.

Once in the water, the mouse won't be able to escape and will eventually drown in the water.



Cincinnati, home office 2-9-2021

# A cowboy

A cowboy, who just moved to Montana from Texas, walks into a bar and orders three mugs of Bud.

He sits in the back of the room, drinking a sip out of each one in turn.

When he finishes them, he comes back to the bar and orders three more.

The bartender approaches and tells the cowboy, "You know, a mug goes flat after I draw it.

It would taste better if you bought one at a time."

The cowboy replies, "Well, you see, I have two brothers. One is in Arizona, the other is in Colorado.

When we all left our home in Texas, we promised that we'd drink this way to remember the days when we drank together.

So I'm drinking one beer for each of my brothers and one for myself."

The bartender admits that this is a nice custom, and leaves it there.

The cowboy becomes a regular in the bar, and always drinks the same way. He orders three mugs and drinks them in turn.

One day, he comes in and only orders two mugs. All the regulars take notice and fall silent.

When he comes back to the bar for the second round, the bartender says, "I don't want to intrude on your grief, but I wanted to offer my condolences on your loss."

The cowboy looks quite puzzled for a moment, then a light dawns in his eyes and he laughs.

"Oh, no, everybody's just fine," he explains.

"It's just that my wife and I joined the Baptist Church and I had to quit drinking."

"It hasn't affected my brothers though."



#### Ole's child

Lena is pregnant with Ole's child.

Late one night, Lena vakes up Ole and says, 'I tink it's time!' So Ole fired up the Yohn Deere tractor and took her to the hospital to have their first Baby. She had a little boy, and the doctor looked over at Ole and said, 'A son! Ain't dat Great!' Well, Ole got excited by dis, but yust den the doctor spoke up and said, 'Hold on! We ain't Finished yet!'

The doctor den held up a little girl..

He said, 'Hey, Ole! You got you a daughter! She's a pretty little ting, too.'

Ole got kind of puzzled by this, and then the doctor said, 'Holey Moley Ole, we still ain't done yet!'

The doctor then delivered another boy and said, 'Ole, you yust had yourself another Boy!'

Ole was flabbergasted by this news!

A couple days later, Ole brought Lena and their three children home in the self-propelled combine. He was real serious and he asked Lena, 'How come we got tree on the first try?'

Lena said, 'You remember dat night we ran out of Vaseline and you vent out in the garage and got dat dere 3-in-1 Oil?' Ole said, 'Yeah, I do... Uffda!

It's a darn good ting I didn't get the WD-40.'





Some national parks remind visitors to take extra precaution avoiding bears, advising they wear noisy little bells to avoid startling the animals. They should recognize the difference between the dung of a black bear and a grizzly. Black bear dung is smaller and

contains berries. Grizzly bear dung has little bells in it.



#### Did You Know?

- 1 When one door closes and another door opens, you are probably in prison.
- 2. To me, "drink responsibly" means don't spill it.
- 3. Age 60 might be the new 40, but 9:00 pm is the new midnight.
- 4. It's the start of a brand new day, and I'm off like a herd of turtles.
- 5. The older I get, the earlier it gets late.
- 6. When I say, "The other day," I could be referring to any time between yesterday and 15 years ago.
- 7. I remember being able to get up without making sound effects.
- 8. I had my patience tested. I'm negative.
- 9. Remember, if you lose a sock in the dryer, it comes back as a Tupperware lid that doesn't fit any of your containers.
- 10. If you're sitting in public and a stranger takes the seat next to you, just stare straight ahead and say, "Did you bring the money?"
- 11. When you ask me what I am doing today, and I say "nothing," it does not mean I am free. It means I am doing nothing.
- 12. I finally got eight hours of sleep. It took me three days, but whatever.
- 13. I run like the winded.
- 14. I hate when a couple argues in public, and I missed the beginning and don't know whose side I'm on.
- 15. When someone asks what I did over the weekend, I squint and ask, "Why, what did you hear?"
- 16. When you do squats, are your knees supposed to sound like a goat chewing on an aluminum can stuffed with celery?
- 17. I don't mean to interrupt people. I just randomly remember things and get really excited.
- 18. When I ask for directions, please don't use words like "east."
- 19. Don't bother walking a mile in my shoes. That would be boring. Spend 30 seconds in my head. That'll freak you right out.
- 20. Sometimes, someone unexpected comes into your life out of nowhere, makes your heart race, and changes you forever. We call those people cops.

#### **Trivia**

Costco sold 91 million \$4.99 rotisserie chickens last year, more than double the number from ten years ago. According to the USDA and the National Chicken Council, the average American consumes about 95 pounds of chicken per year, compared to 57 pounds of beef, 52 pounds of pork and 16 pounds of turkey.

### Joke of the Week

Every morning for the past six months, I've announced loudly to my family that I'm going for a jog, and then I haven't. ... It's a running joke.

# **Worth Pondering**

Every path has a few puddles. —Anon.

A father buys a lie detector robot that slaps people when they lie. He decides to test it out at dinner one night. The father asks his son what he did that afternoon. The son says, "I did some schoolwork." The robot slaps the son. The son says, "Ok, Ok. I was at a friend's house watching movies." Dad asks, "What movie did you watch?" Son says, "Toy Story." The robot slaps the son. Son says, "Ok, Ok, we were watching porn." Dad says, "What? At your age I didn't even know what porn was." The robot slaps the father. Mom laughs and says, "Well, he certainly is your son." The robot slaps the mother.

# **Bumper sticker of the week**

I'll see your tailgating and raise you a brake check.

Your DUCK IS DEAD

A woman brought a very limp duck into a veterinary surgeon. As she laid her pet on the table, the vet pulled out his stethoscope and listened to the bird's chest.

After a moment or two, the vet shook his head and sadly said, "I'm sorry, your duck, Cuddles, has passed away."

The distressed woman wailed, "Are you sure?"

"Yes, I am sure. Your duck is dead," replied the vet..

"How can you be so sure?" she protested.. "I mean you haven't done any testing on him or anything. He might just be in a coma or something."

The vet rolled his eyes, turned around and left the room. He returned a few minutes later with a black Labrador Retriever. As the duck's owner looked on in amazement, the dog stood on his hind legs, put his front paws on the examination table and sniffed the duck from top to bottom. He then looked up at the vet with sad eyes and shook his head.

The vet patted the dog on the head and took it out of the room. A few minutes later he returned with a cat. The cat jumped on the table and also delicately sniffed the bird from head to foot. The cat sat back on its haunches, shook its head, meowed softly and strolled out of the room.

The vet looked at the woman and said, "I'm sorry, but as I said, this is most definitely, 100% certifiably, a dead duck."

The vet turned to his computer terminal, hit a few keys and produced a bill, which he handed to the woman..

The duck's owner, still in shock, took the bill. "\$1,500!" she cried,"\$1,500 just to tell me my duck is dead!"

The vet shrugged, "I'm sorry. If you had just taken my word for it, the bill would have been \$20, but with the Lab Report and the Cat Scan, it's now \$1,500."

You know the drill .....if you're smiling, you must pass it on, give someone else a smile too! Share the laughter.





# Wednesday MARCH 10, 2021

11:00 AM Lunch
Oil Lamp Restaurant
401 General Courtney Hodges Blvd
(next to the Dairy Queen)
Perry, Georgia



Please email or text Patricia Voyna to reserve.

Need a close count a week early

678-523-0378 pfvoyna@marvsdiesel.com

\$1.00 Rally fee per couple, PST members only, Guests free.

We can arrive a few minutes early and they will try to be ready for us. We want to eat and not dally after lunch. Hopefully it will be warm enough we can take our visiting to the parking lot. We will try to watch how people are coming in and give them room to eat. Because of Covid, they need to turn over the tables to stay in business since they can only accommodate half of the customers they use to serve. We have talked with them to make sure we have space to stay safe.



Marvin and I have seen this. Reminded us of a peanut

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IN GOD WE TRUST

