

The Peach State Traveler

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Future SEA (Southeast Area) Rally

www.seafmca.org

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Future FMCA International Convention

Summer 2021 - July 7-10, Gillette, WY Winter 2022 - March 23-26, 2022, Tucson, AZ

Summer 2022 – August 22-26 Lincoln, Nebr.

Winter 2023 – March 15-18, Perry, GA

Summer 2023 – August 23-26, Gillette, WY

Summer 2024 – July 17-20, Gillette, WY

Summer 2027 - July 14-17, Gillette, WY

* = Contingent on successful contract negotiations.



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.

April 2-4 - River Rocks Landing Resort, Gadsden, AL Bowman, Sawyer

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 – March 2021

By Wiley Bowman

FMCA rally in Perry is now a thing of the past and already looking forward to next one in two years. Hopefully, Covid will be a distant memory and things will get back to something similar to normal. We had beautiful weather and enjoyed many good seminars, vendor's booths as well as RVs that people like me can only put on our wish list.

Want to let everyone know that Libba Gruba has agreed to take over important job of Wagon Master. Our club cannot exist without rally hosts, so please step up to the plate when she approaches you to host a rally. Libba's willingness to accept this responsibility is greatly appreciated.

I look forward to a good turnout for the April rally at River Rock Landing in Gadsden, Al. I could not reserve sites on the river, as most were already reserved. I have reserved 15 pull thru sites near the club house by playground. A few sites on the river may be available on a first come, first serve basis. All sites must be reserved by March 25th to get discounted rates. Early arrivers plan to meet at Pruett's Bar-B-Q on Rainbow Drive. Friday night, will enjoy dining at Top of the River restaurant. Saturday morning will serve breakfast of sausage gravy, eggs and homemade biscuits, as well as pancakes. Saturday night dinner will be served at the club house followed by music and fun games. On Easter morning, a light breakfast will be served, followed by an Easter devotional by Chaplin Jim Hollis. Rally fee of \$20 per person should be mailed to Wiley Bowman, 418 M. Sanders Rd., Buchanan, GA. 30113

New Wagon Master

Libba Gruba 770-365-6111 libbag@gmail.com

Please Contact and sign up to

host a rally. Don't forget all attendees sign Covid Release

NATIONAL DIRECTOR REPORT

By Patricia Voyna



Perry was a blast. The Ladies Luncheon was a total success and so much fun. The door prizes were exceptional. Thank-you Betty Duncan our SEA President.

At the SEA meeting we had election of officers. I am delighted our new VP for the state of Georgia is Chris Miskell. He will be super in his position.

In the April newsletter, I may have an announcement.

SECRETARY REPORT- March 2021

By Kenlyn Sawyer

RALLY REPORT – March 2021

By Patricia Voyna





The Peach State Travelers met for lunch at the Old Lamp Lighter. Covid seating. We did not linger when finished with lunch because restaurant used extra tables because our safety was upmost on my mind. We visited in the parking lot with our masks on. Thank-you Jim Duncan for taking our pictures.



SUNSHINE REPORT – March 2021

By Wanda Hollenbeck

TREASURES'S REPORT November 2019

By: Terry Carlyle

\$2,073,39 Beginning Balance 02-08-2020

Receipts:

4.00 February Rally March Rally 65.51 Dues 40,00

Disbursements:

159.00 Tripp Flowers 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.YOU MUST ALSO SEND RECEIPTS FOR EXPENSES!!!!!!!!! PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU KEEP UP WITH THE RECEIPTS!!!!

Birthdays

03-14 – Buck Taylor 03-20 - Doug McCoy



Anniversaries

03-01 - Doug & Brenda Ralston 03-17 - John & Susie Hamilton





Great night time bike ride led by Jim Hollis, after the evening entertainment at 9:30. In Perry. The entertainment was dy-o-mite

Passover 2021



begins Saturday, March 27 at sunset (in 6 days) ends Sunday, April 4 at nightfall

What is the biblical meaning of Passover?

Passover commemorates the story of the Israelites' departure from ancient Egypt, which appears in the

Hebrew Bible's books of Exodus, Numbers and Deuteronomy, among other texts. Jews observe the weeklong festival with a number of important rituals, including a traditional Passover meals known as a seder,...

The Passover Story

According to the Hebrew <u>Bible</u>, Jewish settlement in <u>ancient</u> <u>Egypt</u> first occurs when Joseph, a son of the patriarch Jacob and founder of one of the 12 tribes of <u>Israel</u>, moves his family there during a severe famine in their homeland of Canaan.

For many years the Israelites live in harmony in the province of Goshen, but as their population grows the Egyptians begin to see them as a threat. After the death of Joseph and his brothers, the story goes, a particularly hostile pharaoh orders their enslavement and the systematic drowning of their firstborn sons in the Nile.

Moses

One of these doomed infants is rescued by the pharaoh's daughter, given the name Moses (meaning "one who is pulled out") and adopted into the Egyptian royal family. When he reaches adulthood, Moses becomes aware of his true

identity and the Egyptians' brutal treatment of his fellow Hebrews. He kills an Egyptian slave master and escapes to the Sinai Peninsula, where he lives as a humble shepherd for 40 years.

One day, however, Moses receives a command from God to return to Egypt and free his kin from bondage, according to the Hebrew bible. Along with his brother Aaron, Moses approaches the reigning pharaoh (who is unnamed in the biblical version of the story) several times, explaining that the Hebrew God has requested a three-day leave for his people so that they may celebrate a feast in the wilderness.

10 Plagues

When the pharaoh refuses, God unleashes 10 plagues on the Egyptians, including turning the Nile River red with blood, diseased livestock, boils, hailstorms and three days of darkness, culminating in the slaying of every firstborn son by an avenging angel.



The Israelites, however, mark the doorframes of their homes with lamb's blood so that the angel of death will recognize and "pass over" each Jewish household.

Terrified of further punishment, the

Egyptians convince their ruler to release the Israelites, and Moses quickly leads them out of Egypt. The pharaoh changes his mind, however, and sends his soldiers to retrieve the former slaves. As the Egyptian army approaches the fleeing Jews at the edge of the Red Sea, a miracle occurs: God causes the sea to part, allowing Moses and his followers to cross safely, then closes the passage and drowns the Egyptians.

According to the Hebrew Bible, the Jews—now numbering in the hundreds of thousands—then trek through the Sinai desert for 40 tumultuous years before finally reaching their ancestral home in Canaan, later known as the Land of Israel.



Editor's corner, With Chuck Woodbury

Have you seen the photos of the giant cruise ships being ripped apart to be sold as scrap? If not, just look below at these ships being disassembled in a port in Turkey. These are not old ships being put out to pasture after a full life. No, they're ships that would likely be sailing today if people could, or were willing to

book passage again.



Carnival announced recently it will be unloading 18 of its ships this year – about 12% of its fleet. While some cruise lines will likely start sailing again, you can bet the number of passengers will be a fraction of years past.

Meanwhile, air traffic is so bad that industry experts are just waiting around for some of the biggest airlines to go belly up. Right now, the world airline fleet numbers 25,900 aircraft, of which 29% were still parked as of last month. Boeing projected this past week that it will deliver 11 percent fewer jets in the next decade compared to pre-pandemic forecasts.

Trivia

Did you know these familiar sayings are from William Shakespeare?

- Wild goose chase from "Romeo and Juliet"
- You can have too much of a good thing. from "As You Like It"
- Break the ice. from "The Taming of the Shrew"
- Love is blind. from "The Merchant of Venice"
- "Knock, knock!" "Who's there?" from "Macbeth"
- It's Greek to me. from "Julius Caesar"



How to Sanitize Your RV Fresh Water System (Safe and Super Easy)



Here's how to sanitize your RV's fresh water system to stay healthy in your travels. Don't worry, it's easy!

We can sometimes take clean water for granted, but when camping, we rely on our fresh water system for drinking and

bathing. It's important to remember that our RV's fresh water system can become our main source of water for days at a time. Also, having a well-stocked and effective water system allows us to visit a larger variety of campsites that don't have hookups. Keeping the tank sanitized prevents our water from developing a strange taste or smell, or even worse, making us ill.

When Should You Sanitize Your RV?

About every six months is ideal, even if you hardly ever use the water. But you may need to sanitize sooner if you sense a bad odor in the water, or after lending out your RV or buying a used RV.

How to Sanitize Your RV Fresh Water System

Nothing can ruin a camping trip faster than discovering your only access to clean water is unsafe to use.

So, instead of driving back to civilization to buy gallons of water in plastic jugs, here's how to properly sanitize your RV's tank step by step (without hiring a professional! Which is certainly helpful when counting costs).

Before You Start

Carve out twelve hours to complete the process, and go to a location where plants won't be harmed by being under your drain area. Turn off your water heater and let it cool. If you leave your water heater on while you drain you may risk damaging it. Next, gather your basic supplies of household bleach, a container such as a 1-gallon pitcher, a 1-cup measuring cup, a clean funnel, and a hose from a clean water source.

Helpful tip: Wear clothes and shoes you don't mind getting splashed with a little bleach just in case!

Next, turn off the water pump and icemaker if you have one. Also, if you have an external water filter, bypass it. Otherwise, bleach will go through it in the following steps.

Draining the Tank (not just a fitness phrase!)

If your tank has unsafe, contaminated water inside, you will need to drain all the water, in which case it would help to keep your water pump turned on.

If the water is still clean, however, you only need to drain the tank about one-quarter or halfway.

To drain the tank, open the drain valve then tighten it again to stop.

Now the Bleach

You will not be pouring bleach directly into the tank, so first dilute it in water.

The general rule is one cup of bleach diluted in four gallons of water to sanitize a forty-gallon tank. Find out from your RV's user manual the number of gallons your tank holds to calculate how much bleach you need to use.

If you are using a one-gallon pitcher, add a quarter cup of bleach and fill the rest with water. In the scenario of a forty-gallon tank, you would need to fill this pitcher with that mixture four separate times. Then pour this mixture into your fresh water tank using the funnel.

Fill 'Er Up with Clean Water

After adding the necessary amount of diluted bleach, grab your hose connected to a clean water source. Fill the remainder of the tank with water until it's completely full. You'll know for sure once you notice overflow appearing beneath the tank. Filling it all the way ensures you're completely sanitizing because it's contacting every surface in your system with the diluted bleach.

Clean Out the Pipes

Next, turn your water pump on so the water can pass through the faucets and clean all the pipes out too.

Turn on every faucet in your RV one at a time to circulate this water through. Once you smell bleach coming out of the faucet, turn it off. This shouldn't take more than a couple of minutes. Note about hot water faucets: Some people don't think it's necessary to clean out the hot water faucets, but you can sanitize those too. If you want to, turn the water heater back on at this stage and run the hot water faucets until you smell bleach. Since you used some water through the faucets, refill the tank until it is again overflowing.

Now, We Wait

Allow this water to sit in the tank for a minimum of four hours, and a maximum of twelve.

This is the easiest step to sanitize your RV but takes the most patience. I recommend letting the water sanitize your RV on the longer end of time. If you're doing this process late in the day, you can let it sit overnight.

Drain Again, and Again

After your sitting period is over, turn on the faucets and open the drain valve to empty the tank. Remembering to turn off the water heater in advance!

Refill your tank again with clean water and run the faucets until you no longer smell bleach coming out.

If you still smell bleach after a few minutes of running the faucets, simply drain the entire tank again and refill. By doing this you are flushing the tank and completing the sanitization process throughout every nook and cranny of your RV. So, don't get discouraged if you have to do this step a few times over.

Last Step to Sanitize Your RV Fresh Water System

After your tank is full of water without a scent of bleach, it's time to finish up. Turn on your water heater. You may have an external water filter to make better-tasting water (I use this one, which I replace every six months as well). To replace the old one, turn off your water supply and then install.

If you cleaned your water heater, read your manual for the correct way to refill it, as some manufacturers have different instructions.

If you followed all these steps, congratulations! You know how to sanitize your RV's fresh water system without hiring a professional! You are ready to camp with confidence that your water will be safe and reliable.

How Often Do You Sanitize Your RV?

Do you follow the 6-month rule of thumb? Or maybe even more often since the pandemic!

Joke of the Week

"The Laugh of the Day reminds me of the time my son, who was in third grade and in a new school district, told his teacher that I had married 250 women. Since we were in a new school district the teacher had no idea I was a minister until I attended the requested parent-teacher-principal meeting."

The ABC's of Life

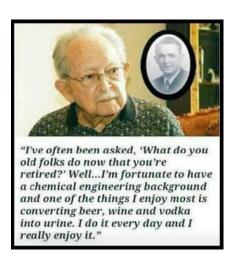
Accept differences, Be kind, Count your blessings, Dream, Express thanks, Forgive, Give freely, Harm no one, Imagine more, Jettison anger, Keep confidences, Love truly, Waster something, Murture hope, Open your mind, Pack lightly, Quell rumors, Reciprocate, Seek wisdom, Touch hearts, Understand, Value truth, Win graciously, Xeriscape, Zearn for peace, Zealously support a worthy cause.

Disconnect the Connections

Last night I was sitting in the living room, talking 2 my wife about life. In between, we talked about the idea of living or dying. I told her: 'Never let me live in a vegetative state, totally dependent on machines and liquids from a bottle. If you see me in that state I want you to disconnect all the connections that are keeping me alive, I'd much rather die.'

My wife got up from her seat with the look of admiration towards me proceeded to disconnect the Android box, Cable tv, the laptop, the Cell Phone, the tablet, and the Sony Play station, and went to the bar and threw away all my whisky, Gin, Vodka the Beer from the fridge...

I ALMOST DIED!!



We have new Babies

For weeks a six-year old lad kept telling his first-grade teacher about the baby brother or sister that was expected at his house.

One day the mother allowed the boy to feel the movements of the unborn child. The six-year old was obviously impressed, but made no comment. Furthermore, he stopped telling his teacher about the impending event.

The teacher finally sat the boy on her lap and said, "Tommy, whatever has become of that baby brother or sister you were expecting at home?"

Tommy burst into tears and confessed, "I think Mommy ate it!"



BEST EVER SENIOR CITIZEN JOKE

A little silver-haired lady calls her neighbor and says, "Please come over here and help me. I have a killer jigsaw puzzle, and I can't figure out how to get started." Her neighbor asks, "What is it supposed to be when it's finished?"

The little silver haired lady says, "According to the picture on the box, it's a rooster."

Her neighbor decides to go over and help with the puzzle. She lets him in and shows him where she has the puzzle spread all over the table.

He studies the pieces for a moment, then looks at the box, then turns to her and says,

"First of all, no matter what we do, we're not going to be able to assemble these pieces into anything resembling a rooster."

He takes her hand and says, "Secondly, I want you to relax. Let's have a nice cup of tea, and then," he said with a deep sigh...........

"Let's put all the Corn Flakes back in the box."



Funny

Few people know that the late Mr. Maxwell, founder of Maxwell House Coffee, was a veteran skydiver and RVer. Near his hometown, it was common to find Mr. Maxwell at the airport in his Avion Fifth Wheel, relaxing and visiting with his many friends as he waited for his next jump. One fateful day, however, something went terribly wrong and his parachute failed to open. His friends and employees were horrified, to say the least, at the demise of this very kind and gentle man. And so, when it came to preparing his epitaph, they had no problem finding the words: "Mr. Maxwell ... good to the last drop."

Trivia

Every 15 minutes, one person in the U.S. dies because of an infection that antibiotics can no longer treat effectively.





It's Time to go to School

One early morning, a lady went in to wake up her son. "Wake up, son. It's time to go to school!"

Son: "But why Mom? I don't want to go."

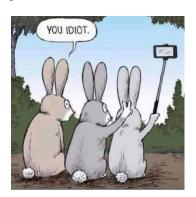
Mom: "Give me two reasons why you don't want to go."

Son: "Well, the kids hate me for one, and the teachers hate me, too!"

Mom: "Oh, that's no reason to not to go to school. Come on now and get ready."

Son: "Give me two reasons why I should go to school." Mom: "Well, for one, you're 52 years old. And for another,

you're the Principal!"



Last Week

About a week ago, I came across an Internet advice column that told me how to eliminate the paperwork clutter on my desk. Great. So I printed out the five pages of how-to instructions, and placed them on top of the rest of the stuff on my desk. Now I can't find them.

(Editors Note – don't ask Marvin about my desk. Thxs)





Peach State Travelers April Rally

April 2 – 4, 2021



1 River Road

Gadsden, AL 35901

256-543-7111

\$46.30/non-river sites



Tentative Schedule – times/locations to be confirmed

Thursday, April 1 – Early Arrivals – Dinner @ Restaurant

Friday, April 2 – Dinner @Restaurant

Saturday, April 3 – Dinner in Clubhouse/Meeting

Sunday, April 4 – Breakfast/Short Devotional

Rally fee of \$20 per person should be mailed to Wiley Bowman, 418 M. Sanders Rd., Buchanan, GA. 30113



Happy Easter!!





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IN GOD WE TRUST

