

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.

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.

June 5 Luncheon Banning Mills Lodge, Whitesburg, GA Bowman

*July 2-5 - Waterside at Blue Ridge, Morganton, GA Ralston. Sawyer

August 6-8 – Willow Valley RV Resort, Rabun Gap, GA Esposito

September 3-5 - TBD. Charleston Ralston, Gruba

October 1-3 -TBD

Simons

November 5-7 Need Hosts

December 3-5 – TBD Officers

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

PRESIDENTS CORNER – May 2021

By Wiley Bowman

Finally, we seem to be nearing the end of the Covid pandemic. This was evident during the May rally in Brunswick. We enjoyed a fellowship without social distancing and masks. The resort was one of the best we have experienced. Thanks to Ted, Darleen and Terri, we enjoyed excellent meals and games that were reminiscent of rallies prior to the Covid period. If you have not hosted a rally recently, please give Libba a call and do your part to host a rally. We did not have anyone volunteer to host our June rally, so we elected to do a luncheon at Historic Banning Mills near Whitesburg on Saturday, June 5th. Look for this announcement in your email and newsletter. Please make plans to attend as it is only 2 weeks away.

As we hopefully come to an end of the Covid era, we now seem to be experiencing a fuel shortage and exorbitant prices that is sure to affect all RV'ers. This is probably the beginning of things to come and we need to find ways to resist this political objective. Perhaps FMCA could take a stand to preserve reasonable fuel prices. Fuel prices will drastically effect not only RV's, but trucks, trains, planes and the list goes on, all that

will drive inflation through the roof. Just my thought on things to come. Don't mean to be so pessimistic, but we need to find ways to continue the life style we have come to cherish and enjoy.

NATIONAL DIRECTOR REPORT

By Patricia Voyna

SECRETARY REPORT- April 2021

By Kenlyn Sawyer

The April 2021 Rally was held at the River Rocks Landing Resort & Venue in Gadsden, AL from April 2 - 4, 2021. Hosts were Wiley and Carolyn Bowman; Jim and Jan Hollis. There was a total of 22 people in attendance for the weekend. Names of those in attendance are at the end of this report.

The PST meeting was held on Saturday, April 3, 2021 morning at the campground clubhouse. President Wiley Bowman opened the meeting by welcoming the guests and thanked Jim and Jan Hollis for co-hosting the weekend with Wiley and Carolyn this weekend.

President Bowman announced that Libba Gruba is the new Wagon Master. Discussion was held regarding upcoming rallies.

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

May 7 - 9, 2021 – Coastal Georgia RV Resort – Brunswick, GA (Jones, Young)

June 4 - 6, 2021 - Need Hosts

July 2 - 4, 2021 - Ralston, Sawyer - Location TBD

August 6 - 8, 2021 - Rabun Gap - Esposito

September 3 - 5, 2021 - Gruba, Ralston

October 1 - 3, 2021 - Need Hosts

November 5 - 7, 2021- Need Hosts

December 3 - 5, 2021 - PST Officers

Sunshine Report: Keep the sick PST members in your thoughts and prayers.

MEMBERS: Bowman; Gruba; Hollis; Jones; Moreman; Sawyer; Young

GUESTS: Jim & Betty Duncan; Manny & Mikki Quinones; Tony & Marissa Trindal; Nikki & Greyson Young

SECRETARY REPORT- May 2021

By Kenlyn Sawyer

The May 2021 Rally was held at the Coastal Georgia RV Resort in Brunswick, GA from May 7 - 9, 2021. Hosts were Terri Jones and Darlene Young and Ted Young. There was a total of 14 people in attendance for the weekend. Names of those in attendance are at the end of this report.

The PST meeting was held on Saturday, May 8, 2021 morning at the campground pavilion. President Wiley Bowman opened the meeting by thanking the hosts for a fun weekend with a great resort and good food and good weather.

Terri Jones made a motion to accept the Secretary Report as printed in the newsletter. Ed Gruba seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

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

June 5, 2021 – Luncheon at Banning Mills – Wiley & Carolyn Bowman

July 2 - 5, 2021 – Waterside at Blue Ridge, Morgantown, GA - Ralston, Sawyer

August 6 - 8, 2021 - Rabun Gap - Esposito

September 3 - 5, 2021 - Charleston, SC - Gruba, Ralston

October 1 - 3, 2021 - Simons

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MEMBERS: Bennet; Bowman; Gruba; Jones; Moreman; Sawyer; Thomas; Young

RALLY REPORT – April 2021

By Wiley Bowman

Peach State Travelers met at what has become one of our favorite rally sites. River Rock Landing, formally River Country Landing, is located on the banks of Coosa River in Gadsden, Alabama. We had ten RV's with 23 people attending, including six guests. Rally was hosted by Wiley and Carolyn Bowman and co-hosted by Jim and Jan Hollis.

Early arrivals were met with pretty chilly weather and lots of rain on Thursday. We all met for dinner at Pruitt's Bar-B-Q and truly enjoyed a great meal. Obviously, Covid is not a major concern now as the restaurant was packed. I chose catfish over barbecue and found it to be some of the best ever. Following the meal, most people retired to their RV's after a rough trip to Alabama through the rain and high winds.

Friday was a day for propane heat and umbrellas. Friday evening we all met at Top of The River Restaurant for more good food. After the delicious meal, we all gathered back at the club house for games and prizes prepared by co-host, Jan Hollis. The most interesting was a game called Easter Bingo. Needless to say I never came close to scoring a Bingo.

We awoke on Saturday morning to a beautiful day and a country breakfast consisting of sausage gravy and homemade biscuits with scrambles eggs, fresh fruit and orange juice. Following breakfast, a short business meeting was held with newly appointed Libba Gruba discussing future rallies and the need for more hosts to complete this year's calendar.

Saturday evening, we all gathered at the club house for another meal prepared by the hosts, Bowman's and Hollis'. Meal consisted of huge Angus hamburgers, baked beans, slaw and all the trimmings ending with ice cream desert. Following the meal, Jan and Jim Hollis led the group in a game called Pictionary. This game demonstrated a total lack of drawing talent and poor interpretation of modern art. Jim Hollis' pronunciation and Doug Ralston's drawing of the word "bidet" became the highlight of the night.

Sunday morning was Easter morning and began with a light breakfast of Krispy Kream donuts and fresh fruit prepared by co-hosts, Jim and Jan Hollis. Following breakfast, group was privileged to a very appropriate Easter devotional with music provided by Doug Ralston. After expressing good bye's and safe travels, most left for home with a satisfaction of a relaxed weekend and renewed friendships.

RALLY REPORT - May 2021

By Ted Young

The May rally was held at Costal Georgia RV Resort in Brunswick with most attendees arriving on May 6 and departing on the 9th. Co-hosts were Terri Joiner Jones and Darlene and Ted Young. This park truly lives up to the "resort" in its name. All 8 coaches were on "Buddy" sites with concrete pads and patios. The facilities and pool were first rate. Attending were Pat and Lori Thomas, Wiley and Carolyn Bowman, Ed and Libba Grubba, Beth Bennett, Kenlyn and Carol Sawyer, Bobby and Brenda Moreman, Terri Jones and the Youngs.

The group ate at local restaurants on Thursday and Friday nights. Saturday's breakfast was provided by the hosts. Saturday lunch was a bring your favorite packed lunch from your school days. Sandwiches ranged from PB and Banana to Banana and Olive with ham and cheese and PBJ represented as well. Saturday afternoon we played shuffleboard and horse shoes, watched an alligator in the lake and had great comradery. Saturday night the group enjoyed a Spaghetti dinner provided by the hosts followed by Bingo. Sunday morning a there was a continental breakfast at the host's RVs and most members departed except for the hosts and Beth B who enjoyed another day at the resort.

SUNSHINE REPORT - May 2021

By Wanda Hollenbeck

4-24-2020

I heard from MaryAnn Miller this morning. Al's heart surgery on Thursday went well and he came home Friday. Please pray for continued healing and that he follows the doctor's/MaryAnn's orders. Kenlyn Sawyer



TREASURES'S REPORT November 2019

By: Terry Carlyle

Beginning Balance 06-09-2020 \$1,993.90



Receipts:

June Rally 5.41 December Rally 12.00 Dues 390.00

Disbursements:

Jones Memory 100.00 Annual Corp. Registration 30.00

Ending Balance 04-07-2021 \$2,271.31

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

05-10 – John Cowan

05-11 – Michelle Filipovich

05-17 – Kenlyn Sawyer

05-27 – Jan Hollis

??-?? – Ron Castor



Anniversaries

05-02 - Dan & Margie Rankin

05-11 - Bobby & Brenda Moreman

05-16 - Robert & Michelle Filipovich

05-16 - Bill & Margie Esposito

05-31 – Jim & Jan Hollis



You're getting old when you don't care where your spouse goes, just as long as you don't have to go

Memorial Day



Memorial Day is an American holiday, observed on the last Monday of May, honoring the men and women who died while serving in the U.S. military. Memorial

Day 2018 occurs on Monday, May 28. Originally known as Decoration Day, it originated in the years following the Civil War and became an official federal holiday in 1971. Many Americans observe Memorial Day by visiting cemeteries or memorials, holding family gatherings and participating in parades. Unofficially, it marks the beginning of the summer season.



Final Trip



Barbara Ann (Young) VanGys Entered eternal rest Friday, March 26, 2021 at the age of 68.

Survived by her loving husband of 46 years Richard VanGys and their devoted daughters: Sarah (Robert) Lux of Oakwood, GA, and Jennie (Keith) Beers of Northampton, PA. Proud grandsons and granddaughters: James F Wright III (Kailey Krapf), twins Angelica and Athena Lux,

Chase, and Maddie Beers. Great-grandson: Beau John Wright. Predeceased by her Parents John and Lucille Young of Sodus, NY, Sisters-in-law, and Husband: Nancy (Carlos) Rios, Mary (Ray) Finewood, brothers-in-law: Edward Duncan Toye, Edward Crandell and great-granddaughter: Kahlee Wright. Survived by her brothers and sisters: Herman (Wilma) Young, Deborah (Lee) Hughes, Marianne (Paul) Moshano, James (Kathie) Young and Timothy (Lisa) Young. Sister-in-law: Kathy Toye, many nieces and nephews and extended family members and friends.

Barb was an avid knitter and seamstress. She loved making unique baby blankets, shawls, children's sweaters and dresses for family and friends. Barb volunteered her skills by making winter scarfs for the Allentown Rescue Mission and Women's Crisis Center in the Poconos.

Barb utilized her extensive business experience, throughout her career, as an Administrative Assistant to Corporate and Plant Executives, as well as Human Resource Generalist and Pay Roll Administrator.

Barb and Dick retired as full-time RVers and thoroughly enjoyed spending the summers with Jennie's family and the winters with Sarah's family. They had many friends at campgrounds and FMCA Chapters. They also enjoyed cruising and traveling with their niece, Amy Toye.

Lehigh Valley Friends will be invited to calling hours this summer.

Private Family Service and Interment at Brick Church Cemetery in Sodus Center, NY this summer.

Contributions can be made to the First Reformed Church of Sodus, 18 Maple Ave Sodus, NY 14551.



DEATH WHAT A WONDERFUL WAY TO EXPLAIN IT...

A sick man turned to his doctor as he was preparing to leave the examination room and said, "Doctor, I am afraid to die. Tell me what lies on the other side." Very quietly, the doctor said, "I don't know ..."
"You don't know? You're a Christian Man, and don't know what's on the other side?" The doctor was holding the handle of the door; on the other side came a sound of scratching and whining, and as he opened the door, a dog sprang into the room and leaped on him with an eager show of gladness. Turning to the patient, the doctor said, "Did you notice my dog? He's never been in this room before. He didn't know what was inside. He knew nothing except that his master was here, and when the door opened, he sprang in without fear. I know little of what is on the other side of death, but I do know one thing ... I know my Master is there and that is enough."

Joke of the Week

Ever wonder ...

- Why they sterilize the needle for a lethal injection?
- Why is the time of day with the slowest traffic called rush hour?
- Why don't sheep shrink when it rains?
- Why are they called *apart*ments when they're all stuck together?

Trivia

In the U.S., 90% of the population lives within 10 miles of a Walmart store or Sam's Club. — *SOURCE: Walmart.com*

Bumper sticker of the week

"I don't need Google, my wife knows everything."

Worth Pondering

"The best way to get a bad law repealed is to enforce it strictly." —Abraham Lincoln



10 Surprising Ways That Aluminum Foil Multitasks

Aluminum foil is a Penny Hoarder's BFF when it comes to preserving leftovers. But if you're just using that handy foil to wrap up day-old food, you're totally missing out on so many other uses for this extraordinary kitchen standby.

The Many Uses of Aluminum Foil

You might be dating yourself if you are still calling the shiny workhorse "tin foil" though it's not uncommon to hear that phrase used. Foil was made of tin until after World War II when the stronger and cheaper aluminum became widely used. Now you know. Read on for 10 clever money-saving ideas.

1. Sharpen Scissors

Don't toss a pair of dull scissors or pay someone else to sharpen them. Sharpen scissors with aluminum foil, says Rachel Timmerman, a Virginia blogger with The Analytical Mommy. Fold a piece of 10-by-10-inch aluminum foil three times. Then, cut the foil about 20 times with the scissors to make them as sharp as the day you bought them.

2. Substitute for Dryer Sheets

Crumble a ball of foil and toss it into your dryer, says Gladys Connelly, technical writer for The HouseWire, a product review site. This works exactly the same as a dryer sheet would, Connelly says. "It eliminates static and fluffs up your clothing," she says. Spray lavender oil or your favorite scent into the middle of the aluminum sheet before you crumple it to make the foil smell just as good as a dryer sheet, Connelly recommends.

3. Lower Your Heating Bill

If you have cast-iron radiators, you can DIY a heat reflector out of aluminum foil. Tape some heavy-duty aluminum foil to a piece of cardboard with the shiny side up. That's literally it. Place the heat reflector behind your radiator or under the radiator's top. The heat waves will naturally bounce from the foil into the room instead of going into the wall behind the radiator.

4. Cover Your Paint Tray

Don't toss your plastic paint tray after each use. Keep the tray clean by wrapping it in aluminum foil. When you're done, just pull off the foil and your paint tray will look as good as new, Connelly says.



5. Remove Gel Nail Polish

You can't use acetone and a cotton pad to remove gel nail polish. Instead, you're supposed to soak your nails in acetone. But it would be wasteful to use a bowl of acetone just to remove

the polish. So Malaika Desrameaux, a Miami content creator with <u>Self Care Sunday Love</u>, figured out an aluminum foil method. 1. File the tops of your gel nails to get rid of the glossy layer. 2. Soak a cotton ball with acetone and put the cotton ball over your nail. 3. Wrap your nail (with the cotton on top) with a 3-by-5-inch piece of aluminum foil. 4. Repeat on all fingers, and let them sit for 10 to 15 minutes. 5. Remove cotton and aluminum foil, and peel off the gel nail polish.

6. Polish Silver

No need for a special polish or even any elbow grease to make Nanny's heirloom silverware gleam again. Place a sheet of aluminum foil into a pan, add cold water and 2 teaspoons of salt. Put silver into the pan, and leave it for two minutes. Rinse off with water and let it dry. The aluminum causes a molecular reaction, cleaning the silver for you.

7. Clean Jewelry

Similar to the process for polishing silver, you can use aluminum foil to clean jewelry by creating an ion exchange (a molecular reaction with the aluminum). Place aluminum foil in a bowl, and fill the bowl with hot water and 1 tablespoon of bleach-free powdered laundry detergent. Soak jewelry in the solution for one minute, rinse with water and air dry.

8. Battery Replacement

You're desperate for a battery to fire up the flashlight. Try aluminum foil, says Melanie Musson, a home safety expert with US Insurance Agents. "If your flashlight requires two C batteries but you only have one, you can fill the empty space with compacted foil," Musson says. It may not be at full strength, but you'll have a little light to get you by.

9. Garden Buddy

Aluminum foil will miraculously improve your green thumb. Birds are afraid of the shiny foil because of the noise it makes. So tie foil strips around the branches of your fruit trees, you'll keep the birds from nibbling at the bounty. Same goes for mice and rabbits. These creatures don't like the feel of the aluminum foil, so placing bits of it on your shrubs serves as a natural deterrent. Bugs bugging you and eating your plants? Nestle foil with soil or stones at the base of plants. Or mix some strips of aluminum foil in with your mulch. In both cases, the foil will keep the moisture in your soil and prevent the weeds from growing while keeping the pests at bay.

10. Custom Cake Pan

Don't run to the store every time your child wants a cake that looks like something other than a rectangle. Need a dog-shaped pan? A heart pan? Make the shape out of heavy-duty aluminum foil, and place your DIY foil creation into a baking pan big enough to accommodate the shape.

11. Grill Cleaner

Don't bother purchasing pricey grill scrubbers when a rolled up ball of aluminum foil works perfectly well, Connelly says. The foil ball should be large enough – about 3 inches around – to hold comfortably with tongs (remember that the grill is hot). Grab the foil ball with the tongs and swipe back and forth across the grate before it has cooled. Food bits will be easier to remove when the grate is warm. If you already have stubborn burnt food on the grill, then put a piece of aluminum foil on the grate, and close the grill. Turn on the heat and let it run for a few minutes. Then, remove the foil, turn off the heat and try the original cleaning method. It should be easier now because the foil sheet trapped the heat to help loosen any stubborn debris.

12. Ironing

Aluminum foil is a natural heat reflector. So if you place a piece of it under the cover of your ironing board, the aluminum foil will speed up your ironing time.

Danielle Braff is a contributor to The Penny Hoarder.





Peach State Travelers June Luncheon Rally, 12:00 June 5th, 2021



Attention all Peach State Travelers

In spite of failed efforts to find a host and co-host for our June PST rally, we have scheduled a luncheon at historic Banning Mills Lodge located in Whitesburg, GA. If you are not familiar with Banning Mill, you can see their website at www.historicbanningmills.com. We will be served a delicious meal consisting of a meat, three vegetables and a dessert. Cost will be \$20.00 each. In an effort to keep costs to a minimum, I have agreed to "one check", so please pay me with check or cash. Tips can be left on table.

As you will see, there are loads of things to see and do at this facility, many of which will not be available to us as most require reservations well in advance. (I am sure most will be disappointed that they will not get a ride on the world's longest zip line or climb the world's highest rock climb). I assure you that this will be well worth the short drive, just to enjoy the food and scenery along the river as well as historic Banning Mills that was operational during the Civil War.

Address is 205 Horseshoe Dam Road, Whitesburg, GA 30125. From Atlanta, take I-20 West to Villa Rica, exit on Hwy 166 West or exit at Temple on Hwy 113 South. Follow signs or GPS to Banning Mills. Location is about 10 miles south of Carrollton off Hwy 27.

Please text me **ASAP** and let me, Wiley Bowman, know if you plan to attend **prior to May 31**st. You can pay me at the luncheon or mail check to me if you prefer. My address is 418 M. Sanders Rd., Buchanan, GA 30113.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at Historic Banning Mills on June 5th at 12:00 noon.



Independence Day PST Rally July 2-5, 2021

Waterside at Blue Ridge, 984 Loving Rd., Morganton, GA 30560 www.watersidegeorgia.com

Phone: 706-851-8855

NOTE: This rally runs from an arrival on Friday and departing on Monday

Your Hosts: Doug & Brenda Ralston / Carole & Kenlyn Sawyer

Come join fellow Peach State Travelers to celebrate the Independence of our great country in the heart of the north Georgia mountains! Ooooh and Aaaah the fireworks show right from the campground on Sunday evening. Stroll down the unique streets of Blue Ridge, exploring the shops, eateries, ice cream shops. Ride the Blue Ridge Scenic Railway along the Toccoa River and Chattahoochee National Forest departing from the center of Blue Ridge traveling to the sister cities of McCaysville, GA and Copperhill, TN where you can stand with one foot in GA and the other in TN! Maybe you would be more interested in visiting nearby Mercier Orchards, an apple and bakery extravaganza including local wine tasting, gifts and even boiled or roasted peanuts prepared by an old neighbor of the Sawyers! Or, just kick back and enjoy the RV park with pool, hot tub, easy walking paths, dog run and visiting with your fellow campers.

Rally Fee: To be determined (need participation number ASAP to determine)

Planned activities: Please bring your own chairs, plates/utensils and beverage to all activities at the hosts' site.

Friday, July 2 7:00 PM - Campfire at hosts' site 183/184

Saturday, July 3 5:30 PM - Depart for Circle J Family Steak House. Line up beginning at Hosts' site.

Sunday, July 4 9:00 AM - Breakfast at hosts' site 183/184

6:00 PM - BBQ at host site 183/184. Pulled pork BBQ, buns, pickles and BBQ

sauce, slaw and baked beans

7:00 PM - Meeting to follow dinner if needed

Dusk - Fireworks show

Monday, July 5 Pack-up and depart for home or other destinations!

We have 15 sites reserved for a short time. You <u>must</u> call the campground right away to make your reservation and ensure you have a site. Just let them know you are with Peach State Travelers. Gravel lots are \$256.80 and paved lots are \$274.35 both of which includes full hookup, 50 amp service and all taxes for three nights (arriving on Friday, July 2 and leaving on Monday, July 5).

Please email Doug Ralston <u>dralston@mriwoodstock.com</u> to confirm your plans for attending and site number obtained from the campground. We will need this information no later than May 31 for head count and restaurant reservations. The campground is working with us (holding these sites until May 31, at which time they will be released to other customers), so let's do our part, by getting our reservations made early. Your cooperation is appreciated, especially since this is a holiday weekend.



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IN GOD WE TRUST

