



The Peach State Traveler

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February 9-12, 2022, SUN n FUN, Lakeland, Florida

February 7-10, 2024, SUN n FUN, Lakeland, Florida

Future FMCA International Convention

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.

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

Eposito

September 3-5 - Lake Aire RV Park & Campground (west of Charleston, SC) Hollywood, SC

Ralston. Gruba

October 1-3 - TBD

Simons

November 5-7 TBD

Millers

December 3-5 – TBD

Officers

PRESIDENTS CORNER – July 2021

By Wiley Bowman

Would you believe that we are half finished with the year 2021. Actually, most are glad to see 2020 and 2021 in the rearview mirror as Covid seems to be retreating. We will soon be planning for the coming year and it is now time to start thinking about our leadership for 2022.

We will soon be meeting at Rabun Gap for our August rally. At this time, I plan to place in nomination as well as accept nominations, for a group of three to five current members to serve as our nominating committee. Membership will be asked to vote on this committee at the September rally. This will start the important process of electing our officers and their appointees. I am confident that we have very competent, active members who are willing to take on leadership responsibilities.

In addition, we must find a replacement for Patricia Voyna, who is leaving the position of National Director for PST to accept the position of FMCA National VP, SEA-President. Patricia has done an outstanding job and her shoes will not be easy to fill. Thankfully, Patricia has agreed to continue as Newsletter Editor.

Slots to be elected will include President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. Please be thinking of possible leadership candidates and do your part to ensure that this process continues to work.



NATIONAL DIRECTOR REPORT

By Patricia Voyna

Please elect a new National Director at your July Meeting to go into effect July 11, 2021. I know Marvin Voyna would accept it if elected. Therefore, I nominate Marvin to add to your list of nominations. (Secretary, Kenlyn must notify FMCA with the paperwork)

I will include next month everything that went on at the National Directors Meeting. It was a very long one this year.

Here is the link to the new Facebook page to invite your friends and chapters.
<https://www.facebook.com/SEAFMCA>

SECRETARY REPORT- July 2021

By Kenlyn Sawyer

The July 2021 Rally was held at Waterside at Blue Ridge Tiny Home and RV Community in Morganton, GA from July 2 - 5, 2021. Hosts were Doug and Brenda Ralston (planning), Jim and Jan Hollis, and Carole and Kenlyn Sawyer. There was 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 Sunday, July 4, 2021 evening at Waterside. President Wiley Bowman opened the meeting by welcoming the new members, John and Nancye Glenn and welcoming the PST members who have not attended recently. He also thanked the hosts for the weekend.

Announcements were made about upcoming rallies – **Please contact your hosts to confirm your attendance.**

August 6 - 8, 2021 – Rabun Gap – Esposito & Castor

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

October 1 - 3, 2021 – Americus, GA - Simons

November 5 - 7, 2021- Location TBD - Milller

December 3 - 5, 2021 – Location TBD - PST Officers

April 1 - 3, 2022 – TJ and Ginny Cooke

Mary Ann Miller made a motion to close the meeting. Bill Esposito seconded the motion.

Sunshine Report given at Breakfast on July 4 – please keep everyone in your prayers and send cards:

Brenda Ralston's sister, Gloria, passed away on Wednesday, June 30.

Bobby Mooreman was in the hospital last week and is home recovering.

Terry Carlyle's Mom is on hospice.

Boyd Carlyle will be having knee surgery in September.

MEMBERS: Bowman; Castor; Cooke; Esposito; Gruba; Hollis; Matthews; Miller; Newton; Sawyer

GUESTS/NEW MEMBERS: John and Nancye Glenn

RALLY REPORT – July 2021

By Jan Hollis

Our Fourth of July Peach State rally at Waterside at Blue Ridge proved to have some of the most glorious weather after all the rains! Brenda and Doug Ralston were unable to attend as they were with Brenda's sister's family sharing in a celebration of her life and passing - they were truly missed but our prayers were with them. However, all their planning and preparation for the weekend, along with support from on-site hosts Carole and Kenlyn Sawyer and Jim and Jan Hollis, brought us to Waterside, and we thank them. The hosts welcomed each coach with a holiday goodie bag complete with an American flag and popcorn treat. What a great way to kick off the weekend! Our first group gathering for early-comers was a Dutch-treat meal at the Boat Dock Restaurant at Blue Ridge Marina, where we were entertained by a great musical duo who included patriotic music and recognition of those who have served our country. Later we met up at the Waterside Pavilion, where folks enjoyed popcorn and a few other treats, joined in a little singalong led by Jim Hollis, and shared introductions as there were some new faces among the crowd. Always a happy sight! Saturday provided great weather for sleeping in or sightseeing, with several couples enjoying a trip to McCaysville on the Blue Ridge Scenic Railway. Then we traveled to Blue Ridge for an evening of food and fellowship at Circle J's Steak House. Sunday dawned another gorgeous day beginning with a delicious breakfast with fruit and ham and cheese croissants a la Carole. Then Rev. Jim brought a touching message on freedom and how our lives and actions are informed by it. With an open afternoon for exploring - or napping ☺ - we looked forward to a fantastic barbecue dinner with all kinds of salads, sides and a little "sweetenin'" at the end of the day! The finale was one of the best fireworks displays on any property we've visited - set up so that each sparkle was reflected on the little lake! It could not have been more genuinely appreciated after all the celebrations we missed last year! We were already looking forward to our next time together as we set off on Monday morning!

SUNSHINE REPORT – July 2021

By Wanda Hollenbeck



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

7-07 – Marvin Voyna
7-09 – Mary Yaffe
7-12 – Ginny Cooke
7-14 – Terry Carlyle
7-24 – Debbi Simons
7-29 – Steve Matthews
7-29 – Jan Taylor
7-31 – John Hamilton



Anniversaries

7-08 – Alan & Debbi Simons
7-13 – TJ & Ginny Cooke
7-24 – Ron & Linda Castor
7-24 – Garry & Mary Yaffe



Red Marbles!...



I was at the corner grocery store buying some early potatoes. I noticed a small boy, delicate of bone and feature, ragged but clean, hungrily appraising a basket of freshly picked green peas.

I paid for my potatoes but was also drawn to the display of fresh green peas. I am a pushover for creamed peas and new potatoes.

Pondering the peas, I couldn't help overhearing the conversation between Mr. Miller (the store owner) and the ragged boy next to me.

'Hello Barry, how are you today?'

'H'lo, Mr. Miller. Fine, thank ya. Jus' admirin' them peas. They sure look good..'

'They are good, Barry.. How's your Ma?'

'Fine. Gittin' stronger alla' time.'

'Good. Anything I can help you with?'

'No, Sir.

'Jus' admirin' them peas.'

'Would you like to take some home?' asked Mr. Miller.

'No, Sir. Got nuthin' to pay for 'em with.'

'Well, what have you to trade me for some of those peas?'

'All I got's my prize marble here.'

'Is that right? Let me see it' said Miller.

'Here 'tis. She's a dandy.'

'I can see that. Hmm mmm, only thing is this one is blue and I sort of go for red. Do you have a red one like this at home?' the store owner asked.. 'Not zackley but almost.'

'Tell you what. Take this sack of peas home with you and next trip this way let me look at that red marble'. Mr. Miller told the boy.

'Sure will. Thanks Mr. Miller.'

Mrs... Miller, who had been standing nearby, came over to help me. With a smile she said, 'There are two other boys like him in our community, all three are in very poor circumstances.. Jim just loves to bargain with them for peas, apples, tomatoes, or whatever..

When they come back with their red marbles, and they always do, he decides he doesn't like red after all and he sends them home with a bag of produce for a green marble or an orange one, when they come on their next trip to the store.'

I left the store smiling to myself, impressed with this man. A short time later I moved to Colorado, but I never forgot the story of this man, the boys, and their bartering for marbles.

Several years went by, each more rapid than the previous one. Just recently I had occasion to visit some old friends in that Idaho community and while I was there learned that Mr. Miller had died. They were having his visitation that evening and knowing my friends wanted to go, I agreed to accompany them. Upon arrival at the mortuary we fell into line to meet the relatives of the deceased and to offer whatever words of comfort we could.

Ahead of us in line were three young men. One was in an army uniform and the other two wore nice haircuts, dark suits and white shirts...all very professional looking. They approached Mrs. Miller, standing composed and smiling by her husband's casket.

Each of the young men hugged her, kissed her on the cheek, spoke briefly with her and moved on to the casket. Her misty light blue eyes followed them as, one by one, each young man stopped briefly and placed his own warm hand over the cold pale hand in the casket. Each left the mortuary awkwardly, wiping his eyes...

Our turn came to meet Mrs. Miller. I told her who I was and reminded her of the story from those many years ago and what she had told me about her husband's bartering for marbles. With her eyes glistening, she took my hand and led me to the casket.

'Those three young men who just left were the boys I told you about. They just told me how they appreciated the things Jim 'traded' them. Now, at last, when Jim could not change his mind about color or size.....they came to pay their debt.'

'We've never had a great deal of the wealth of this world,' she confided, 'but right now, Jim would consider himself the richest man in Idaho ..'

With loving gentleness she lifted the lifeless fingers of her deceased husband. Resting underneath were three exquisitely shined red marbles.

The Moral:

We will not be remembered by our words, but by our kind deeds. Life is not measured by the breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath.

MOSQUITO YARD SPRAY Copy and Pasted from a friend: Big bottle Blue cheap mouthwash, 3 cups of Epsom salt, 3 stale 12 oz cheap beer...mix those three ingredients together until salt is dissolved... Spray anywhere you sit outside, around pools, will not harm plants or flowers... Mosquitoes gone from that area for approx. 80 days.. I spray my deck all around my sitting areas twice a summer.. Go out and sit in underwear all time at nite and never get bit .. They leave that area you spray and will not come back.. Been using this mixture last 15 years.. It works.. Heard about this on a Paul Harvey segment years ago, that's how I was informed about it.. And it works well.. All my friends that have tried it can't believe it.. It works.. The stronger you mix the longer it lasts.. Mosquitoes and bugs hate it.. Nice mint smell..

How to find your lost phone

Whether your phone is buried in the couch cushions, or you left it back at the last campground, there are times we need help to find it. On both Android and iOS devices there is a website to find a lost phone. For Apple iOS, it is iCloud.com and for Android it's Google.com/android/find (or I just do a Google search for "Find my android"). We teach this in many of our seminars, mainly as a way to point out the importance of knowing the account and password associated with your phone. See [Episode 137](#) of the Geeks on Tour YouTube show for more on finding your username and password and a demonstration of "find my phone."

If you know the username and password for your phone, you can go to the website above, using any computer, and find your phone. Note: on the iCloud.com website, you will be asked to enter a code sent to your phone before it logs you in – catch 22?! No – if you scroll down you will see a link to "Find your phone" even without completing the login process.

Once in, you may see a list of all your devices. Select the one you need to find and you will see a map, with the location pinpointed, and you will have 3 choices:

1. Play a sound: to locate your phone if it is nearby
2. Lost mode: to lock the screen and display a message with a phone number where the owner can be reached
3. Erase phone: if you think it has been stolen

Try this procedure now – before your phone is lost! If it doesn't work, check your settings.

iPhone: Settings, tap your name at the top, then scroll down a bit until you see the name of your iPhone listed. Tap on iPhone. Next you should see a button for Find my iPhone – tap that. There are two settings, Find My iPhone and Send Last Location. Make sure both of them are on.

Android: Just make sure your Location services are on by swiping down from the top to see your quick settings – location services icon looks like a map marker. In older versions of Android you may also need to find Settings, Security, [Android Device Manager] Find My Device – make sure it is turned on.

Don't you feel better now? If you should lose your phone, you will now be able to use some other device, go to the website and enter your username and password, then locate your lost device.

Of course, you'll still have a problem if the device is dead. An accurate location can only be found if the device is on and connected. If it's dead, you may still see the last known location. If you put it into lost mode, or choose to erase the phone, that will happen the next time it gets turned on.

Tip: Have you ever tried to find your phone by calling it with another phone only to realize that your phone is in silent mode? Next time try the "find my phone" method – when you choose to play a sound, it will override the silent mode setting to make it ring.

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How To Use An ATM



RV Quick Tips

Don't let your tire pressure get low

Tire load ratings are great — provided you keep the tire at the recommended inflation rate. If the tire pressure is low, forget the weight ratings — you're playing with fire in the form of excessive tire heat that can blow your tire in flight.



FMCA Campground, Cincinnati

All FMCA members can stay free 2 days each month. Great place to stay when going to see the Arc.

Trivia

If all the salt in the sea were spread out evenly over the earth, it would be about 500 feet thick.

CIGARETTES AND TAMPONS

A man walks into a pharmacy and wanders up & down the aisles.
The sales girl notices him and asks him if she can help him.
He answers that he is looking for a box of tampons for his wife.
She directs him down the correct aisle.
A few minutes later, he deposits a huge bag of cotton balls and a ball of string on the counter.
She says, confused, "Sir, I thought you were looking for some tampons for your wife?"
He answers, "You see, it's like this, yesterday, I sent my wife to the store to get me a carton of cigarettes, and she came back with a tin of tobacco and some rolling papers; cause "It's sooo-ooo-oo-ooo much cheaper.
So, I figure if I have to roll my own so does she.

Kindergarten

A kindergarten teacher gave her a "show and tell" assignment of bringing something to represent their religion.

The first child got in front of the class and said, "My name is Benjamin and I am Jewish and this is the Star of David."

The second child got in front of the class and said, "My name is Mary, I am Catholic and this is the Crucifix."

The third child got up in front of his class and said, "My name is Tommy and I am Baptist and this is a casserole."



Quick Tips

Clean water stains off your RV ceiling

Water stains on your RV ceiling? Take a clean sponge, soak it with hydrogen peroxide straight out of the bottle. Carefully rub the stain with sponge and follow up with clean paper towels. Best to test inconspicuous spot first, and be sure to protect the floor below the ceiling from drips.



BLONDE



Of all the blonde jokes, this one has to be one of the best -- because it makes football make sense!

A guy took his blonde girlfriend to her first football game. They had great seats right behind their team's bench. After the game,

he asked her how she liked it.

"Oh, I really liked it," she replied, "especially the tight pants and all the big muscles, but

I just couldn't understand why they were killing each other over 25 cents."

Dumbfounded, her boyfriend asked, "What do you mean?"

"Well, they flipped a coin, one team got it and then for the rest of the game, all they kept screaming was...

'Get the quarterback! Get the quarterback!'

I'm like...Helloooooo?

It's only 25 cents!!!!"

Two potatoes are standing on the street corner.
How can you tell which one is the prostitute?
It has a sticker that says I-DA-HO



Worth Pondering

"The truth is incontrovertible. Malice may attack it, ignorance may deride it, but in the end, there it is." —Winston Churchill

Bumper sticker of the week

If you can read this, I can hit my brakes and sue you.

Trivia

In 1965, a Senate subcommittee predicted that by 2000, Americans would only be working 20 hours a week with seven weeks of vacation. (*Oops.*)

Silly Tourist Questions

From Park Rangers at Grand Canyon National Park:

"Was this man-made?"

"Is there an elevator to the bottom?"

"Do you light it up at night?"

"Is the mule train air-conditioned?"

"Where are the faces of the presidents?"

Joke of the Week

A doctor had left his stethoscope on the car seat, and on the way to preschool his little girl picked it up and began playing with it. "Wonderful!" thought the doctor. "My daughter wants to follow in my footsteps!" Then the child spoke into the instrument, "Welcome to McDonald's. May I take your order?"

Come Join Us!

AUGUST 6 – 8th PEACH STATE TRAVELERS RALLY

Willow Valley RV Resort, 323 Yorkhouse Rd, Rabun Gap, GA 30568
Phone: 706-746-0078

Your Hosts: Bill & Margie Esposito/Ron & Linda Castor

Prem Sites: \$49, 30-38 ft RV's, Super Prem Sites: \$59, 38-50 ft RV's

Deadline to reserve: July 9th if there are any sites remaining at that time so you'll want to reserve ASAP.

Willow Valley is GA's newest luxury campground in the N. GA mtns. Visit Black Rock Mtn State Park for scenic views, check out quaint shops in Dillard & Clayton, visit 12 Spies Vineyards, Osage Produce Market, the Rabun Flea Market, the Dillard House for lunch or cool off in the pool.

Friday: Meet n' Greet in the clubhouse at 5:30 PM followed by dinner at 6 PM, Pizza Party + salad & dessert. Bring your own beverage & utensils. Plates & napkins provided. Bingo/Games following dinner.

Sat breakfast: ~~8:30~~^{9:00} AM at the Cupboard Café in Dillard + browse gift shop.

Sat dinner: 6 PM: A "Picnic Potluck". Hot dogs & dessert provided. Please bring a dish or salad to share with your own beverage & utensils. Plates & napkins provided. Music jam following dinner plus marshmallow roast outside at community fire pit (weather permitting & assuming it's available.)

Sunday breakfast: 9 AM, Donuts & Coffee. Bring your own coffee.
Announcements & devotional to follow.

Rally fee: \$15 per person. Mail to: 4449 Blowing Wind Drive, Acworth 30101

End of Summer Gala Rally

Labor Day Weekend

Lake Aire RV Park & Campground (west of Charleston, SC)

4375 Highway 162, Hollywood, SC 29449 Phone: (843) 571-1271

<https://www.lakeairerv.com/>

Hosts: Ed & Libba Gruba and Doug & Brenda Ralston

Details:

Arrive Thursday Sept 2 & Depart Sunday Sept 5

Reservations: 15 Sites are being held on Doug Ralston's credit card. **Each PST member must call and change the reservation into their name/credit card. The sites are under Doug Ralston/Peach State Travelers.** They have a 7-day cancelation policy. If you fail to cancel before this period, you will be charged for the first night. **Please email Doug Ralston, dralston@mriwoodstock.com to confirm you have made your reservation, site number and arrival date. We need this for a head count.**

Plans are in the working stage but we expect to dine at a Charleston restaurant one evening as a group. We also plan to allow ample free time to enjoy all the Charleston has to offer such as:

- * Charleston Tours including Walking; Boat; Horse-Drawn Carriage Rides
- * Historic homes and museums such as the Nathaniel Russell House, Drayton Hall or Magnolia Plantation or the Charleston Museum
- * Angel Oak - Largest live oak east of the Mississippi located on Johns Island
- * Charleston City Market - Where slaves would purchase food for the plantations
- * Military - Fort Sumter where the first shot of the Civil War was fired; H.L.Hunley Submarine built in 1863 for the confederate Army; Patriots Point - you can board the USS Yorktown aircraft carrier which served in WWII and Vietnam; tour aircraft, tour submarine and destroyer class ships
- * For **Jim Hollis** - Bike across the Ravenel Bridge over the Cooper river, joining downtown Charleston to Mount Pleasant - a favorite activity for its sweeping views of Charleston
- * Enjoy fellowship with PST members at the campground pool, under the pavilion or at the host sites



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