



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 24-27 Lincoln, Nebr.

Winter 2023 – March 15-18, Perry, GA

Summer 2023 – August 23-26, Gillette, WY

Winter 2025 – March 12-15, Perry, GQ

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.

December 4 – Pappadeaux Seafood Kitchen, Alpharetta, GA
Officers

2022 RALLY HOSTS

Hi campers. We are trying to get our calendar ready for next years camp outs. All members are supposed to host or co-host a rally. I know some of you don't camp much or at all anymore but there are still a couple of luncheons you could host. This is what we need for next year.

Please let me know as soon as you can what months you would like to have.

Thx, Libba Gruba, 770-365-6111

January Saturday January 8 – luncheon, Bay Breeze
Cowans

February Saturday February 5 – luncheon – TBD
Simons

February Wednesday February 8 – Lakeland, FL 11:00 AM
Voyna Luncheon – TBD

March 4-6 March camp host & cohost Friday- Sunday

April 1- 3 – TBA
TJ and Ginny Cooke

May 6-8 Holiday Travel park, Chattanooga, TN
Glenn/Gruba

June 3-5 – TBD
Terri Jones

July camp host & cohost Friday- Sunday July 1-3

August 5-7 – Willow Valley, Rabun Gap, GA
Esposito hosting

September camp host & cohost Friday - Sunday Sept 2-4

October camp host & cohost Friday- Sunday October 7-9

November camp host & cohost Friday- Sunday November 4-6

December -Club Officers



PRESIDENTS CORNER – November 2021

By Wiley Bowman

To: All Peach State Travelers

From: Wiley Bowman

Date: 11/10/2021

Finally, we have found a suitable location for our December luncheon to be held on Saturday, December 4th. Please mark your calendars now and plan to attend our final meeting for the year 2021. We have made arrangements to have lunch at Pappadeaux Seafood Kitchen, located at 10795 Davis Drive, Alpharetta, GA'. While their specialty is seafood, their menu includes steaks and other foods for those who may not care for seafood. They agreed to provide an area to seat our group in a private area that will allow time for fellowship and business. Newly elected officers will be sworn in at this time, so please make plans to attend. We will be especially glad to see those members who have been ill or remained secluded this year due to covid.

Please call or text Wiley (770-880-21510) or Kenlyn (404-867-3898) before November 30th to let us know how many to expect for the luncheon. Your prompt response will be greatly appreciated.

Here is the link to the new Facebook page to invite your friends and chapters.

<https://www.facebook.com/SEAFMCA>

NATIONAL DIRECTOR REPORT

By Marvin Voyna

SECRETARY REPORT- November 2021

By Kenlyn Sawyer

The November 2021 Rally was held at Twin Oaks RV Park in Elko, GA from November 5 -7, 2021. Hosts were Al and Mary Ann Miller. Special appreciation goes to Terri Jones for jumping in and helping the Millers. There was a total of 12 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 morning, November 6, 2021 at the Twin Oaks Clubhouse. President Wiley Bowman opened the meeting by thanking the hosts for the weekend.

President Bowman announced the election results from Nominating Chairman, Doug Ralston, for the 2022 – 2023 PST officers (for 2 years):

President – Terri Jones

Vice President – Ron Castor

Treasurer – Terry Carlyle

Secretary – Kenlyn Sawyer

National Director – Marvin Voyna

Assistant National Director – Steve Matthews

Here are the upcoming rallies. Please contact Wagon Master, Libba Gruba to sign up for a 2022 rally. **Please contact your hosts to confirm your attendance.**

December 4, 2021 – Luncheon Pappadeaux Seafood Kitchen, Alpharetta 11:30 AM - PST Officers

January 8, 2021 – Bay Breeze, Marietta, GA John and Yvonne Cowan

February 5, 2021 – Luncheon Location TBD – Alan and Debbie Simons

April 1- 3, 2022 - Location TBD - TJ and Ginny Cooke

May 6 – 8, 2022 Chattanooga, TN – John and Nancye Glenn and Ed and Libba Gruba,

June 3- 5, 2022 – Location TBD – Terri Jones

August 5 – 7, 2022 - Location TBD - Bill and Margie Esposito and Ron and Linda Castor

Secretary Report & Treasurer's Report: Libba Gruba made a motion to accept the October Secretary and Treasury Reports as printed in September PST Newsletter. Terri Jones Glenn seconded. All approved.

Kenlyn reminded everyone to get your \$10 dues into Terry Carlyle for 2022.

The meeting was adjourned.

MEMBERS: Wiley Bowman; Glenn; Gruba; Terri Jones; Millers; Sawyer; Simons

VISITOR: Patricia Voyna FMCA-National VP & SEA President

RALLY REPORT – November 2021

By – Al & Mary Ann Miller

TREASURES'S REPORT November 2019

By: Terry Carlyle

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



Receipts:

June Rally	11.00
July Rally	25.21
New Member	15.00

Disbursements:

Sunshine	15.82
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Ending Balance 09-30-2021 \$2,343.92

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!!!!

National Poppy Day® | The American Legion

<https://www.legion.org/poppyday>

The 11th month on the 11th day at the 11th hour at 11th minutes, the ending of WWI



SUNSHINE REPORT – November 2021

By Wanda Hollenbeck



Birthdays

11-01 – Dan Rankin
11-07 – Lovena Mallory
11-08 – Wayne Hollenbeck
11-09 – Joseph Like
11-16 – Jim Hollis
11-27 – Debbie Matthews
11-27 – Pat Thomas



Anniversaries

11-21 – Doug & Carol McCoy
11-24 – Al & Mary Ann Miller



A blonde goes into a coffee shop and notices there's a "peel and win" sticker on her coffee cup.
So she peels it off and starts screaming, "I've won a motorhome! I've won a motorhome!"
The waitress says, "That's impossible. The biggest prize is a free Lunch.?"
But the blonde keeps on screaming, "I've won a motorhome! I've won a motorhome!"
Finally, the manager comes over and says, "Ma'am, I'm sorry, but you're mistaken. You couldn't have possibly won a motorhome because we didn't have that as a prize.
The blonde says, "No, it's not a mistake. I've won a motorhome!"
And she hands the ticket to the manager and HE reads...
"WIN A BAGEL"



Brain Teaser

I left my campsite and hiked south for 3 miles. Then I turned east and hiked for 3 miles. I then turned north and hiked for 3 miles, at which time I came upon a bear inside my tent eating my food! What color was the bear?
(See page 5)

Food Bank

(found this on Facebook. Good reminder)

People getting food at a food bank and here are some things I learned from those in need:

1. Everyone donates Kraft Mac and Cheese in the box. They can rarely use it because it needs milk and butter which is hard to get from regular food banks.
2. Boxed milk is a treasure, as kids need it for cereal which they also get a lot of.
3. Everyone donates pasta sauce and spaghetti noodles.
4. They cannot eat all the awesome canned veggies and soup unless you put a can opener in too or buy pop tops.
5. Oil is a luxury but needed for Rice a-Roni which they also get a lot of.
6. Spices or salt and pepper would be a real Christmas gift.
7. Tea bags and coffee make them feel like you care.
8. Sugar and flour are treats.
9. They fawn over fresh produce donated by farmers and grocery stores.
10. Seeds are cool in Spring and Summer because growing can be easy for some.
11. They rarely get fresh meat.
12. Tuna and crackers make a good lunch.
13. Hamburger Helper goes nowhere without ground beef.
14. They get lots of peanut butter and jelly but usually not sandwich bread.
15. Butter or margarine is nice too.
16. Eggs are a real commodity.
17. Cake mix and frosting makes it possible to make a child's birthday cake.
18. Dishwashing detergent is very expensive and is always appreciated.
19. Feminine hygiene products are a luxury and women will cry over that.
20. Everyone loves Stove Top Stuffing.

In all the years I have donated food at the Holidays, I bought what I thought they wanted, but have never asked. I am glad I did. If you are helping a Family this Christmas, maybe this can help you tailor it more. It does for me!

Trivia

Did you know Queen Elizabeth II is a trained mechanic? Yep. Known as Second Subaltern Elizabeth Windsor, she donned a pair of coveralls and trained in London as a mechanic and military truck driver. The queen remains the only female member of the royal family to have entered the armed forces and is the only living head of state who served in World War II. *Source: history.com*

Bumper sticker of the week

I'm planning to be spontaneous.

Worth Pondering

We will never have true civilization until we have learned to recognize the rights of others. —Will Rogers (Nov. 4, 1879 – Aug. 15, 1935)

Here's How to Fix Your Stuck RV Black Tank Valve

BYKYLE & OLIVIA BRADY

Having problems with your RV black tank can cause you much frustration. It's not something you want to deal with as an RVer because of the nature of the beast — but it's a reality. What do you do when your RV black tank valve gets stuck?

Is it going to require intensive labor or specialized tools? Can you fix it yourself, or will you have to spend money hiring a mobile RV tech? Let's take a closer look at how you can prevent and fix this issue while saving money by doing it yourself.

Don't freak out. It's completely normal for this to happen. Whether you're a newbie or seasoned RVer, with all of the gunk and grime in your RV black tank, you might have to deal with a stuck valve at some point. It's a relatively easy process that requires few tools.

How to Unstick Your Stuck RV Black Tank Valve

One way to unstick your RV black tank valve is to put Dawn dish soap and water in your black tank and then drive around. The sloshing around of the liquid will not only clean the inside of your tank, but it can get down into the valve and loosen whatever residue is there.

You can also try tapping on your RV black tank valve with a hammer. Make sure to do this lightly. If you break the valve, you'll have more work to do and more money to spend replacing it.

Preventing Your Black Tank Valve From Getting Stuck Again
The biggest way to prevent a sticky black tank valve is proper maintenance. You'll want to keep the rod well lubricated. Every so often, when you dump your black tank, spray lubricant containing silicon on the rod while it's open.

After emptying your tank, work the valve open and closed a few times and then close it. If this valve breaks, it will be much more

difficult to open your RV black tank valve, so do what you can to prevent this from happening.

How to Lubricate RV Tank Gate Valves

The process of lubricating the valve is simple. Buy a tube of lubricant that contains silicon from any big box store or Amazon. Do not use WD-40. This spray is sticky and could cause issues with your seals down the road. Use a product like Dow Corning 111.

As mentioned above, you can simply spray or rub the lubricant on the valve after you've dumped the black tank contents. Or you can take off the valve and replace it with a new one. This is easy and fairly cheap and could be the best option. If your valve is getting stuck, you might need to replace it down the road anyway.

If you want to take it a step further, you can remove your RV black tank valve and do a thorough cleaning. Make sure your tanks are empty and clean. Remove the valve from the flanges. Open the valve and soak it in hot, soapy water. Work the valve a few times in the water to ensure all of the residue gets cleaned out.

You can also inspect the seals during this process to make sure they are still in good condition. It's safe to grease the seals as well when you position the valve back on the flanges.

How Often Should You Lubricate Valves?

Lubricating your RV black tank valve should be part of your regular maintenance checklist. When you spray your slide-outs with lubricant each month, go ahead and spray your black tank valve as well. Don't wait until it gets stuck.

Is It Time to Replace Your Waste Tank Gate Valve?

Replacing your valve is not expensive, and you can do it yourself. It's especially worth doing if you're consistently having problems. It might even be worth purchasing a replacement kit and having it on hand. They are universal, so don't worry about getting the wrong one.



[Valterra-T1003VPM Bladex 3-Inch Waste Valve Body with Metal Handle, Mess-Free Waste Valve for RV's, Campers, Trailers, Black](#)

NO MESS: At-home RV body valve repair is mess-free for your convenience

VERSATILE: Bladex valve is compatible with GrenTec, Blade, Valterra, Bristol, and Anonda valves

When your RV black tank valve gets harder to open, you don't want to wait until it breaks. It's time to replace it. You can reference numerous YouTube videos showing how to go about this, but the entire process should take less than an hour. If you replace the valve before it breaks, you can plan accordingly rather than being surprised one day and having to deal with it without any notice.

How to Replace an RV Black Tank Valve

The first thing you need to do is make sure your black tank is empty and clean. Remove the bolts securing the valve. You may want to place a bucket underneath to catch anything that might leak out. Once you detach the valve, clean around the seals and gaskets. Before you insert the new black tank valve, you can lubricate the seal for preventative maintenance.

See how easy it is to replace your RV waste valve yourself. Once you insert the new valve, replace the bolts. Make sure not to tighten the bolts too much, or you risk cracking the flanges. Open and shut the valve to make sure it works smoothly. You can go ahead and add a lubricant. That's all.

Preventative Maintenance Wins the Day

Taking care of your RV black tank valve is a necessary task for RVers. Maintenance prevents unwanted surprises. Perhaps you had a great day planned with your spouse, but it gets ruined because you broke your black tank valve in frustration that morning trying to dump your tanks.

Take care of all of the different parts of your RV. That doesn't mean things won't break or crack, but do what you can to prevent such issues from happening. When was the last time you lubricated your RV black tank valve?





Let us pray:

Dear Heavenly Father,

The holidays can be such a hard time for so many. This year, like last year, will be difficult, still with lockdowns, shutdowns, and restrictions keeping many people apart.

As we come together today, we lift to you all who feel alone, sad, depressed, or like they don't have much to celebrate or be thankful for. We pray for all who are grieving and missing loved ones. We pray for all who are ill and those who are concerned about friends and loved ones who are ill.

Father, you know, with so much going on, it is more difficult to find that place of peace. We ask our Holy Spirit to help us offer up a sacrifice of praise on the hard days. Sometimes we don't feel like worshipping or being thankful, but praising you and counting our blessings are doorways to your presence, peace, and comfort.

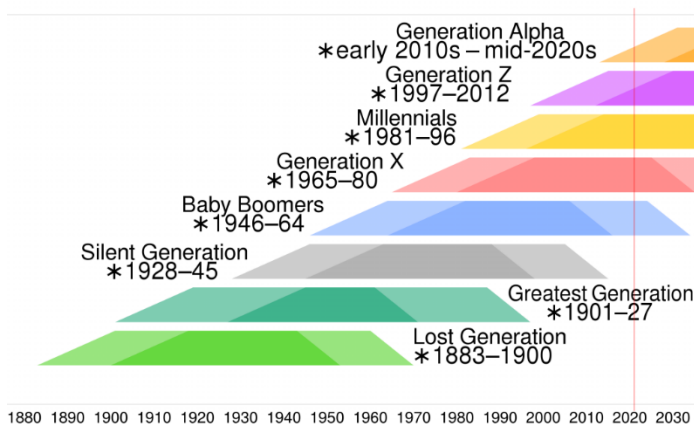
We join our voices and lift up all who are in dire straights financially and all who are dealing with multiple losses and problems at once. We are grateful for your compassion, nearness, and faithfulness, especially during difficult and sorrowful times.

There is so much happening that just makes our hearts hurt. We ask for your help, so this won't be a constant struggle. Worry and stress takes a toll emotionally, mentally, physically, and spiritually.

Thank you for seeing us through -- Please quiet our hearts and minds. There are so many sad things. so many people dealing with hard things, and you know them all. We are grateful that you see, know, and understand all our thinking and feelings. Sometimes we don't feel like worshipping or being thankful, but we do know that praising you and counting our blessings are doorways to your presence, peace, and comfort. There is so much happening that just makes our hearts hurt.

Please wrap your arms around us and send angels, resources, opportunities, provision, and fellowship to those in need. Thankful and grateful for your love, we ask these things in the name of Jesus.

Amen



Brain teaser answer:

White. The only place you can hike 3 miles south, then east for 3 miles, then north for 3 miles and end up back at your starting point is the North Pole. There are only polar bears at the North Pole, and they are white!

Chanukah will be celebrated Sunday evening, November 28, 2021 (25 Kislev) and continues through Monday, December 6, 2021 Festival of lights



Chanukah | Nov. 28 - Dec. 6

May All Eight Days Be Warm And Bright, May your candles burn bright.

Wish your near & dear ones love, happiness, peace and good health with this bright light.

As a trucker stops at a red light, a woman catches up...

She jumps out of her car, runs up to his truck, and knocks on the door. The trucker lowers the window, and she says "Hi, my name is Karen and you're losing some of your load."

At the next red light, the same thing happens again. All out of breath, the woman gets out of her car, runs up, knocks on the truck door. The trucker lowers the window. Again, she says "Hi, my name is Karen, and you are losing some of your load!"

When the light turns green the trucker revs up and races to the next light. When he stops this time, he gets out of the truck and runs back to the woman's car. He knocks on her window, and as she lowers it, he says "Hi, my name is Kevin, it's winter in Iowa and I'm driving the SALT TRUCK!"

Wife crashed the car again today. She told the police the man she collided with was on his mobile phone and drinking a can of beer! Police said he can do what he likes in his own living room!



From

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IN GOD WE TRUST

