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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.

2022 RALLY HOSTS



Wagon Master – Libba Gruba

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.

February Saturday February 5 Atlanta Luncheon Downwind Restaurant, Atlanta, GA 11AM

Simons

February Wednesday February 9 – Lakeland, FL 10:00 AM

Voyna Brunch – Fred’s Market Restaurant

March 4-6 - Leisure Acres Campground, Cleveland, GA

Richard VanGys and Carole and Kenlyn Sawyer

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 & Castor

September 2-4 TBD

Loudermilk & Simons

October 7-9

November 4-6

December -Club Officers

PRESIDENTS CORNER – January 2022

By Terri Jones

Let’s start this 2022 off with a big hand to those who served us so well over the past 2years.

Although I was unable to attend our January luncheon, “the ship must sail 🚢”.. it was a much needed rest.

John and Yvonne Cowan could not of chosen a greater local seafood restaurant. Marietta Fish Company was one of our favorites. There were so many in attendance and I thank you for your participation.

I look forward to seeing you all and waiting to see that Host/Co host Rally calendar fill up. That is a priceless position and Ed and Libba Gruba have done a splendid job. So please pick a month and a partner and a place and “LETS GO RVING 🚐🏠!!

Look forward to seeing everyone in February.

Remember to send your info (updated if needed) to Linda Castor - lcastor@comcad.net with updated photo

On that note, I want to thank Wayne Hollenbeck for timeless work on our directories and Wanda for her acknowledging our members personal events with flowers and cards.

Be Safe On The Road!!!

Terri Jones -President PST 2022-2024

NATIONAL DIRECTOR REPORT

By Marvin Voyna

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

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

SECRETARY REPORT- January 2022

By Kenlyn Sawyer

The January 2022 Luncheon Rally was held at Marietta Fish Market in Marietta, GA on Saturday, January 8, 2022. Hosts were John and Yvonne Cowan. There was a total of 28 people in attendance for the luncheon. Names of those in attendance are at the end of this report.

Secretary Kenlyn Sawyer and Wagon Master, Libba Gruba made announcements for upcoming 2022 rallies.

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.**

February 5, 2022 – Atlanta Luncheon Downwind Restaurant, Atlanta, GA 11AM – Alan and Debbi Simons

February 8, 2022 – Florida Brunch Location during SEA – Marvin & Patricia Voyna

March 4 - 6, 2022 – Leisure Acres Campground, Cleveland, GA – Richard VanGys and Carole and Kenlyn Sawyer

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

May 6 - 8, 2022 - Chattanooga, TN – John and Nancy 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

September 2 – 5, 2022 – Location TBD – Don & Donna Loudermilk and Alan and Debbi Simons

New News – Doug and Carol McCoy – Selling their NewMar

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

MEMBERS: Bowman; Cowan; Esposito; Glenn; Gruba; Hollis; Loudermilk; McCoy; Moreman; Oswood; Sawyer; Simons; VanGys; Voyna;

RALLY REPORT – December 2021

By John Cowan

Our January Lunch Meeting was held Jan 8th at the Marietta Fish Market, hosted by Yvonne and John Cowan.

We had a last minute location change after our original location, Bay Breeze, was closed due to staffing issues.

With some “last minute” phone calls, emails and texts, we were able to get the word out to all of the venue change!

The Fish Market did a great job with short notice and were able to accommodate our group. The food and service were wonderful!

We have since learned that Bay Breeze is now open for business again. Good news!

We had 26 people in attendance, Bowman, Cowan, Esposito, Glenn, Gruba, Hollis, Loudermilk, McCoy, Moreman, Oswood, Sawyer, Simons, VanGys, Voyna.

TREASURES’S REPORT November 2021

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!!!!

Birthdays

01-13 – Phil Newton

01-20 – Beth Bennett

01-21 – Cecil Mallory

01-30 – Margie Esposito



Anniversaries





I'm an RV Mechanic, Here's What Breaks First on Your RV

By: Author [Kyle & Olivia Brady](#)

One fact every RV owner knows – things are bound to break! Today we've teamed up with RV Mechanic, Ed Wilcox, to learn what fails first.



Not only is Wilcox an RV Tech, he also [created a course to teach RVers how to fix their own systems](#). These easier-than-you-expect fixes can save you time (RV shops are slow) and money (RV shops are super expensive)!

Without any further ado, here's Ed Wilcox!
Advice from an RV Mechanic

Owning an RV is awesome...until it's not.

There are lots of systems that are different from a house. And when you purchase, the dealer might walk you through them to make sure they're working. But they definitely don't tell you they might not always be in tip-top shape. Or how often they could "hiccup" and stop working.

As an RV mechanic, I've seen my fair share of broken RV systems. Here are the ones that give people the most headaches.

Water Heater

The water heater is hands down the most worked on piece of RV equipment. When I took delivery of my first rig, the water heater didn't work at all. I was frustrated and annoyed. After breaking out the manual, I realized this system is actually pretty easy.

I had a 6 gallon Atwood. After just a few minutes, I realized that the water heater simply had a bad connection on a thermal fuse. This means all I had to do was wiggle the wires to get it working again.

Trouble shooting your RV water heater.

If you're having trouble with your water heater, here's what you do:

Unplug and replug wire connections one at a time to get any corrosion off the connection.

Next, check the inside fuse and circuit breaker. Check to see if it works on electricity, if one operation works you could at least heat water.

While you are checking the area take the time to drain and flush your tank. If you have a suburban, check the anode rod condition. Then flush any water or sediment that may be in the bottom of the tank.

The next most common repair is anything furnace related. If you have had your coach in hibernation all winter, chances are that it may give you some issues. This also goes for the beginning of the fall season when switching from ac to heat.

Your furnace needs 3 things to light:

Spark: if the electrode is not sparking and the system seems to start like normal, shut off power at the furnace. Then check the

connection on the circuit card. Remove the connection and look at the pins, wipe with a soft cloth, then reinstall. Once that's done, restart the furnace.

Air: if the fan will not spin, it may need a little push. If the motor sits for a long period of time it can become stuck, there could be critters, or a nest of some kind.

Fuel: you have to remember to turn on the propane. If you run it out of propane and it seems to be broken after refilling, light the burners on the stove. Get the propane moving in the system.

Air conditioning

The third most common RV system fail is the Air Conditioning. While there are many parts of the AC system that can fail:

capacitor not working properly

Not enough "juice" to start the fan or compressor

Loose connection on the board

There's usually one reason for all these failures: a dirty AC unit. Try cleaning the circuit board or the entire unit itself.

If that doesn't work and you're sure the AC is shot, the best thing to do is get a new one.

Fortunately, as long as the unit is in the roof, it's not too hard to swap out.

If you have a Dometic, get one that is compatible with your electronics. If you have a Coleman, get the one that will be compatible with what you already have. Too easy, right?

Now if you have a Carrier (like me) some parts can be hard to come by. There are a couple of companies who have made conversion kits.

Basement AC is a whole different animal, my suggestion would be to call someone who knows how to work on them.

RV Generators

Gettin' that ole green beast started up after sitting all winter is sometimes a bit of a chore. Not gonna lie on this one.

The best way to combat this is to run your generator every month for at least an hour, while under load. Under load means you are running quite a bit of electricity. Turn your AC and water heater on, flip on the lights, and maybe even watch some TV. If you're past that point and you've let it sit much longer than it should, here are a couple tips to get 'er goin.

Check the oil- the generators have an oil level indicator, and it will not start if the oil is low.

Check fuel level- the generator will not start if the coach fuel level is not above a quarter tank.

Drain old fuel from the carburetor. There is a screw on the bottom that will allow you to get new fuel into the carb. Trying to start on old fuel does not usually work out too well.

Push that button inside your rig. If it starts, great!

If not? Try the button on the generator.

I've found for whatever reason, if the generator doesn't want to start with the inside button, it understands you are getting serious when you go outside and hit the other button.

It's like "alright, you win!"

Two Ladies Talking in Heaven

1st woman: Hi, Wanda!

2nd woman: Hi, Sylvia! How'd you die?

1st woman: I froze to death.

2nd woman: How horrible!

1st woman: It wasn't so bad. After I quit shaking from the cold, I began to get warm & sleepy, and finally died a peaceful death. What about you?

2nd woman: I died of a massive heart attack. I suspected that my husband was cheating, so I came home early to catch him in the act. But instead, I found him all by himself in the den watching TV.

1st woman: So, what happened?

2nd woman: I was so sure there was another woman there somewhere that I started running all over the house looking. I ran up into the attic and searched, and down into the basement. Then I went through every closet and checked under all the beds. I kept this up until I had looked everywhere, and finally I became so exhausted that I just keeled over with a heart attack and died.

1st woman: Too bad you didn't look in the freezer—we'd both still be alive.

Joke of the Week

A woman, cranky because her husband was again late coming home, left a note saying, "I've had enough and moved out!" Then she hid under the bed to see his reaction. When he came home she saw him walk toward the dresser and pick up the note, then write something on it. He then made a phone call: "She's finally gone.... Yeah, I know. It's about time. I'm coming over. Put on that sexy nightie. I love you!" He hung up and left. Sure that he was gone, the woman came out from under the bed. Seething with rage and with tears in her eyes, she grabbed the note to see what he wrote. "I can see your feet. We're outta coffee. Be back in five minutes."

Bumper sticker of the week

"5/4 of all people have trouble with fractions."

Trivia

The three largest RV manufacturers now produce nearly 90 percent of all American RVs. They are: Thor (47.42%), Forest River (37.08%) and Winnebago (8.4%). That adds up to 88.9 percent, leaving about 11 percent for other companies to fight over. *SOURCE: Statistical Surveys, Inc.*

Worth Pondering

"Thanks to the Interstate Highway System, it is now possible to travel across the country from coast to coast without seeing anything."



Did you hear about the two blondes who froze to death in a drive-in movie? They had gone to see 'Closed for the Winter.'



3 Things

3 things in life that never comes back when gone:

- Time
- Words
- Opportunity

3 things in life that should never be lost:

- Peace
- Hope
- Honesty

3 things in life that are most valuable:

- Love
- Faith
- Prayer

3 things that make a person:

- Hard work
- Sincerity
- Commitment

3 things that can destroy a person:

- Lust
- Pride
- Anger
- Change
- Death
- God

3 who love you and who will never leave you alone:

- The Father
- The Son
- The Holy Spirit

"For Nothing is impossible With God"

LUKE 1:37

The importance of a good RV water filter



A Clear20 CRV2006 RV and Marine Inline Water Filter at a campground water hookup.

By Keith Bernard

Clean water. Every RVer wants it and needs it. No sane RVer would consider embarking on a trip of any length without clean

water onboard – or a way to generate it. In fact, clean water may arguably be the most important item for your RV, next to your keys and a full tank of gas.

Of course, clean is a relative term. Obviously, you don't need the same level of water purity for bathing as you do for drinking. And if you're going to be boiling the water anyway, how clean does it need to be for cooking? It's not just a purity issue but a financial one as well. Does it make sense to spend possibly thousands of dollars on a reverse osmosis filtration system if you are only going use it for washing your RV floor? Therefore, depending on what you're using the water for, the question is: How clean is clean enough?

Now that we've posed the question, we will admit that it's a hard question to answer. The only use for which there are specific standards is drinking, and the standards are complex. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) sets legal limits on over 90 contaminants in drinking water. (The legal limit for a contaminant reflects the level that protects human health and that water systems can achieve using the best available technology.) Yet, drinking water that doesn't specifically meet the EPA's standards may still be safe to drink, in small quantities or for short periods of time, if no other source is available.

Given the inherent difficulty in providing data on exactly what level of water quality is ideal for each purpose, it would be more instructive to put it in terms of protection "levels": what happens to water at various protection levels, and what purpose/function it can serve at each level. Keep in mind: These are guidelines that can help provide a basic understanding of water-quality levels. Any specific concerns about water quality should be directed to your local water department or campground management.

No protection (no filtration used)

- RVers are completely at the mercy of the campground/location for the quality of water they use
- Risk of poor-quality water (taste, odor, illness, etc.) for which campgrounds are notorious
- Risk to RV for buildup of sediment within pipes, water heater, other systems
- Cost/inconvenience of bottled water (assuming that's the source of your drinking water)
- Potential for sink/toilet staining from rust and other sediments/particulates

Some Protection (inline granular filter only)

- Mostly improves color and odor, with some improvement in taste
- Some sediment removal (depending on micron level) to protect RV
- Some reduction in staining
- Improved water quality for showering/rinsing only
- Bottled water still recommended for drinking

Some Protection ("point of use" only)

- Can achieve drinking water quality at faucet where filter is used (under sink, filtered water pitcher)
- No improvement for showering or rinsing (unless filters are used at point of use)
- Continued risk to RV for buildup of sediment within pipes, water heater, other systems
- Potential for sink/toilet staining from rust and other sediments

Full Protection (1 micron inline, or canister system with below 5 micron/carbon filtration)

- High water quality for all uses – drinking, showering, rinsing
- RV is protected from any sediment issues in pipes, water heater, other systems
- Eliminates staining

Combination

- Use inline granular as primary filter for whole RV to improve overall water quality for showering, rinsing, etc., but not to drinking water standards
- Use point-of-use system at faucet for drinking water (e.g., secondary filter with low micron rating via under-sink mount, water pitcher, faucet mount, countertop) It should come as no surprise that it's best to go with full protection. But everyone must determine the best method for them to achieve their water quality goals based on their usage. There are other factors to consider as well: A part-time RVer and a full-timer will not only have different water-quality needs but also varying acceptance levels. A part-timer may be willing to accept lower quality levels for a weekend, but a full-timer will likely grow weary of substandard water for an extended period. What's more, different RVs have different space availability. So, an inline solution may be ideal for some, while a full canister system may work better for others. Similarly, it should not shock anyone that using no protection at all is not a sound strategy. If you could take a look inside any inline filter after a few months of use, you would witness a very ugly spectacle: a filter that started off bone-white will be severely discolored to a dark brown – a combination of sediment, contaminants, chemicals, and other nasty stuff. The amount will vary depending on the micron level (and quality) of the filter, but even the most inferior-quality inline filter is capturing a number of elements you're simply better off without. The point is, with no filter of any kind, you're getting those elements – like it or not.

As RVers, we all want the cleanest water we can possibly get. Depending on the level of filtration you use, you'll get different levels of quality. The real question is, how clean do you want – or need – it to be?

• An elderly couple return to a Mercedes dealership to find the salesman had just sold the car they were interested in to a beautiful, leggy, busty blonde.
"I thought you said you would hold that car till we raised the \$75,000 asking price," said the man. "Yet I just heard you closed the deal for \$65,000 to that lovely young lady there. You insisted there could be no discount on this model."
"Well, what can I tell you? She had the ready cash, and just look at her, how could I resist?" replied the grinning salesman.
Just then the young woman approached the old folks and handed them the keys.
"There you go," she said. "I told you I could get this joker to drop the price."
"See you later, grandpa."
Never mess with the elderly!

Please see note below from Alan and Debbi Simons regarding the **February 5th luncheon:**

It's at Downwind restaurant at peach tree Dekalb airport. Lunchtime is at eleven. It's on the second floor to the right. There is an elevator.

Please let Alan and Debbi know by **January 29** that you are coming. Rally fee will be \$1 per RV. Hope to see you there!

SEA Rally
Wednesday February 9, 2022 Brunch
Lakeland, Florida
10:00 AM



2120 Harden Blvd. Lakeland, FL
863-603-7080

(Pippin Rd West to Harden Blvd North)

Fred's Market Restaurant

Fred's Market Restaurant serves up a special taste of farm-to-plate freshness, on our MarketTable™. Our food is slowly cooked in a natural and unprocessed way, served in a cozy atmosphere full of warmth and fun. We don't compromise on quality or character whether it's the ingredients in our dishes or the attitudes of our people. It's southern comfort that's pure and hearty all the way to the core and it's all found at Fred's Market Restaurant. Slow Food, *Fast*.

10:00 Wednesday February 9, 2022 BRUNCH

RSVP (PST-Rally Fee \$1.00 per couple) All Georgia is welcome to join us. Party time
Patricia Voyna pfvoyna@marvsdiesel.com or text 678-523-0378

May Rally information

Holiday Travel Park, Rossville, Ga, 800 693 2877

May 5 - 8, 2022

Holding 15 spots

John and Nancye Glenn Host

Peach State Travelers

Please see campground information for the May Rally and make your reservations now! Be sure to let the hosts know that you are coming for their planning. Additional information to come as the dates get closer.

March 2022 Peach State Travelers Rally

Dates: March 4-6, 2022

Place: Leisure Acres Campground
3840 Westmoreland Road
Cleveland, GA 30528

Reservations: 706-865-6466

The rate is \$48.00 per night and 14 sites have been reserved. Please phone and make reservations indicating that you are with the Peach State Travelers.

Please let your Hosts know for planning:

Richard VanGys 570-449-9673

Carole & Kenlyn Sawyer - Carole 770-315-5272 or Kenlyn 404-867-3898

Thursday: 5:30 PM Dinner at a nearby restaurant for the early birds!

Friday: 5:30 PM Dinner Restaurant to be determined (TBD) later.

Saturday: 5:30 PM Dinner in the Clubhouse. Entree will be provided by hosts. Bring favorite salad, side dish or dessert. Please bring beverage and plate/silverware set-ups. Chapter Meeting, Games and Fellowship to follow.

Sunday: A light breakfast served by your rally hosts at 9 AM with a short meeting/devotional after if needed. Please bring beverage and plate/silverware set-ups/

Rally Fee: TBD

Let's have fun in Cleveland!



Some of you may remember former Peach State Travelers, Bill and Betty Hollin, who have both passed away now. Their daughter, Pamela White, is interviewed in this story about the recent passing of her daughter, Briana Lee from a brain aneurysm on Sunday. Please keep these families in your prayers.

['She loved like Christ loved': Canton police officer's wife dies days after giving birth](#)

CANTON, Ga. - Brianna Lee's parents are still trying to come to terms with losing their daughter unexpectedly. They say they are strong in faith and while they wish they had more time with her, they know God had bigger plans.

While holding their granddaughter in their arms, Pam and Richard White told FOX 5 losing their daughter has ripped their hearts open, but with that loss comes the blessing of their grandchild.

"She looks just like her, just like her. To me, I'm calling her Briebo, because that's what I called Brianna," Richard White, Brianna's father, said. "But this is Amelia Ray, but to me, she's Little Brie."

Brianna, 25, passed away suddenly from a brain aneurysm eight days after giving birth to her daughter, Amelia.

The mother of two and her husband, Canton police officer Jesse Lee, were high school sweethearts. They married right out of high school. Jesse joined the marines and the couple eventually made their way home.

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