



The Peach State Traveler

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Future SEA (Southeast Area) Rally

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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.

April 1- 3– Lake Tobesofkee Arrowhead Park Campground, Lizella, GA

TJ and Ginny Cooke

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

June 3-5 – Fawn Ridge, Davenport, FL
Terri Jones

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

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

September 2-4 Veterans Memorial State Park, Cordele, GA
Loudermilk & Simons

October 7-9

November 4-6

December -Club Officers

PRESIDENTS CORNER – March 2022

By Terri Jones

Our Peach State Travelers met in Cleveland Ga for our March Rally.

Themed St Pattys Day with Corned Beef and Cabbage prepared by Carol and Kenlyn Sawyer, Dick Van Guys and Terry and Boyd Carlyle. All side dishes and desserts made by members. All food was delicious.

Officers held first of quarterly meeting to look at our charter and see how we can improve on our group rally's, brainstorming on attracting new membership and offering ideas for rally hosts.

It was great to see all who attended and made the journey safely. Weather was perfect, mountains beautiful and sightseeing is always a pleasure.

Please join in on our rally's as we always enjoy fellowship, food and fun as a group. We hope to plan more fun rally's as our host prepare for April in Macon. Check your calendar and we'll see you there.

We ask for comfort and healing of our members who are sick or unable to attend our rally's. May we see you soon.

May we also take a moment to reflect on what our country is going through and pray for Ukraine and their people as they are afflicted with war and displacement of families. We pray for

families here with sons and daughters being deployed to help that country and those who may have to go to fight for freedom.

May we find peace again in this world through faith.
Sincerely, Terri Jones, President PST

NATIONAL DIRECTOR REPORT

By Marvin Voyna

If you missed it, new benefits;

Soft start – Allows use of multiple AC units on 30 AMPS of power. The discount for FMCA members is \$60 off per unit.

GFI Notify System – Monitors RV and home electrical power status and provides notifications. It is a 10% discount.

MedJet – A medical transportation and repatriation service that provides more benefits than FMC Assist, it is optional and at additional cost.

FMCA has partnered with Harvest Hosts to bring you more campground discount options! Harvest Hosts is a network of wineries, breweries, distilleries, farms, and attractions that invite RVers to stay in 2,700+ stunning camping sites. Their annual membership gives members unlimited access to one-night stays overnight at any one of their Host's locations.

FMCA has partnered with Boondockers Welcome to bring you even more campground discount options! Boondockers Welcome is a network of over 2,900 host locations where travelers are invited to spend the night, share their stories, and save their money for the real adventure. Their annual membership gives members unlimited access to overnight stays at any one of their Host's locations.

SECRETARY REPORT- March 2022

By Kenlyn Sawyer

The March 2022 Rally was held at Leisure Acres Campground in Cleveland, GA on March 4 - 6, 2022. Hosts were Richard VanGys, Boyd & Terry Carlyle and Carole & Kenlyn Sawyer. There was a total of 20 people in attendance for the weekend. Names of those in attendance are at the end of this report.

President Terri Jones opened the meeting on Saturday, March 5, 2022, at the Leisure Acres Clubhouse and thanked the hosts for the weekend. She also thanked the members who cooked and brought food for tonight's meal.

President Jones announced that the Officers held a meeting on Saturday afternoon along with the Membership Chairperson, Beth Bennett and the Sunshine Chairperson, Margie Esposito. Beth will be sending out PST information to new FMCA members and perspective PST members. Please be sure to pass on any illnesses, hospitalizations and prayer requests to Margie so that she can pass it on to the rest of the club. Margie will be sending out birthday, anniversary and get-well cards to the members.

Linda Castor is continuing to work on the new PST directories, and they should be finished in the next couple of weeks. Please be sure to send new addresses or any other directory changes to Linda Castor and copy Kenlyn Sawyer.

Treasurer, Terry Carlyle read her Treasurer Report

Beginning Balance 09-30--2021 \$2,343.92

Receipts:

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|-------------|--------|
| Sept. Rally | 3.70 |
| Oct. Rally | 8.18 |
| Nov. Rally | 49.65 |
| Dec. Rally | 12.00 |
| Jan. Rally | 15.00 |
| Feb. Rally | 10.00 |
| March Rally | 17.00 |
| Dues | 270.00 |

Disbursements:

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|--------------------------|--------|
| Presidents Gift | 50.00 |
| Registration with state | 30.00 |
| Barbara VanGuys Memorial | 100.00 |

Ending Balance: 03-07-2022 \$2,549.45

Secretary Kenlyn Sawyer reported the February Secretary Report was printed in the February newsletter.

Debbie Simons made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as read and the Secretary's Report as written in the Newsletter. Carole Sawyer seconded the motion. The motion was accepted.

Wagon Master, Libba Gruba made announcements for upcoming 2022 rallies. Please contact Wagon Master, Libba Gruba to sign up for a 2022 or 20223 rally. **Please contact your hosts to confirm your attendance after the campground reservations are made.**

April 1 - 3, 2022 – Lake Tobesofkee Arrowhead Park Campground, Lizella, GA - TJ and Ginny Cooke

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

June 3 - 5, 2022 – Davenport, FL – Terri Jones

July 1 - 3, 2022 – Carlyles/Hamiltons – Location TBD

August 5 - 7, 2022 – Willow Valley RV Resort, Rabun Gap, GA - Bill and Margie Esposito and Ron and Linda Castor

September 2 – 5, 2022 – Lake Blackshear Resort and Golf Club, Cordele, GA – Don & Donna Loudermilk and Alan & Debbi Simons

October 7 – 9, 2022 - Need hosts and location.

November 4 – 6, 2022 – Need hosts and location.

President Jones reminded everyone to include the restaurant addresses in rally agendas and to use GPS. She strongly encouraged everyone NOT to caravan for safety reasons.

Sunshine Committee: Margie reminded everyone to keep Wiley Bowman and Bobby Moreman in your prayers. Linda Castor requested prayers for Ukraine and their grandson who is stationed at Fort Stewart.

MEMBERS: Bennett; Carlyle; Castor; Esposito; Glenn; Gruba; Jones; Loudermilk; Sawyer; Simons; VanGys.

GUEST: Scott Odum



RALLY REPORT – March 2022

By

SUNSHINE REPORT – March 2022

By



TREASURES'S REPORT March 2022

By: Terry Carlyle



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EVERYONE MUST COMPLETE A RALLY REPORT AND SEND TO ME FOR THEIR RALLY. PLEASE SEND ALL RECEIPTS WITH IT!!!!.3

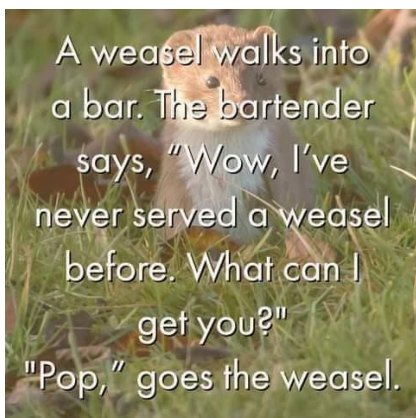
Birthdays

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



Anniversaries

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



If you drive a gasoline vehicle or motorhome, this may be of interest.

RV Gadget Review: The CatStrap prevents catalytic converter thefts

By Tony Barthel



If you haven't heard, catalytic converter thefts are on the rise. While lots of people are asking "Why don't 'they' do something about this?" the

answer isn't all that simple. But a reader clued us in to a gadget called the CatStrap™. It might prevent your vehicle's catalytic converter from being stolen.

The CatStrap is an intriguing device that is one of those simple solutions to a complex problem that may turn out to be a great solution.

Essentially, this device is a series of high-strength metal cables encapsulated in a braided metal wrapper with a bright label on it. The whole "strip" is designed to be a deterrent for catalytic converter thefts. It makes it more difficult to actually saw off the catalytic converter. But it is also a visual deterrent by virtue of the bright label.

Why steal catalytic converters?

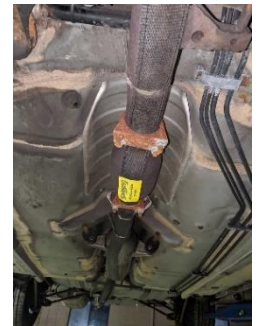
It's easy to steal a catalytic converter on many vehicles and even



more so on motorhomes as well as large pickups and SUVs. Essentially, thieves simply slip under the vehicle with a skilsaw and cut the exhaust pipe on either side of the device.

Then off they go with a haul of high-value materials to a place that will pay them for the metals or even the complete device itself.

There are also pipe cutters out there that enable someone to cut the exhaust pipe in a moment's time and do so almost silently. It's a tool an exhaust pipe shop would use but something that makes it really handy for catalytic converter thieves, as well.



Larger vehicles like the kind we drive generally offer more space underneath for a thief to do their dirty deed. The larger catalytic converters required in big engines also have more of the high-value metals in them.

The cables within the CatStrap mesh

How it works

The CatStrap simply uses a high-temperature adhesive to stick to the pipe and the catalytic converter. Then you also secure it in several places to add further to it remaining in place.

The idea is that the high-strength cables inside the mesh outer wrapper will dramatically slow down the thief trying to cut the pipe. Further, the bright label could act as a deterrent and the thief might move on seeing this.

My own questions

This is one of those really brilliant inventions that are delightfully simple and seems to offer a solution to a problem without creating a problem itself.

The only thing I would want to be sure of is that the converter itself doesn't lose any cooling functionality. The catalytic converter tends to run very, very hot as part of the chemical process that makes it actually work.

But, honestly, I would have zero hesitation about putting one of these on my own pickup truck and telling everybody about it who would listen. Just the visual deterrent alone could be sufficient to get someone to move on, as most of these devices are just hanging there like the apple that tempted Adam.

As we've written before on this website, many catalytic converter thefts happen because removing them is just so very easy. Further, access to them is also pretty great, especially on larger vehicles with high ground clearance. By installing the CatStrap you may have the only large vehicle on the block that has anything more than what a thief expects to find. That might be enough of a deterrent to cause a thief to move on.

There's more

In addition to the simple CatStrap, the company also offers a device called the CatEye. That is an alarm that works by looking for motion under the vehicle. This is a motion sensor that you attach to your vehicle battery that uses a sensor to watch for someone under the vehicle.

If it detects the right type of motion (it is adjustable), then it sounds a loud alarm—hopefully deterring someone from remaining under the vehicle.

Of course, the alarm offers a further deterrent but does have to be armed and hooked to the vehicle battery. Yes, additional deterrents are good. But I would think that the CatStrap alone is a pretty good deterrent and a very simple solution.

The price of the CatStrap ranges from \$129.99 to \$199.99, depending on the model chosen. Honestly, I see a lot of goofy ideas that people pitch me to share with you, but I think this might be a winner. No, I haven't seen it in person. But the idea is a sound one and I am going to get one of these myself.

"They" should do something

In fact, there is attention by government officials to the shocking number of catalytic converter thefts. In this article in Oregon's Portland Tribune, they outline some new legislation aimed at reducing these costly thefts.

There is also legislation that helps reduce a thief's ability to sell the catalytic converter, as well. But this is assuming that the thief is selling it to a legitimate business like a junkyard or other material handling organization that obeys the law. The Washington House of Representatives recently passed legislation to stem the sharp rise in catalytic converter thefts across Washington state. HB 1815 requires a scrap metal business engaging in a transaction involving a catalytic converter removed from a vehicle to record documentation indicating that it came from a vehicle registered in the seller's name.

Unfortunately, it's an easy crime to commit and the rewards to the thief are pretty good considering the relative risk. Perhaps the best way not to be a victim is to take action yourself, especially if you own a vehicle that's easy to crawl under like an SUV, pickup or motorhome.

Learn more on the CatStrap website.



Trivia

The tallest habitable masonry structure in the world is the Philadelphia City Hall. What does that mean? Well, modern skyscrapers are built with steel framework and curtain walls. That internal skeleton carries the load weight all the way back down to the ground and is distributed evenly. In conventional construction, the weight of the building sits in the walls, which then gets carried to the ground. This is how Philadelphia's City Hall was built, making it the tallest masonry load-bearing structure in the world, standing at 548 feet tall. In addition, the building is also one of the largest municipal buildings in the entire world.

The Patron Saint of Ireland

St. Patrick's Day started in 1631 as a celebration of St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland who died on March 17, 461. Born on the western frontier of the Roman Empire in what is now Wales, he claimed he was captured by Irish raiders as a teenager and forced to work for a local chieftain in the north of Ireland. There he found faith during six years of captivity before he escaped and made his way home. He found his calling with the church, taking the name Patricius, and decided to return to Ireland and spread his faith. He was sainted for his efforts to convert Irish Druids into Christians.

The Symbols and Legends

Today's celebrations are a long way from the sober and devout remembrance of a holy figure, but some elements of St. Patrick's history remain. What began as a traditional feast day has evolved to focus more on drinks than on food, a shift some attribute to its close proximity to Lent and an excuse to take a day off from abstinence. While some legends — like St. Patrick driving all of the snakes from Ireland — sound like pure mythology today, the tale that he used a three-leafed shamrock to explain the Holy Trinity persists as a symbol of both his adopted country and his holiday. Even the day's color palette is symbolic, as a nod to the Emerald Isle's lush green landscape.

T.J. and Ginny Cooke for the **April Rally in the Macon, GA** area at **Lake Tobosofkee** - Camp Arrowhead campground. The Cookes are on site 14.

Try this website and select Arrowhead to make your reservations.

[Camping – Lake Tobesofkee](#)

<http://laketobo.maconbibb.us/camping/>

More information to come soon from the Cookes.

May Rally information

Holiday Travel Park, Rossville, Ga, 800 693 2877

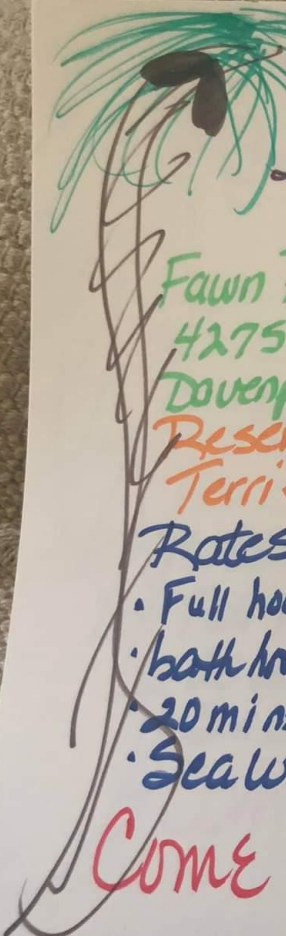
May 5 - 8, 2022

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.



Peach State
Travelers
June Rally
3rd - 5th

Fawn Ridge RV Resort
42759 US 27
Davenport, FL 33837

Reservations thru
Terri Jones - 404-925-6440

Rates - \$37/night / \$196/wkly

- Full hookups • pool • laundry
- bath house • clubhouse
- 20 mins to Disney
- SeaWorld • shopping,

Come on down.



PST Members,

September Rally

September 2 – 4, 2022

Georgia Veterans Memorial State Park
Lake Blackshear Resort & Golf Club
2459 Highway 280 West
Cordele, GA
Campground Reservation line: 229-276-2371

This is **Labor Day weekend** and Park expects to fill up quickly. You may make your campground reservation to arrive earlier and leave Monday or Tuesday. RV rate \$55.00 per night. I encourage you to call ASAP and make your reservation with group. Mention PST when making a RV reservation. Do NOT make an online RV reservation. Cottages and guest rooms can be reserved.

The shady campground has predominately 30-amp sites in Area #3 held for PST; however, you can ask if there are any available 50-amp sites. They may have 2 or 3 left. View the campground map.

There is a beautiful 18-hole golf course, restaurants on-site, veteran's museum, archery range, beach, fishing, disc golf, hiking trails and more.

Once you make your reservation, please email donna.loudermilk@me.com with details: site number and arrival & departure dates

Planned agenda will be provided later.

Thank you,

www.lakeblackshearresort.com

Hosts:

Don & Donna Loudermilk (site #54)

Alan & Debbi Simons

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