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#### **Future SEA (Southeast Area) Rally**

www.seafmca.org SEA President-Patricia Voyna email: pfvoyna@marvsdiesel.com

SEA Georgia VP -February 7-10, 2024, SUN n FUN, Lakeland, Florida

#### **Future FMCA International Convention**

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, GO Summer 2027 - July 14-17, Gillette, WY \* = Contingent on successful contract negotiations.



### 2022 RALLY HOSTS



### Wagon Master – Libba Gruba

Weekend different from 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

November 4-6 River Rocks Landing 256-472-1364 1 River Rd. Gadsden Al No HOST or Sawyers

December - St. Mt. RV Park 770-498- 5710 4003 Stonewall Jackson Dr. St. Mt. Ga Club Officers

### **2023 RALLY HOSTS**

January 7 Luncheon TBD Moreman

February 4 Luncheon TBD Simons

March 15-18 FMCA International Convention, Perry, GA *Voyna* & ? (Lunch on March 13 or 14<sup>th</sup>)

April 7-9 – Leisure Acres, Cleveland, GA 706-865-6466 Vangys, Sawyers

May 5-7 – Hard Labor Creek State, Rutledge, GA 800-864-7275 Gruba

June 2-4 – TBD Simons

July 7-9 – Luncheon, Dawsonville Carlyle

August 4-6 – TBD Esposito

September 1-3 – TBD Glenn

October 6-8 November 3-5 December 1-3 Club Officers



# **PRESIDENTS CORNER – October 2022**

By Terri Jones

Fall is definitely in the air! Had to turn on the heater a few nights. October in Perry, Ga with the smell of funnel cakes and deep-fried Oreos. Does it get any better??

Our October was in a very friendly campground that definitely will be on our list again. Level lots, quiet and close to everything. Our No Host turned out well with meals choices of Mexican, The Swanson House and Longhorns. Some of us attended the fair on Friday and Saturday with tickets from Wiley's daughter.

Always enjoy sitting outside in the evenings and socializing. Hope to see you again soon! Back to Florida sunshine! On the road again, Terri Jones - President -PST

# NATIONAL DIRECTOR REPORT

By Marvin Voyna

# **SECRETARY REPORT- October 2022**

By Kenlyn Sawyer

. The October 2022 Rally was held at Crossroads Travel RV Park in Perry, GA on October 7 - 9, 2022. This was a No Host weekend. There was a total of 8 people camping and 4 people drove down for dinner/visiting for the weekend. The names of those in attendance are at the end of this report.

There was no meeting during the weekend, but announcements were made at supper on Friday night.

Wagon Master: Please contact Libba Gruba to sign up for a 2022 or 2023 rally. Please contact your hosts to confirm your attendance after the campground reservations are made.

November 4 - 6. 2022 - River Rocks Landing - Gadsden, AL "No Host Rally".

December 2-4, 2022 - Stone Mountain Campground - PST Officers

MEMBERS CAMPING: Bennett; Bowman; Gruba; Sawyer MEMBERS DRIVING: Cooke; Voyna

### **RALLY REPORT – October 2022**

By No Host

## **SUNSHINE REPORT – October 2022** By





# TREASURES'S REPORT March 2022

By: Terry Carlyle

Beginning Balance 09-302021 \$2 Receipts:	2,343.92
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:	
Presidents Gift	50.00
Registration with state	30.00
Barbara VanGuys Memorial	100

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

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

# **Birthdays**

10-01 - Myra Stainback 10-09 - Donna Loudermilk 10-11 - Carol McCoy 10-13 - Bobby Moreman 10-28 - Margie Rankin 10-31 – Julia Newton



# **Anniversaries**

10-13 – John & Yvonne Cowan



#### Why Do People Touch the Ceiling When **Driving Through a Yellow Light?** By: Author Kyle & Olivia Brady



You may have seen a passenger do it or perhaps another driver. You may even do it yourself! The practice of touching the ceiling of your vehicle while driving through a yellow light is one of a

handful of superstitions that are relatively common throughout the U.S.

But what exactly does it mean? Let's take a closer look. Why Do People Touch the Ceiling When Driving Through a Yellow Light?

Touching the ceiling while driving through a yellow light is generally seen as a protective gesture. It ensures the driver and passengers safely make it through the intersection without any accidents or other incidents.

Some drivers also kiss their hands before touching the ceiling, presumably for some extra protection. Alternately, some drivers view the gesture as a "thank you" sign, expressing gratitude to the universe, luck, or some higher power. It's not clear exactly why this would provide any luck or protection or how this habit came to be. Still, you'll find it's a habit of drivers young and old, from all parts of the country and worldwide. Many drivers can't tell you why they do it either.

#### **Other Common Driving Superstitions**

If you're a "ceiling toucher," you're certainly not alone in practicing driving superstitions.

There are plenty of little habits that, while their origins and effects are murky, make you feel better as you hit the road. Let's take a look.

#### Holding Your Breath While Passing a Graveyard

This is one of the more well-known driving superstitions. Holding your breath while passing a graveyard is said to prevent breathing any ghosts or spirits into your body. People also think it shows respect to the dead by not breathing in front of them when they obviously can't.

#### Holding Your Breath While Driving Through a Tunnel

Unlike holding your breath past a graveyard, holding your breath while driving through a tunnel has much less grim associations. People believe this driving superstition will bring good luck to those who accomplish it.

Alternatively, holding your breath for the length of a tunnel could also grant a wish to those who are successful. As with holding our breath past a graveyard, you should be careful trying this one. Don't hold your breath too long if you're the one behind the wheel.

#### Lifting Your Feet Over Railroad Tracks or Bridges

This driving superstition has two very different interpretations. In the first, not picking up your feet as you go over the tracks means you'll never find true love.

Or you could lose your current partner. Another interpretation says that picking up your feet supposedly prevents you from dying young. In any case, this is a superstition best practiced by passengers only.

#### Tossing Loose Change on the Floor of a New Car

If you see loose change on the floor of someone's car, it may be more than some forgotten coins. It's a tradition known as "car coining."

The practice of tossing change onto the floor of a new car aims to bring good luck to the vehicle and its owner. Even if it doesn't bring you any luck, you'll at least have some spare change hanging around for parking meters or tolls.

#### Honking Before or While in a Tunnel

While it might startle those unfamiliar with the superstition, honking before or during a drive through a tunnel is pretty common.

Many believe it will help them pass through the tunnel safely. It may be part of a lingering habit from days when narrow tunnels did pose actual safety risks.

Others may have heard stories about ghosts or evil spirits inhabiting the tunnels or surrounding areas. The honk may be an effort to ward them off.

**Touch the roof, hold your breath**, or honk your horn while driving if you're a superstitious driver.

Where Do Superstitions Come From?

As you may be able to tell from the superstitions listed above, these small habits of dubious effectiveness have many different origins. Some are based on religious or cultural beliefs about life, death, and luck.

Others have their origins in true-life events or safety concerns that may no longer be necessary or valid. Some may simply have no detectable origins at all. These may have just started as a habit that grew and spread over time.

#### Are Driving Superstitions Based in Reality?

Most drivers, even those who practice these superstitions, will likely acknowledge they're not real or effective. While they may have origins in actual events or practices, there's simply no evidence that doing any of these things will protect you. However, many feel they're harmless. If they make you feel better, that's a bonus in and of itself.

Quirky Driving Superstitions Are Muscle Memory to Most of Us Whether you touch the roof, hold your breath, or honk your horn, many of us observe these small superstitions without even thinking.

These behaviors are simple muscle memory to most people, who may have been doing them for years. While how effective they are is questionable at best, driving superstitions aren't going anywhere anytime soon.

You're better safe than sorry, after all.



Columbus Day is a holiday in the United States that commemorates the landing of Christopher Columbus on October 12, 1492, in the New World. Columbus was a native of Genoa, Italy, and

over the years Italian Americans took up the cause of honouring his achievement. In 1937 it became a national holiday by proclamation of U.S. President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

In 1492, Christopher Columbus sailed from the Spanish port of Palos de la Frontera on behalf of Queen Isabella I and King Ferdinand II, but his roots trace back to Genoa, Italy. The story of his journey remains a source of pride for many Italian Americans whose families also crossed the Atlantic. His voyage inspired many others to follow and ultimately contributed to the founding of America, which has been a beacon for immigrants across the world.

Many of these immigrants were Italian, and for generations, Italian immigrants have harnessed the courage to leave so much behind, driven by their faith in the American dream — to build a new life of hope and possibility in the United States. Today, Italian Americans are leaders in all fields, including government, health, business, innovation, and culture.

Things have not always been easy; prejudice and violence often stalled the promise of equal opportunity. In fact, Columbus Day was created by President Harrison in 1892 in response to the anti-Italian motivated lynching of 11 Italian Americans in New Orleans in 1891. During World War II, Italian Americans were even targeted as enemy aliens. But the hard work, dedication to community, and leadership of Italian Americans in every industry make our country stronger, more prosperous, and more vibrant. The Italian American community is also a cornerstone of our Nation's close and enduring relationship with Italy — a vital NATO Ally and European Union partner. Last Night, My Neighbor Came Home Drunk & Banged On His Own Door For Like 5 Mins. Problem Is, He Lives Alone, So I Went Outside And Told Him He Wasn't There & He Left!!!

# **10 Surprising Uses for Windex That Go Beyond Cleaning Glass**

You can use Windex for more than just cleaning windows. Chris Zuppa/The Penny Hoarder

Vinegar isn't the only super performer in your kitchen. Windex — that \$3 glass cleaner spray you keep under your sink — can be used to detail the interior of your car, to put the shine back in your jewelry and even to unstick zippers.

Your store shelves probably carry several varieties of Windex, so if you're cleaning fabric, stick with the clear version, and if you're using it for a car, use the Windex Ammonia-free Glass Cleaner.

Aside from those suggestions, any of the Windex variations will do the job.

Here are 10 surprisingly effective uses for that familiar blue (or sometimes clear) bottle.

#### 1. Moving Large Pieces of Furniture

Los Angeles-based interior designer <u>John Linden</u> uses Windex to slide large items that are stuck or too heavy to move.

"All we need to do is to spritz some in front of the objects we want to move before pushing the item," Linden says. He's then able to easily move that piece of furniture to its place.

As long as you use the ammonia-free version of Windex, you can use it on any type of flooring, including hardwood.

#### 2. Cleaning Carpets and Upholstered Furniture

You thought Windex only worked on glass? Linden says he'll often spray Windex onto small stains, leaving it for 20 minutes to soak. Then he wipes right off the furniture.

Make sure to use the clear formula for this, as the blue formula may leave its own stains.

#### 3. Insect Repellant

The smell of ammonia is strongly disliked by many insects, says Andrew Barker, founder of <u>Homeowner Costs</u>. As a result, Barker suggests spraying Windex by opening windows and doors to keep bugs at bay.

#### 4. Clean Your Car

Windex is also a great cleanser for cars, says Deidre Fisher, owner of <u>Simply Bliss Cleaning</u> in Salt Lake City, Utah. Use it on window and mirror smudges, on dashboards, the steering wheel and any plastic and leather surface. It's also great for cleaning the screens and dials. "I just recommend spraying the cloth first and not the electronics directly," Fisher says.

#### 5. Washing Makeup Brushes

Makeup artist and <u>lifestyle blogger Kerrin Jackson</u> has been using Windex to clean her brushes and airbrush parts for more than a decade.

"They make light work of breaking down the alcohol-based makeups and heavy-duty body makeup products that can sometimes be stubborn and difficult to clean from the inner workings of the airbrush parts," Jackson says.

#### 6. De-greasing Your Kitchen

Use Windex on your exhaust fans and range hoods in your kitchen, suggests Diana Rodriguez-Zaba, president of <u>ServiceMaster Restoration by Zaba</u>, a cleaning company in Chicago.

Rodriguez-Zaba suggests spraying Windex on the surfaces and letting it stand for 5-10 minutes, then wiping it clean and rinsing with water to remove any remaining chemical residue.

# **7. Shine and Clean Doorknobs**

The slight amount of ammonia in Windex can disinfect germy doorknobs, something we are all hyper aware of in these pandemic days. And it can also get clean up smudges and bring some shine to the doorknobs throughout your house.

#### 8. Removing Stains From Clothing

It works well for red wine, tomato sauce, ketchup and more, says Jen Stark, founder of <u>Happy DIY Home</u>, a gardening and home improvement blog.

"You can lightly spray the stain with Windex and let it sit for 15 minutes, as long as the clothing item isn't a delicate silk," Stark said. "Get a clean cloth and blot at the stain before rinsing it in cold water."

Follow this by washing the clothing as recommended. Make sure you use clear Windex for this task.

#### 9. Cleaning Patio Furniture and Outdoor Surfaces

Benjamin Nguyen, owner of <u>Full Color Cleaners</u>, says he uses Windex to clean his patio furniture, making it look as good as new. It will clean everything from the furniture to outdoor surfaces, including brick.

For this task, go the extra mile and snag the <u>Windex Outdoor</u> <u>Concentrated Cleaner</u>, which is a 32-ounce spray bottle that attaches onto a hose (\$27.66). Spray onto your aluminum siding, your brick, your windows — and with this tool, you won't even need a ladder to do it.

#### **10. Making Jewelry Sparkle**

To get rid of everyday grime from a diamond ring, <u>The</u> <u>Knot</u> recommends soaking it for 10 to 15 minutes in a 50-50 solution of hydrogen peroxide and Windex. After it's soaked, brush gently with a soft toothbrush and then rinse with water. Windex is safe for gold and silver but could be harmful to soft gemstones because of its ammonia content. That means don't use it on turquoise, emeralds, opals, coral, pearls or amber.



# The World's Oldest Known RV Sold for a Fortune

By: Author The Drivin' & Vibin' Team



Do you like antique RVs? Well, in this article, we reveal one that will knock your socks off! We look at the oldest known RV in the world. Keep reading to learn about the

RV and its history. And to make things even more interesting, it's for sale and up for auction.

What Is the World's Oldest Known RV?

The world's oldest known RV is on a 1914 Ford Model T chassis. While RVs didn't exactly exist yet in 1914, this living space on wheels is quite innovative.

The family that owned Bentalls Department Store



commissioned the Model T. Dunton of Reading, the company that developed caravans and horse-drawn carriages, produced it. In the 1970s, a cabinet maker refurbished it. It has an iron stove for

heating and cooking and a leather couch for sleeping that can hold four people. It's still usable and everything on it works.

While the 1914 Ford Model T is the oldest known RV still intact, it wasn't necessarily the first ever made. The RV/MH Hall of Fame claims the first RV was the 1910 Pierce-Arrow Touring Landau. It was a 66-horsepower six-cylinder large car with a seat that turned into a bed. It also had a wash basin, a portable toilet, and cooking gear under the seats. While it was very expensive at the time, they sold several, but none remain today.



Why Is the World's Oldest Known RV Being Auctioned Off? The 1914 Ford Model T RV was auctioned off at the National Motor Museum in the UK by the family that owned it. While the auction is complete, you might want to keep your eyes open for future news about this

antique RV. The RV was <u>auctioned</u> off for \$75,000. It may seem low for an

antique RV, but it actually went for double than many expected it would go for.

#### What Is Inside the Ford Model T RV?

The 1914 Ford Model T RV has a leather sofa that serves as the driver's seat. You can also turn it around to face the living area of the RV. You'll also find bunk beds in the Model T and beautiful handcrafted wood cabinetry. From cupboards to wardrobes, there is a lot of storage space.

The vintage RV also has an iron stove for heating and cooking. Additionally, you'll find the large windows provide natural

lighting. Also, there are double doors that lead to steps exiting the living part of the RV.

In addition, there was a 10-gallon fuel tank. The transmission had two forward gears and one reverse. They controlled it with foot pedals.

At the RV/MH Hall of Fame, you'll find a 1916 Ford Model T RV with slide-outs or, as they called them back then, telescopes. It surprisingly has many features you'll find in modern RVs, such as a cooking station, a cooler, storage, and more. One model in the series even had a shower.



"He was about five ten, wearing a camo shirt and one of those funny Elmer Fudd type hats. He pointed the gun right at me!"

# Joke of the Week

Mathematics is 90% common sense. The other half is intelligence.

# Trivia

Although Charles Schulz loved drawing Charlie Brown and his pals, he hated the name *Peanuts*, which was chosen by United Features Syndicate despite his objections.

# **Bumper sticker of the week**

Don't tailgate or I'll flush. (Seen on many motorhomes.)

We are planning to host the **May 5-7, 2023** rally at: HARD LABOR CREEK STATE PARK 5 Hard Labor Creek Rd - Rutledge, GA

ASAP Reservations Need to be made is a state park.

Please call AUTUMN at 800-864-7275

They have several sites with Full Hookups, but they go fast. I know this is a long time away, but we can cancel up to 3 days before with a \$10 fee.

This is a very nice park that is spaced out nicely. I have also reserved the pavilion for Friday & Saturday.

Please let me know when you have made your reservations. Thanks, Libba & Ed Gruba



Please make your reservations now for the

"No Host" Rally in

# November

# at River Rocks Landing in Gadsden, AL

Please note the Bay Lodge is only complimentary if we have a total of 12 sites.

#### FUNCTION SPACE and FOOD AND

Date	Times	Building Name	Function Type	Seating Type	Set For	Charge
November 3-6		Bay Lodge Sites 1,2.3,4,5,6,7,8,11 ,13,109,110	Rally	Total of 12 sites. 10 are in the Pull-Thrus, 2 are in the River/Motor Home Section		Pull-Thru = \$41.82 a night. Water Front= 55.93 First Night Deposit required at reservation.
				Section		

- Bay Lodge will be complimentary for this rally
- Bay Lodge must be cleaned and left in same condition/setup as found
- Reservations should be done by phone and reference the rally name when booking to ensure special rate
- When making a reservation, the guest must provide card information to pay the 1st night deposit
- 30 days prior to event, sites that have not been booked will be released back to the public
- Site types are pull-thrus only, located nearest to the Bay Lodge

More details to follow .... Have a GREAT Day!

#### Peach State Travelers December Rally

Stone Mtn Park Campground 4003 Stonewall Jackson Drive Stone Mountain, Ga 30083 770-498-710 Reservations

December 2-3-4 SATURDAY – DECEMBER 3 -CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON – The Commons Restaurant – 1 PM Please request PURPLE section - \$67.00 per night Park pass required – info on website Rally Hosts- Officers- Terri Jones, Kenlyn Sawyer, Terry Carlyle SAVE THE DATE – MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS ASAP.. COME AND ENJOY THE SCENERY AND THE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS..

FRIDAY DECEDMBER 2 - POTLUCK DNNER, GAMES AND WHITE ELEPHANT SWAP!! GIRLS BRING GIRLIE GIFT.GUYS BRING GUY GIFTS.. \$5 LIMIT

SATURDAY DEEMBER 3 – LUNCHEON AT THE COMMONS RESTAURANT – 1:00PM TAKE IN THE SIDGHTS AND DECORATIONS THE PARK HAS TO OFFER, TRAIN RIDES, SHOPPING AND FIREWORKS IN THE EVENING

SUNDAY DEEMBER 4 - CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST IN THE CLUBHOUSE 9:00 AM

PLEASE MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS ASAP.ASK FOR PURPLE AREA.. \$6700 NIGHTLY (PSST RALLY)

## PARK FEE REQUIRED.SEE WEBSITE OR ASK TO USE ANNUAL PASS IF APPLICABLE HOSTS FOR RALLY – PST OFFICERS

PLEASE NOTIFY TERRI JONES OF OUR RESERVATION AND SEAWTING # FOR LUNCHEON ON SATURDAY. HOPE TO SEE EVERYONE THERE

RESPECTFULLY,

TERRI JONES PRESIDENT





