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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 2023 – March 15-18, Perry, GA

Summer 2023 – August 23-26, Gillette, WY

Winter 2024 – March 20-23, Tucson, AZ

* Summer 2024 – Sedalia, Missouri

Winter 2025 – March 12-15, Perry, GA

Summer 2027 – July 14-17, Gillette, WY

* = Contingent on successful contract negotiations.

2023 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 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 – Chattanooga Travel Park

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 – March 2023

By Terri Jones

It was wonderful taking a break and heading up to Perry in March to see all of my Peach, State, Traveler, friends, and other friends in the convention. The weather was a little brisk and cold, not as cold as Stone Mtn.. haha.. but nonetheless we had a great time. The convention wasn't as big as I had expected, not as many vendors but lots of people seem to be having a lot of fun. A lot of new members we saw many people at the Chapter Fair. We were introduced to four or five new families that will be joining us hopefully. I believe three of them have already prepaid and ready to go. I'm excited about meeting new people and adding new people to our family as we continue to grow as a great chapter in Atlanta Georgia. The luncheon Rally on Friday was hosted by Pattys Marvin and it was wonderful as usual at the Oil Lamp Restaurant. Their food is always so delicious. It was good to see TJ and Ginny, they met us for lunch on Friday. We also enjoyed the company of Bill and Margie Esposito when they stopped in to see us earlier that day as well as Tori and Gary Bray.

Look forward to seeing y'all at the May rally.

Safe travels to all. Happy Easter. Have a beautiful Spring. See you soon.

Your president, Terri Jones

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- March 2023

By Kenlyn Sawyer

RALLY REPORT –March 2023

By Patricia Voyna

I am considering all of Perry Convention as our Rally. It was an honor to be the Official Host of Perry Convention. Lot's of planning and hours spent before the Convention even though Cincinnati carried the heavy load. Since we had been there before (this was the 13th time) they had the logistics pretty well set. I sort of messed up their planning. I wanted to add a parade, sock hop, ladies decorated hats (right after the men's whiskers contest) I also got an extra night of main Stage entertainment. (Kazual Mania) I want to thank Doug Uhlenbrock from the home office for all his help. He was pretty nervous about the parade, even after we got to Perry. FMCA has never done a parade before. Thanks to my volunteers Chris and Charlsanne Miskell and helpers getting everyone lined up. ((I was in front and I knew everything would be ok with the volunteers hard at work. I finally saw the parade a few days later on Facebook. Needless to say, it was a smashing success. The Sock Hop was another smashing success. The ladies hat contest had a very large turn-out. We all in the audience had our own favorites. (Noticed on the preliminary schedule for Gillette, A Lady's Hat Contest.) So I had 4 for 4 success.

It takes about 1/3 of attendees to volunteer to make a good convention. We had between 6-7,000 people in attendance. We had many categories for Volunteers and a Volunteer Captain who got everyone to the right Captain Volunteer group. I was

amazed as I addressed each area, the numbers that were involved. (Marvin was the "Water Dog" His day started at 7am delivering water and ice to all the parkers and security. Two of the mornings he delivered hot chocolate because it was cold. I even got a cup, perks.)

The Lady's Luncheon came out great (after some unforeseen



problem with a group of Convention attendees that opened the flood gates) Normally the luncheon is capped at 350 in attendance, it ended up at 550 Lady's coming for lunch. Because of our National Officers and Southeastern Area (SEA) Executive Board and a few others, they made it happen. Everyone got their salad, their plated lunch and of course, dessert of Peach Cobbler. I want to thank, Cox Catering – Fairgrounds, which prepared this delicious lunch. PST had a table at the Chapter Fair. They were amazing and several guests showed up at their block party. I understand we have 3 new couples joining us and a couple or two that are interested.

At the recognition night at entertainment, 4 names were read that have attended all of Perry's Convention. Marv and I were one of the 4. Kenlyn said Carole has attended them all. She notified FMCA. I also verified Carole has attended them all.

So, Carole will be recognized at the next Perry Convention. Yea for Carole!!!

Friday at 11:00 AM we all met up at the Oil Lamp restaurant for a good meal and conversation. Sorry, I didn't get to visit a lot.

My mind was back at the convention and the next place I had to



be. I had several sheets of paper, single line typed letting me know when and where I needed to be.

It was a jammed packed convention, no time for naps. Late to bed and early to rise. After we got home Monday, I spent 3 days in my housecoat.

At our wrap up meeting on Sunday, I heard "Best Convention Ever" and several heads bobbing up and down. I would like to think, It was one of the best conventions. Without our volunteers, it could have gone down the tubes.

This was a once in a lifetime experience and I thoroughly enjoyed it. (Even though I didn't get much sleep) National Area VP, SEA President

SUNSHINE REPORT – March 2023

By



TREASURES'S REPORT February 2023

By: Terry Carlyle



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

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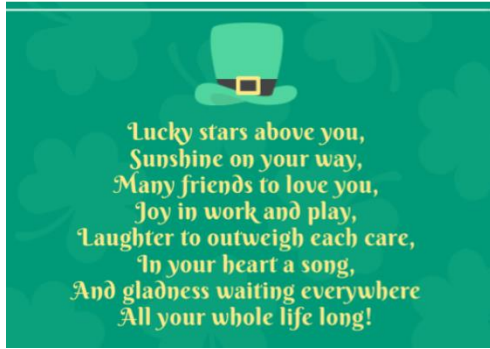
May Rally	30.85
Sept. Rally	7.08
Jan. Rally	7.00
Anniversary FMCA	150.00
New Member	15.00
Dues	200.00

Disbursements:

Signs	159.00
Stamps for Sunshine	72.00

Ending Balance 02-01-2023 \$2,728.38

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



Where Does the Term Hillbilly Come From?

By: Author [The Drivin' & Vibin' Team](#)

We've all heard the word hillbilly. Images come to mind of people living deep in the forest and playing banjos. Are they backcountry rednecks or ordinary people trying to live out their lives away from the bustle of suburbia?

The Appalachian Mountains are ancient, and so are the stories they tell.

What Is a Hillbilly?

Positive and negative connotations get associated with hillbilly, people commonly known to live in the rural Appalachian Mountains. However, scholars believe the word originated to distinguish between people living on the mountain and those in the valley.

Another source of the word traces back to the Scottish, who helped settle the region. The Scottish origin of the word "billy" is a synonym for the word "fellow." It meant nothing derogatory.

Over time, being described as a hillbilly could mean a person was an illiterate and uncouth countryman. After the civil war, people who retreated to Appalachia began suffering from isolation. Outsiders perceived mountain people as backward and even feared them.

TV shows like *The Andy Griffith Show* and *The Beverly Hillbillies* portrayed hillbillies in a more positive light. While outwardly appearing slow, they possessed wisdom that outsmarted those who seemed more sophisticated.

Where Is Appalachia?

Appalachia is both a cultural and geographical area in the eastern United States. The region spans the ridge of the Appalachian Mountains from southern New York to parts of Georgia, Alabama, and Mississippi.

The range is also known as the Smoky Mountains and reaches into Canada. Fog mixed with smoke from rustic cabins settles into the valleys and between the ridges. This leads to the affectionate nickname "the smokies."

The cultural region associated with the hillbilly people is more closely tied to the central and southern portions of the United States. In fact, most of the 25 million people who call the area home live in rural areas. Known for literature, music, and distinctive craftwork, much of the region's rich history originates from the Irish and Scottish who settled the region. In a place that truly has four seasons, there's something for everyone. The summer affords hiking, extreme sports, wildlife watching, and all the other things that come with a midyear vacation. On the other hand, ski resorts provide a quick getaway from major city centers in the winter. There is nothing quite like

spring or fall in the Smokies. With the perfect temperatures and an abundance of floral colors, we could spend all day exploring the trails and small towns of the countryside.

People from Appalachia are typically referred to as hillbillies. Rving in Appalachia

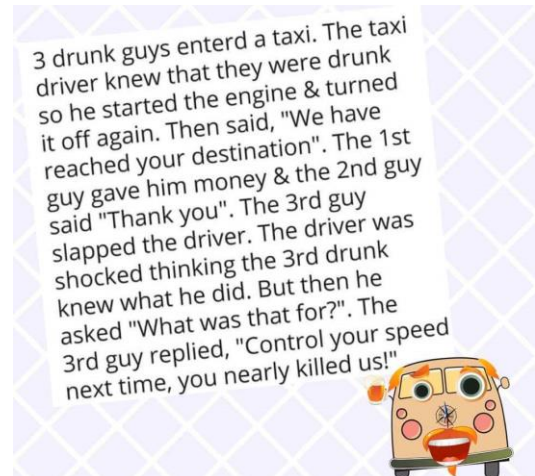
Whether you're interested in cultural and historical interests or whitewater rafting and rock climbing, the Appalachians won't disappoint. Destinations will take you up strenuous hikes to mountain-top panoramas or to laidback art classes where you learn traditional basketry. Only time and your budget will hold you back.

Every season offers an event to enrich your cultural endeavors. Join the National Storytelling Festival in Jonesborough, Tennessee, every October. Bristol, Virginia, is home to the Birthplace of Country Music Museum. Every July, fans gather for five days of eclectic world music at FloydFest somewhere on the Blue Ridge Parkway. The ancient Smokies have many tales to tell. So it's hard to decide which destination will whisper to you in the cool mountain air. Here's a little help. Our target is the Mountain State of West Virginia. It might be known as "coal country," but West Virginia is the only state entirely in the Appalachian Mountain range. Modern hillbillies enjoy uncrowded parks, cinematic vistas, and some of the best recreation options in the country. RVers will find enchanting hideaways in the small towns that dot the saddles and ridges.

At breakfast, a man asked his wife:

"What would you do if I won the lottery?" She replied, "I'd take half, and then leave you."

"Great," he said "I won \$12 yesterday. Here's \$6. Stay in touch."



3 drunk guys entered a taxi. The taxi driver knew that they were drunk so he started the engine & turned it off again. Then said, "We have reached your destination". The 1st guy gave him money & the 2nd guy said "Thank you". The 3rd guy slapped the driver. The driver was shocked thinking the 3rd drunk knew what he did. But then he asked "What was that for?". The 3rd guy replied, "Control your speed next time, you nearly killed us!"

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

By: Author [The Drivin' & Viben' Team](#)

One fact every RV owner knows – things are bound to break! 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)!

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. ext, 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.

RV Furnace

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!" RV Generators can be a serious headache! If your RV doesn't have a built in generator, you're not out of the woods. 30 and 50 amp, portable gennys still have their fair share of problems. We usually recommend the Honda brand for generators. But, many others lately are being build with similar quality. Other things to check on your RV motorhome or camper trailer

Tire pressure– odds are it is lower than when you left it.

Blowouts suck. Check your tires.

Battery water level– check the condition of all your batteries. Getting stranded because your batteries are all dried up and dead is no fun. Check before you go. If they aren't full, get some distilled water and fill those babies up!

Your roof– a ton can happen to your roof since you last used your rig. Get up there and look at it. You can catch water damage before it becomes anything major. Use self-leveling dicor on flat surfaces. Use a nonself-leveling dicor on any edge that isn't horizontal.

Wash that RV – A good car wash should work just fine. And a boat wax works well on fiberglass. Then use automotive wax on anything painted. Wax the front cap too if it's painted. I've seen too many faded caps and people asking how to fix it... prevent it with wax because the answer on how to fix it is expensive!

Check any towing equipment– If you bring a car with you, there is a whole slew of equipment that comes with that. Check over all those straps, chains, couplers, plugs, wires and grease points. Also, tire pressure too.

Inside smells– I've found that running a dehumidifier in your rig while it sits is the best prevention technique for any funky smells. There are many kinds that have self draining tubes that can dump directly into the grey tank.

Get to Know Ed Wilcox

He owns Ed's RV Repair. Certified by the RVSA, he serves not only local campgrounds, but the online community through consult calls. With knowledge and experience only a full-time RVer would have, he created a course to help keep your dream moving, Fix it Yourself RV.



Go'en be a bad day.

KEEP YOUR CAMPSITE INFO ON YOUR FRIDGE

When you're having a great time, the last thing you want to think about is something going wrong. But emergencies happen and you need to be able to tell first responders where you are. Many people don't think of this until the first time they call 911 and realize they don't know their exact location!

A great way to avoid situation is to write down the this scary name of your campground, the campground's address & phone number, and your campsite number on a post it note and stick it to your fridge. Or input the info in your cell phone. Make it a part of your set-up checklist when you arrive at camp.

Word and Phrase Origins

From the book, [Word and Phrase Origins](#) by Robert Hendrickson:

Jumbo. "P.T. Barnum purchased the fabled elephant Jumbo from the London Zoological Society in 1881 for 'The Barnum and Bailey's Greatest Show on Earth.' Jumbo, captured by a hunting party in 1869, was one of the largest elephants ever seen in West Africa; the natives called the six-and-a-half ton beast by the Swahili word *jumbo*, meaning 'chief.' He became a great favorite in the London Zoo, giving rides to thousands of children, and his sale to the American showman caused quite an uproar. Within six weeks the incomparable P.T. had reaped \$336,000 from the \$30,000 investment, and he made Jumbo's name a synonym for 'huge' throughout America and the world."

A new supermarket opened near my house. It has an automatic water mister to keep the produce fresh. Just before it goes on, you hear the sound of distant thunder and the smell of fresh rain.

When you approach the milk cases, you hear cows mooing and experience the scent of fresh hay.

When you approach the egg case, you hear hens cluck and cackle, and the air is filled with the pleasing aroma of bacon and eggs frying.

The veggie department features the smell of fresh buttered corn.

I don't buy toilet paper there any more.

Laugh of the Week

A woman driving a car got lost in a snowstorm. She didn't panic because she remembered what her dad had once told her to do. "Just wait for a snow plow to come by and follow it." Sure enough, pretty soon a snow plow appeared, and she followed it for 45 minutes until its driver got out and asked her what she was doing. She explained what her dad had told her. The driver nodded and said, "Well, I'm done with the Walmart parking lot. Do you want to follow me over to Walgreens?" (Thanks to George Bliss, who has driven many miles in snow in the Yukon, etc.)

Trivia

Americans love to grill. Nearly two-thirds of U.S. adults own a grill or smoker, and 75 percent of them use their grill even during the winter. So says a 2020 report from the Hearth, Patio and Barbecue Association ((HPBA).

At the end of life...Neurologists say Dementia should be called "failure of the brain," because the other names are nebulous and do not show the severity of the disease to most people. As the patient's brain slowly dies, they change physically, lose the ability to speak, and the caregivers are often in shock, and exhausted!! Patients will end up bedridden, unable to move, and unable to eat or drink. But it is the different phases beforehand that are just as painful. The day they suddenly forget how to dress themselves, and become confused or combative when you try to fix the clothing they've put on backwards. When they repeatedly ask where their life-long mate is or where their children are while looking straight at them. When they are confused, angry, or frightened, it is because they are still partially aware of who they were, yet are that person no longer...

Bumper sticker of the week

Librarian – the original search engine.



Unique, creative, funny mailboxes along the road

By Chuck Woodbury



Here is another installment of Mailboxes along the Road — unique, funny, outrageous and/or otherwise creative mailboxes the readers of RVtravel.com have spotted while traveling North America in their RVs (and sometimes without their RVs). We welcome your photos. Submit them at the bottom of this page.



Wow! We love this guy with the big guitar, spotted near the Sonic restaurant in Russell, Kansas! From RVtravel.com reader Tim Buchanan.



Now, this is one very fine looking mailbox. And it comes with a story, from reader Mike Johnson, who wrote: “My dad was a welder by trade. When he started having kids destroy his mailbox he decided to make one they couldn’t damage. At the same time he decided to make it a work of art. The box itself is made of quarter inch steel and the whole unit is mounted on a wheel hub so it swings if someone hits the box with something like a pumpkin or ball bat. The various pieces of the mailbox stand are typical of items used on a farm.” This is a nice bit of mailbox art! Thanks for sending, Mike!



Reader Marie Beschen sent this photo. We don’t know anything about it other than it’s located in Rocky Pines, Arkansas. If you know anything about it, let us know and we’ll add the info to this caption. From the looks of the photo, we think this photo has been around a while.



What the heck? Betsy Betz spotted this unusual mailbox in Sutton, West Virginia. Looks to us like someone had some old telephone pole equipment laying around and put it to good use.



The snow must get pretty deep here. Reader Todd Leiser sent this photo. “This is on North Whitefish Point Road on the way to the Shipwreck Museum in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan,” he wrote. We love it! Thanks, Todd.



RVtravel.com editor

Chuck Woodbury found this Manatee mailbox in Frazeyville, Ohio. He thought it was a one-of-a-kind creation when he snapped the photo, but readers told him later they had seen the same mailbox elsewhere.

April Rally

I have talked with the owner of Leisure Acres - 3840 Westmoreland Rd, Cleveland, GA 30528.
706-865-6466

He indicated that they no longer save sites for groups. They have lost revenue due to not being able to sell unused reserved sites last minute.

He recommends anyone coming to our April Rally (April 6-9, 2023) reserve as soon as possible. Rates are \$60 per nite. The campground extends discounts to Good Sam, AAA & AARP - \$54 and Military, Police, Fire & EMT - \$48. When calling in your reservation (, indicate you are with PST- FMCA and request that you be located near fellow members. (NO guarantees)

The campground has been full on weekends. As we have heard from other sources, people are camping and working from there.

I have reserved the Club House for Thursday night through Sunday morning.

Rally Agenda will be sent out as it gets closer to the weekend.

Regards, Dick VanGys 570-449-9673

MAY RALLY

Also, if you are going to the May rally at Harbor Labor Creek, those reservations need to be made quickly. The spots are filling up since it is a state park. Please let me know if you are attending so I can make plans accordingly. Thx. Libba

JUNE RALLY

June Rally will be held at the Chattanooga Travel Park. Activities to follow. A block of sites is being held for a short period of time, so make your reservation ASAPO.

Holiday Travel Park Of Chattanooga

Phone: +1 (706) 891-9766 Toll Free: +1 (800) 693-2877

Email: reservations@chattacamp.com

Address: 1623 Mack Smith Road

Rossville, Georgia, 30741

Please make your reservations for the June rally and let Alan and Debbi know that you are coming in. The rally is from June 2 - June 4, but people may arrive earlier like June 1.. Updated agenda will be sent out when it gets closer.



From

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