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Future SEA (Southeast Area) Rally

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Future FMCA International Convention

Winter 2024 – March 20-23, Tucson, AZ

* Summer 2024 – Redmond Oregon

Winter 2025 – March 12-15, Perry, GA

Summer 2027 – July 14-17, Gillette, WY

* = Contingent on successful contract negotiations



• 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."

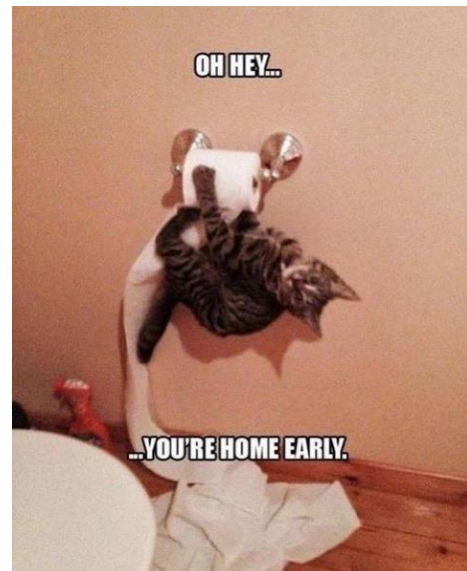
"Well, what can I tell you? She had the ready cash, and just look at her, how could I resist?" replied the grinning salesman.

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!

When I lived in Hawaii decades ago this one newscaster would end with a story. This one I will never forget. He said this elderly man in a Jaguar was pulling into a parking space when a young fellow driving a Ferrari zoomed in and took his spot. The young lad said, "You have to be very quick to do what I just did." The older man nodded "fair enough". He reversed. Then shifted into first and slammed into the Ferrari. He did it three times. He then turned to the younger man and said, "You have to be very rich to do what I just did."





2024 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.

PEACHSTATE TRAVELERS 2024 RALLY SCHEDULE

DATE HOST/CO-HOST CAMPGROUND / LUNCHEON LOCATION

MARCH 1-3 Sawyers /VanGys 404-867-3898 Leisure Acres - Cleveland 3840 Westmoreland Rd 706-865-6466

APRIL 5-7 Hollis 770-354- 6673 Great Outdoors - Franklin NC 321 Thumpers Trail 828-518-6117

MAY 3-5 Bowman 770-880- 2151 River Rock - Gadsen AL 1 Riverview Ln 256- 543-7111

JUNE 7-9 Castor/Jones 404- 625-5402 Creekside RV Resort - Savannah 275 Fort Argyle Rd 912-897-2855

JULY 5-7 Gruba/Bennett 770- 365-6111 Forsyth KOA Journey - Forsyth 414 S Frontage RD 800-562-8614 LISA

AUG 2-4 Espositos

SEPT 6-8 Glenn 404-626- 5605 River Ridge Retreat -Guntersville AL 2450 Monsanto Rd 256-505-1454

OCT 4-6 Cowan

NOV 1-3 Simons 678-557- 7599

DEC 6-8 Club Officers NOTES: Always let the host know that you will be attending



PRESIDENTS CORNER – February 2024

By John Glen

We met at Kani Steak House in Dawsonville. Twenty one people were in attendance.

We started by thanking the Mallorys for hosting and providing Valentine candy.

We welcomed two new members David and Wilma Bugg.

Terry Caryle gave Valetines gift bags to every couple.

Sadly we had to report the passing of Doug Ralston in January. Continued prayers for his family.

The next rally in March is in Cleveland, Ga. Hope to see many folks there.



NATIONAL DIRECTOR REPORT

By Marvin Voyna

The Southeast Area in Lakland, Florida is over and was fun. It had a Pirate theme. Should have seen Pat all dressed up on Pirate Day.

SECRETARY REPORT- February 2024

By Kenlyn Sawyer

The February Luncheon was held at the Kani House in Dawsonville, GA on February 3, 2024. The hosts were Lovena and Cecil Mallory. There was a total of 21 people. The names of those in attendance are at the end of this report.

President John Glen opened the meeting on Saturday, February 3, 2024, by thanking the hosts for the luncheon and welcoming all attendees including alum, guests and new members.

Wagon Master, Libba Gruba passed out the current list of 2024 rally hosts and location. Please contact the hosts to confirm your attendance after the campground reservations are made.

March 1 - 3 - Leisure Acres – 3840 Westmoreland Road, Cleveland, GA – 706-865-6466 – Sawyers 404-867-3898/VanGys

April 5 - 7 - The Great Outdoors RV Resort – 321 Thumpers Trail, Franklin, NC – Jim & Jan Hollis – 770-354-6673

May 3 - 5 - River Rocks Landing - 1 Riverview Lane, Gadsden, AL – Wiley Bowman – 770-880-2151

June 7 - 9 - CreekFire RV Resort – 2275 Fort Argyle Rd, Savannah, GA – Ron & Linda Castor/Teri Jones 404-625-5402

July 5 - 7 - Forsyth KOA Journey – 414 S Frontage Road, Forsyth, GA – Ed & Libba Gruba 770-365-6111/Beth Bennett

Kenlyn passed out a draft flyer/agenda for Leisure Acres. Please get your reservations in with the campground and let her know if you will be camping/driving up for the weekend.

President Glenn announced a Wagon Master will be needed, please let him know if you are interested to step up for this position.

Treasurer Libba Gruba announced that deposits have been made for dues that have been paid.

President Glen announced the passing of Doug Ralston and requested prayers for Brenda and their family.

Please continue to keep our members/alumnae that have been facing health challenges in our prayers including Patricia & Marvin Voyna, Al & Mary Ann Miller, Libba Gruba, Bobby & Brenda Moreman, John & Nancye Glenn, and Jim Watson.

MEMBERS: Buchanan; Carlyle; Glenn; Gruba; Loudermilk; Moreman Sawyer.

GUESTS/NEW MEMBERS: David and Wilma Bugg

ALUM: Cecil and Lovena Mallory; Pauline Wood

GUESTS: Karen Maddox, Robin Robboy; John David Sylves.

RALLY REPORT – February 2024

By

SUNSHINE REPORT – February 2024

By



**Those we love remain with us
 For love itself lives on,
 And cherished memories never fade
 Because a loved one's gone.
 Those we love can never be
 More than a thought apart,
 For as long as there is memory,
 They'll live on in the heart.
 Author Unknown**

Douglas O. Ralston



Douglas O. Ralston, age 76, of Cleveland, GA, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by family on Jan. 24, 2024.

He was born in Charlottesville, VA, on April 25, 1947, to the late CDR Fred O. Ralston, US Navy, Ret. and Nelle Burner Ralston. In addition to his parents, Doug is preceded in death by his sister Donna Ralson Foore. He is survived by his loving wife of 53 years, Brenda Peak Ralston; his devoted children, daughter Jennifer Hultquist (Mat) of Greer, SC, and son Jeffrey O. Ralston (Sean Bumgarner) of Los Angeles, CA; and his adored grandchildren Mathew Hultquist (Karlee), Lindsay Hultquist, Jacob Hultquist, and Joshua Hultquist.

Doug served his country honorably in the Navy from 1966-1972. While on active duty (1968-1970) he embarked on the USS Kitty Hawk CVA-63 and was awarded 7 combat and

service medals. Soon after his return, Doug graduated from Auburn University (class of '72) and remained an avid Auburn fan throughout his life.

In his professional life, Doug made significant contributions as a manager in various capacities with Union Carbide, First Brands, and Georgia-Pacific. Known for his strong leadership and dedication, Doug also ventured into entrepreneurship, successfully running his own businesses. His work ethic and commitment to excellence left a lasting impact on colleagues and associates alike.

He enjoyed the outdoors, whether it was taking a drive through the mountains, camping, or boating on a lake, and cherished the times spent with his family and friends. Doug shared a deep empathy and love for those who were a part of his life. All who knew him will miss his outgoing personality, sense of humor, and inquisitive nature, but will always carry his teachings of faith, hope and love with them forever.

A celebration of Doug's life will be held at a later date.

An online guest register is available and may be viewed at www.habershamcrematory.com.

Habersham Crematory (678-617-2210) of Cornelia is in charge of arrangements.

TREASURES'S REPORT February 2023

By: Terry Carlyle



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

Receipts:

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

Birthdays

02-01 - Wiley Bowman
 02-16 – Eric Oswood
 02-18 – Brenda Moreman
 02-19 – Richard VanGys
 02-20 – Libba Gruba
 02-20 – Alan Simons
 02-22 – Wanda Hollenbeck
 02-24 – David Bugg



Anniversaries



Directory Corrections



Please see Dennis' Buchanan below regarding the corrections for his profile.

His birthday is September 19. He also upgraded his motorhome to a 2022 Entegra Aspire. He is also starting to use a new email, dbuch1938@gmail.com more. Can you please update your records.

Directory New Members (add to directory)

David & Wilma Bugg
426 Angie Way SW, Lilburn, GA 30047
Email dbuggme@yahoo.com
His cell 770-403-4228, her cell 770-596-7978
His Birthday 02/24, hers 11/28, Anniversary 11/29
F#549402, RV Thor, Yr 2006, Length 39
Emergency contact: Brian Bugg (Son) 770-402-0953



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One Sunday, after the service, the priest counted the money and found there was less than anticipated, given the size of the congregation. He took Charlie aside and questioned him. Charlie said that he did not take any of the offerings. The priest questioned him again and again and Charlie continued to insist that he did not take any of the offerings. So, the priest told Charlie to get into the confessional, which he did.

The priest then asked him again, "Charlie, did you take any of the offering?"

This time, Charlie replied, "I can't hear you."

The priest asked Charlie the same question several times and Charlie would always reply, "I can't hear you."

Finally, the priest yelled, "Charlie, did you take any of the offering?"

Again, the reply was, "I can't hear you."

The priest was now beginning to get angry, so he came out of the confessional and said to Charlie, "Trade places with me and you can ask me a question."

So, they traded places and Charlie asked, "Is it true that you and my wife are having an affair?"

To which the priest replied, "By golly, you're right, you can't hear in here!"

What does it feel like to be old?

The other day, a young person asked me: - What did it feel like to be old?

I was very surprised by the question, since she did not consider me old. When he saw my reaction, he was immediately embarrassed, but I explained that it was an interesting question. And after reflection, I concluded that getting old is a gift.

Sometimes I am surprised at the person who lives in my mirror. But I don't worry about those things for long. I wouldn't trade everything I have for a few less gray hairs and a flat stomach. I don't scold myself for not making the bed, or for eating a few extra "little things." I am within my rights to be a little messy, to be extravagant, and to spend hours staring at my flowers.

I have seen some dear friends leave this world, before they had enjoyed the freedom that comes with growing old.

-Who cares if I choose to read or play on the computer until 4 in the morning and then sleep until who knows what time?

I will dance with me to the rhythm of the 50's and 60's. And if later I want to cry for some lost love...I will!

I'll walk down the beach in a swimsuit that stretches over my plump body and dive into the waves letting myself go, despite the pitying looks of the bikini-wearers. They'll get old too, if they're lucky...

It is true that through the years my heart has ached for the loss of a loved one, for the pain of a child, or for seeing a pet die. But it is suffering that gives us strength and makes us grow. An unbroken heart is sterile and will never know the happiness of being imperfect. I am proud to have lived long enough for my hair to turn gray and to retain the smile of my youth, before the deep furrows appeared on my face.

Now, to answer the question honestly, I can say: -I like being old, because old age makes me wiser, freer!-.

I know I'm not going to live forever, but while I'm here, I'm going to live by my own laws, those of my heart. I'm not going to regret what wasn't, nor wonder what if.



Our teacher asked what my favorite animal was, and I said, "Fried chicken." She said I wasn't funny, but she couldn't have been right, because everyone else laughed. My parents told me to always tell the truth. I did. Fried chicken is my favorite animal.

I told my dad what happened, and he said my teacher was probably a member of PETA. He said they love animalsvery much. I do, too. Especially chicken, pork and beef. Anyway, my teacher sent me to the principal's office. I told him what happened, and he laughed, too. Then he told me not to do it again.

The next day in class my teacher asked me what my favorite live animal was.

I told her it was chicken. She asked me why, so I told her it was because you could make them into fried chicken.

She sent me back to the principal's office. He laughed, and told me not to do it again. I don't understand. My parents taught me to be honest, but my teacher doesn't like it when I am.

Today, my teacher asked me to tell her what famous person I admired most.

I told her, "Colonel Sanders." (KFC Fonder) Guess where I am now.

April Rally

Please get your reservations in for the campground and let Jim and Jan know that you are coming. Also, please get your reservations for the comedian below if you are interested in below. I know several PST members went to his concert several years ago and enjoyed him.

Mayberry in Franklin Rally

April (4) 5-7, 2024

Great Outdoors RV Resorts, 321 Thumpers Trail, Franklin, NC 28734 Reservations 828-349-0462

Rally Fee: \$10 per person

We'll celebrate the 50's-60's themed around the Andy Griffith Show. Gatherings at the clubhouse unless otherwise indicated.

Early arrivals will join up for dinner out Thursday evening – location TBD.

Hollises are hosting – Jan's cell – 770-3546-6673, Jim- 770-402-6074

At 5:30 Friday evening, enjoy a Fried Chicken Dinner for which everyone is invited to bring an item to eat or share at the "Free Bake Sale" – maybe cookies, cakes or pies. (Bring Set-ups – tea and lemonade provided)

Followed by "Fair Games".

- We'll have a Pickle contest: everyone is asked to bring a jar of your favorite homemade (or disguised as homemade) pickles! We'll all give them a taste-test and vote for the winning batch!

- We'll celebrate Opie and Andy's fishing pole stroll in a special way.

- Just for fun - if you will - dress as any character from the 98 episodes! See if we can guess who you are!

Saturday Morning - breakfast and morning on your own

Saturday @ 3:00 pm - short business meeting at the Clubhouse. Leave by 3:30 – diner is 10 minutes drive.

Saturday @ 4:00 pm - meet up at the Motor Co. Grill in Franklin for late lunch/early dinner. 60's Diner food as well as other entrees to choose from – and you can even finish it off with a Banana Split!

We hope you were able to make reservations at the Smoky Mountain Center for the Performing Arts to see Tim Hawkins. You may still be able to make them by calling 828-523-1598 or <https://ci.ovationtix.com/35909/production/1185554>

Leave Grill by 5:45. Entry time for the show is 6:15 and it is about 10 minutes drive, but we'll need time to park and line up for entry. (no caravan)

Sunday @ 9:00 am - breakfast at the clubhouse & morning devotional. Please bring beverage/plate/silverware set-ups.



Seen in a Wal-Mart parking lot

From

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