

**September 2021 Wagon Tracks**  
**Twentieth Century Wagontrainers, A Chapter of FMCA**  
<http://tcw20cent.homestead.com>

Current TCW Schedule						
Start Day	Dates	Rally Name	Location	Host	Co-host	Sponsor
Sat	TBD	Holiday Luncheon	Manville, NJ	Helen Caserta	John Reynolds	TCW
Thurs	April 28-May 1	Lancaster	Gordonville, PA (Country Acres Campground)	Dennis & Charlotte Lawyer	None	TCW
Thurs	June 2-5	Miller	Bayville, NJ (Miller Air Park)	Nick & Naomi Theisz	Rich & Nancy Russo	TCW
Thurs	September 8-11	Seaside	Seaside Heights, NJ (Bay Front Piers and Park)	Rich & Nancy Russo	Mary & Bill Burdge	TCW

**TCW President's Letter**

Matt Hoelzel

Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, Happy New Year. This newsletter is early and the next newsletter is after the holidays, so from your new President, I didn't want to miss the opportunity for my first holidays to wish everyone the above. I also want to thank all the members of TCW with entrusting me with the responsibility that comes with this position. I promise to do my best.

I want to thank the outgoing President, Charlotte Lawyer (2017-2021), with doing a fantastic job under some totally different and difficult situations. Charlotte's tenure was during a huge change within the FMCA family. For the first time since it's inception, the FMCA changed the definition used to determine what would be accepted as an RV. We now allow trailers. That change affected the chapters who now accept trailers. I, as well as all our TCW members, welcomes all our trailer families after becoming members of FMCA. Charlotte also had to deal with the still ongoing pandemic. Thanks again Charlotte.

I also want to thank the outgoing Secretary, Peggy Pittenger. She has done many years in this position and has done it excellently. She was always at the meetings and took great notes and put those into a write up which was always complete, efficient, and thorough. Our new Secretary, Mary Burdge has a high level to meet to be at the same quality as Peggy, but I feel very strongly that Mary is going to meet that challenge and do a great job. Thank you, Mary for stepping up. I look forward to working with you.

Your new VP is Frank Winter. A big thank you for assuming this post. He was already hard at work assisting with the financials for our club. Frank and I have already been in discussions on bringing the membership numbers up and ways to accomplish that. There will be more on that topic in a later newsletter write up. I must say though that I am excited at the potential as we begin to move forward with plans.

Last but not least, thank you  
Dennis Lawyer, our outgoing Rally

Master. Dennis kept the rallies going, hosting many himself with Charlotte. And even though covid-19 put many rallies on hold during 2020, 2021, still had a decent number of rallies scheduled to keep us on the road and having fun. He has now taken over the newsletter editor position which he will have his hands full attempting to match the amazing job Jack Peters did with his pictures and colored newsletter. Thank you, Jack. The other half of the Peters' gang, Karen kept all the members in order on paper when we had close to 250 members and made sure the yearly dues was paid. Our new membership VP is Charlotte Lawyer. Get those dues payments in when Charlotte requests them.

TCW is "about having fun." Rallies bring us all together. With that in mind, I am looking at organizing a rally in Okeechobee Fl. at Silver Palms RV Resort. If you are in Florida during Jan or Feb, 2022 or want to leave the cold north for a period of time, this may work out for you. The plans are still being worked out. Information to be put out, probably via email, later on this year or beginning of 2022.

Bringing this write up to an ending, I must say how great the 55th anniversary rally was for TCW. Great job by the hosts. A thank you to the sponsors. I had a great time and it was totally different for me. I was able to arrive on Weds and actually was the last one to leave on Mon. Hope all attendees had a great time.

About having fun,

Matt H (Pres)

## **Rally VP Report**

Rich Russo

We are reaching the end of our rally season, with only the holiday dinner on November 27 remaining. We had a good year with the climax being the 55th anniversary at Seaside. Thanks to all the hosts, co-hosts and everyone who helped make it happen.

We're looking forward to having a great 2022 season starting with a Lancaster rally. Other rallies on the schedule are Miller and Seaside. We need a lot more and we need people to step up and host. We're always ready to help new people with getting started. If you host one year you are not obligated to do it again, but many times once people get into it they are willing to repeat.

Some of the past rallies were Peddlers which is an easy one to do, Cowtown, Cape May, Trap pond, Shawnee, Sea Girt, and Space Farms.

If anyone wants to do one of those or has an idea for a different place let me know. We're looking forward to having a great year with lots of rallies.

## **Treasurer's Report**

Nick Theisz

I established a new account with Valley Bank and deposited \$1000.00. The old account had about \$6000. Since the objective was to decrease the treasury Nancy Russo succeeded admirably and the rally cost the club \$2,039.11 more than what was received. That money was well spent and everyone enjoyed the rally. This is all that I can report until previous Treasurer sends me the rest of the record keeping and sends me the remaining funds.

## Sunshine VP Report and Other News

Helen Caserta

Its been quiet. I did send Jack Peters a get well card during his hospitalization and I sent Marie (and Richard) Newman a sympathy card when her brother passed recently. We sent out a congratulations card that most of us signed at Seaside rally to Herman (Hy) Solof for his 100th birthday.

I can only be successful at my job of sending cards, and informing our members when you supply me with information about you, your family or other TCW members. You are doing a good job - keep the news coming. My email is [Louie158@gmail.com](mailto:Louie158@gmail.com)

John joins me in saying we hope to see you all at our Holiday luncheon on November 27th (write up elsewhere in this newsletter). If not, to all, have a great Halloween, Thanksgiving, and Holiday Season. Enjoy your winter be it at home or traveling, and hope to see you all when the season starts again in the spring.

## Holiday Luncheon

Helen Caserta

TCW Holiday Luncheon at the **Flaming Grill** & Supreme Buffet

On Saturday, November 27, 2021, 11:30AM

126 North Main St., Manville, NJ 08835 (908-685-8828)

Located in the Marketplace Mall **between Walmart and MacDonalds**

**At this point we are planning our Holiday Luncheon at Flaming Grill. They can't make a commitment yet because of Covid, etc, but we are going forward with our plans. Cost is up a bit and our plans are "sort of" firm, but, we are a positive bunch. Consider this official unless you hear otherwise.**

Flaming Grill & Supreme Buffet is the largest restaurant in Manville and the surrounding NJ areas. They have a wide selection of favorite foods on their delicious buffet. There is something for everyone! Their main feature is the Teppanyaki Grill. Customers can select their own meats and vegetables and have it cooked by a professional Teppanyaki Chef while watching their meal prepared in front of them. They have fresh ingredients, delicious sauces and quick service.

Every day they offer over 250 items on their buffet bar that includes all of the traditional Chinese dishes and a few specialty items such as Teppanyaki Chicken, Beef Tenderloin and Coconut Shrimp. For those individuals who are vegetarians, there is a large salad buffet with fresh vegetables, many toppings and a

wide variety of dressings including a special ranch dressing that is made fresh daily. There is also a fine selection on their sushi bar.

Cost: about \$15.00 pp, including drink  
But, **we have dollar off coupons** for you.

A **head count** is a “must” this year because we are hoping to make this happen. Please either **call Helen Caserta** or email [Louie158@gmail.com](mailto:Louie158@gmail.com) or [John Reynolds](mailto:John_Reynolds) (co-host) or email [JReynolds173@msn.com](mailto:JReynolds173@msn.com) before Nov 20th and tell us you are coming.

Directions:

From the north, follow US -206 S and I- 287-S. Take exit 13 to NJ-28W (Bound Brook Somerville)

From the south, follow Garden State Parkway and I-287 N. Take exit 127 to merge into NJ-440S into I-287 N. Take exit 13B from I-287 N. merge in to NJ-28W (Somerville)

Everyone: continue on 28W about a mile, then turn left onto FINDERNE Ave for 1.5 miles, then continue onto N. Main S. for .2 miles. Flaming Grill and Supreme Buffet is on the left, in the Marketplace Mall, about mid-mall – plenty of parking!

Any questions – call Helen or John

### Seaside Wrap-up



Our 55th Anniversary was held at Sunset Beach in Seaside Heights. 23 coaches attended along with 3 couples without coaches.



Thursday was arrival day with lots of sharing of travels. Despite the light rainy times, all enjoyed the appetizers of wings, pigs in a blanket, shrimp, etc. Following this, pizza was provided.

Friday morning Lydia Veri and Nick and Naomi Theisz cooked up fresh waffles served with sausage for breakfast. Bingo in the afternoon found quite a few winners. The weather was beautiful, so all enjoyed the scenery. After Happy Hour, a dinner of baked ziti along with sausage and peppers finished today's meal.



Breakfast sandwiches delivered by Stewart's, started the day Saturday. The business meeting run by Matt Hoelzel, due to Charlotte Lawyer moving to Florida, followed. At 2PM all had fun dressed in Crazy Outfits or watching their antics! Tony Caserta was the winner with Helen Caserta and Lydia and Joe Veri in second and third places. Naomi Theisz introduced a fun relay games that made everyone laugh. Matt Hoelzel was the big winner in the TCW Cornhole game.





At 5PM we went to the American Legion across the street for our 55th Anniversary Dinner. Woodchucks BBQ provided the baby back BBQ ribs, BBQ chicken, along with the sides were delicious. We headed back to Sunset Beach for dessert. A delicious Anniversary cake was enjoyed by all. Scott's Motorhomes, Camping World, FMCA, and Hecht Trailers (who also do motorhomes) provided most of the door prizes for our members. Steve Acropolis was the big winner of the 50/50.



It was a pleasure to host our 55th Anniversary Rally. We couldn't have done it without our wonderful co-hosts Bill and Mary Burdge.

Thanks also to Helen Caserta and John Reynolds for all their delivery duties, the members of the set up and cleanup crews. Jack and Karen Peters for the anniversary booklet. The Veri's, Stivaly's, Tittel's along with so many others made this milestone a success!

Safe Travels!  
Rich and Nancy Russo



## **Business Meeting Minutes, TCW Seaside Heights Rally, September 11, 2021**

The meeting was called to order by Senior Vice President Matt Hoelzel at 10:03am.

In honor of our 55th Anniversary Vic Stivaly, a longtime member of the Chapter, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A moment of silence was held for those that lost their lives September 11, 2001 which occurred 20 years ago and for the 13 military members that just lost their lives in Afghanistan and for past members that are no longer with us.

Sr. Vice President Matt Hoelzel went on to say the last Business meeting minutes from Lancaster dated May 1, 2021 were posted in the June 2021 Wagon Tracks newsletter. Matt asked if all were in agreement with what was published. All were in agreement. A motion was made to accept the minutes as published and seconded.

Minutes have been accepted as written.

Sunshine Report: Helen Caserta said she only sent out one get well card and that went to Jack Peters for his recent hospital stay. On Monday Helen will be sending out a birthday card to Herman Solof who will be 100 years old on Friday.

Membership Report: Karen Peters handed it over to Matt Hoelzel which stated that the membership as of last count was 53 members.

Newsletter Report: Dennis Lawyer (on speaker phone) stated the next newsletter will go out after the Seaside Rally. The newsletter will include dues information and where to pay your dues for next year.

Treasurer's Report: Nancyanne Carkeek is not in attendance of the meeting. Matt Hoelzel stated as of January 1st \$9,975.82 was in the treasury. When asked which year President Charlotte Lawyer (on speaker phone) said it was 2021. Charlotte went on to say that at the beginning of January 1, 2020 the balance was \$9,857.90. The income for the year of 2020 was \$1,910.50. The expenses for the year of 2020 were \$1,792.58. The total gain for the 2020 year was \$117.92. The ending balance for December 31, 2020 was \$9,975.82. As of June 4, 2021 our treasury balance is \$9,807.89. Charlotte has already approved expenses of \$625.00 for this year that is not reflected in the balance and also expenses for the 55th Anniversary which is also not reflected in the balance.

Charlotte went on to say Dennis Lawyer did a financial report for 2020 which has more details that Charlotte did not share. Matt Hoelzel has a hard copy that he will share. That report will also appear in the next newsletter. (Note: This 2020 Financial Report appears at the end of these minutes.) There was an audit conducted by member Frank Winter of the 2020 treasury books. No issues were found. Frank Winter is working on auditing the 2019 financial report, however he is still waiting for some information from Nancyanne Carkeek before he can complete the audit. Charlotte Lawyer stated that when the audit is completed she can release the 2019 financial report. All years before 2019 were already audited. Charlotte stated that because of covid we fell behind on the audits. A question was asked about what was considered a fiscal year. Charlotte stated it is a calendar year. (Chapter Bylaws, Article VI, Number 2 )

National Director: John Reynolds went to the Gillette, Wyoming FMCA Convention on July 7, 2021. He reported that 1,342 RV's were in attendance. There were 340 RV's that were first timers. 150 vendors were in attendance. The Governing Board meeting had 236 Chapters represented at the meeting. FMCA's Treasurer's report reflected an upward swing with a total of \$7,309.00. The budget for the upcoming year was approved. CHUBB is now the travel assist program. An election was held for the new FMCA officers which are as follows: President: Rett Porter; Sr. Vice President: Gary Miller; Secretary: Kathie Balogh; Treasurer: Barbara Smith. The following upcoming FMCA Conventions for the 2022 year are: Winter: Tucson, AZ, March 23-23; Summer: Lincoln, NEB, August 24-27; and for 2023 Winter: Perry, GA, March 15-18; Summer: Gillette, WY August 23-26.

Rally VP: Dennis Lawyer (on speaker phone) stated the next rally in which we were invited to by Penn Coachman is at Pocono Raceway on October 15-17. There is a pre-rally which starts on October 13. The last newsletter has the registration form and information. Also Matt Hoelzel has a copy if you are interested. The next event is the Holiday Luncheon hosted by Helen Caserta. Helen Caserta reported if anyone is interested the fee will be about \$15.00 per person which will include your drink. You will be allowed to use the coupons for money off. It is to be held the Saturday after Thanksgiving. Helen asked for members interested to hold up their hands so she could get a count. The information will appear in the upcoming Wagon Tracks newsletter.

Matt Hoelzel said to please get together with the Rally VP if you have any ideas for upcoming rallies in 2022. Charlotte Lawyer (on speaker phone) stated the Lancaster rally for next year is scheduled for Country Acres Campground on April 28-May 1, 2022. Ten sites are reserved and the registration form will be in the February edition of the Wagon Tracks newsletter.

Presidents Report: Charlotte Lawyer (on speaker phone) FMCA approved the changes to the TCW bylaws. If you need a copy contact Charlotte and she will see to it you get a copy. GEAR, which is FMCA's National Eastern Area Rally is September 29-October 2. The rally will be held at the State Fairgrounds in Lewisburg, West Virginia. Charlotte received a call from Phyllis Britz, the Eastern Regional VP, letting her know that seminars to teach members how to take on leadership roles of local chapters will be held during the rally. Phyllis told Charlotte that it is a challenging area for many chapters and FMCA is doing its best to provide the resources needed to get volunteers to step up to officer positions. Matt has a copy of the registration form if anyone would be interested.

Charlotte went on to say a new membership list will be emailed Monday to everyone. Or, if you need a copy mailed to you let Charlotte know. Charlotte wanted to thank everyone for updates on their information. Charlotte handed out a "red book" to members back in 2019 which had the membership list, bylaws, standing rules and chapter overview in it. If you need a "red book" please contact Charlotte and she will mail you one.

Charlotte gave a huge thank you to Nancy and Rich Russo for hosting the 55th Anniversary Rally. She and Dennis were sorry they could not be here to celebrate with the members that attended. Also thank you to Mary and Bill Burdge for cohosting; thank you to Helen Caserta for serving on the committee; thank you to Karen and Jack Peters for putting together and printing the Anniversary Booklet. Charlotte went on the thank everyone for attending and for all that pitched in to help make the event a successful one.

Charlotte wanted to thank everyone that served as officers with her. She stated there are many things done behind the scenes that make this chapter function. She thanked each and every one for generously

giving their time to the chapter and for the many contributions over the years. Matt Hoelzel as VP thanked Charlotte for serving as President and Dennis as Rally VP and for writing the newsletter.

Old Business: Matt Hoelzel stated that ballots went out to everyone with the nominated officers which were mailed back to Peggy Pittenger, Secretary. A committee has counted the ballots and Sheila Sharp read the final outcome stating only 14 ballots were returned. 10 ballots voted for the slate as presented, the other 4 had write-ins. Sheila went on to read the names of the new officers voted in for the 2021-2023 years:

President: Matt Hoelzel  
Senior Vice President: Frank Winter  
Rally VP: Rich Russo  
Sunshine VP: Helen Caserta  
Membership VP: Charlotte Lawyer  
Treasurer: Nick Theisz  
Secretary: Mary Burdge  
National Director: John Reynolds  
Alt. National Director: Helen Caserta

New Business: Matt Hoelzel said that we will go back to paying dues for 2022 year which Dennis Lawyer had previously mentioned will be in the upcoming Wagon Tracks newsletter.

John Reynolds stated that the National is building bricks for a walk at the Cincinnati FMCA campground. The bricks are \$50.00 each. A motion was made to have TCW purchase a brick with the TCW name on it. The FMCA logo is on the left side of the brick. Placing the TCW logo on is very costly. Just using lettering is more cost efficient. The motion was seconded. All were in favor.

Helen Grube had questioned about the audit being done by an officer. The just elected Sr. VP, Frank Winter is conducting the audit for 2019. Helen said that according to FMCA policies an officer cannot do the audits. Sr. VP Frank Winter said it was for the 2019 audit. Helen said that the audits should be done once a year according to the bylaws. President Charlotte Lawyer (on speaker phone) said that there was no problem with finding out and getting back to Helen. (Update on 9/14/21 Charlotte heard back from FMCA reps Phyllis Britz Eastern Regional VP and Gaye Young, Eastern Area VP and they said an officer may conduct the audit). Helen went on to say she had requested a copy of the past three year audits and is still waiting for them. Charlotte said the 2020 audit was just presented. Helen said that she thought the audit should have been done prior to the new officers taking over which in TCW's case is in September. Helen asked how can you turn the chapter over to new officers if the audit is not up to date. Charlotte went on to say there is nothing in the bylaws to say anything other than an audit is to take place once a year. (TCW Bylaws Article VI, Number 5.) We operate on a calendar year. Charlotte went on to say she was sorry Helen was so upset and to calm down. Helen went on to say that is all we ever see is a number in the newsletters and not what is happening. Charlotte said she could not find any guidelines as to what the financial report should look like, so Dennis used the format on Quicken and that is what was presented today. Charlotte went on to say she doesn't know when the last time she has seen a financial report published by this chapter. Should we do them - yes. So we did it. Sr. VP Frank Winter said that for the past couple of years we have only had a one line audit report. Helen asked why it hasn't been done according to FMCA bylaws which should be every year. She stated that according to the FMCA bylaws when the new officers take over the chapter the audit should have been done prior to them taking over.

Matt Hoelzel stated that he will get together with Nick Theisz and for each future meeting he will have a list of monies going out and the money coming in. Matt will check to see about the rules on whether or not officers can or cannot do audits. (Update: on 9/14/21 FMCA said an officer may conduct the audit). If they cannot we will have to do something differently. According to Dennis Lawyer the report is the responsibility of the Treasurer. Dennis said he only put it together with the information that came from Nancyanne Carkeek. Valerie Payne stepped up to say that what just happened to Helen was inappropriate. Helen was calm when she posed the questions of the treasury figures and how the audits are being handled. Valerie felt the way she was treated when told to calm down was inappropriate. Valerie said Helen had valid points and she was calm when asking the questions. Charlotte said she was sorry all she could hear was about 10 people talking at once over the phone.

Matt Hoelzel brought up about the badges which in the past came from Specialty Engraving Company in Tennessee. The owner just had a stroke and therefore the company is no longer in operation. We will be looking for another company that can do our badges in the future. Karen Peters stepped up to say the Chapter has a button maker and she can make up temporary badges for anyone that is interested.

Helen Caserta said she emails out the Wagon Tracks newsletter to everyone on her list once it is completed. However, she discards it once she has emailed them out. So please print it out when she sends it to you. There was a problem with people not having a copy of the 55th Anniversary Rally registration and Helen did not have any extra. So please print out your Wagon Tracks newsletter when it is emailed to you. (Note: If you need a copy of the latest Wagontracks or registration form for a rally please contact Newsletter Editor, Dennis Lawyer. This conversation was not picked up on the phone and why this note is added after the meeting).

Gus Springer had a question about the Treasury report in one Wagon Tracks newsletter from January it was over \$10,000 and the following newsletter it was at around \$7,000. Gus wanted to know what happened to the \$3,000. President Charlotte Lawyer (on speaker phone) said that it was a matter of the money from the Lancaster Rally not being deposited yet. Charlotte said on May 31 the Treasury had \$7,270.72 then on June 4 it went up to \$9,807.89 after the Lancaster rally fees had been deposited. Matt Hoelzel went on to say that in the future we will have more information on the Treasury reports.

Bob Tittel questioned about how often we do newsletters. Dennis Lawyer (on speaker phone) said he has no set dates, but usually they go out depending on the rallies. The last newsletter went out in June and the next newsletter should go out in September.

Our newest members, Rich and Deb Osborn made a motion to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded – all were in favor. Sr. VP Matt Hoelzel adjourned the meeting at 10:51am.

Respectfully submitted by Peggy Pittenger, Secretary

## **Newsletter Editor Comments**

Dennis Lawyer

Now that the Newsletter is being published by email, there may have been times when you missed an issue. Sometimes important emails are sent to your spam folder or rejected by your email provider. So in each edition, I will publish the date of the next newsletter. If I don't make that date, then I will put out an email stating when it will be published. Also, if you think that you may have missed a newsletter, please

check the TCW website or email me at [yorklawyer@comcast.net](mailto:yorklawyer@comcast.net). Please bookmark this site as it is the official site. There are others out there that are not maintained by TCW.

<http://tcw20cent.homestead.com/files/TCW1.html> (Official TCW Website)

The next newsletter will be published by January 31, 2022.

**Picture of the TCW Officers** (Except Charlotte Lawyer)



### **Membership Dues are Due**

Charlotte Lawyer

Hello fellow TCW members! Per TCW standing rules, dues are to be paid by November 1st.

Please send a \$15 check made out to Twentieth Century Wagontrainers to:

Nick Theisz

Please contact me at [Charlottelawyer@comcast.net](mailto:Charlottelawyer@comcast.net) with any updates to your membership information.