



## POCONO RACEWAY RALLY

Wow what a rally! It was a fantastic time. 47 RV's and 93 people. Seven FMCA chapters were represented:

Allegheny Mountains, GMC Colonial Travelers, TCW/20th Century Wagon Trainers, Not for Buses Only, Ives Runners, First State Travelers and of course Penn Coachmen.

It was a packed filled rally and other than Saturday, the weather cooperated. Wednesday & Thursday were days to go out and do some sightseeing and lots of social time. Thirty people went on the train ride through the Lehigh Gorge in Jim Thorpe. Thursday night we enjoyed "Bananas Foster" made by Ken Frey. Wasn't that great! Friday morning we anxiously watched 14 attendees do the "Stockcar Experience" who did the "ride-a-long" (3 laps going over 160 mph) and one did the "Driving Experience" as well. BRAVE friends! See attached photo's.

We conducted a "First Timer's Meeting" on Friday afternoon, and ran out of books! Full house! Isn't that a good problem to have?

Friday dinner was provided by the Pocono Mountain Visitor Bureau/Brian Bossuyt, Executive Vice President & CMO. Everyone enjoyed the "Octoberfest" meal. Drinks were provided by Ben May, President of the Raceway. Both Ben & Brian spoke to our group. Ben said "we" were the first RV Rally they had at the track. I hope we didn't disappoint either of them and I hope it leads to many more rallies for the track. We rounded Friday night out with "Speedway Bingo". Thanks to Michael and Mary Ravert for getting this game together. Everyone had a lot of fun.

Our fantastic group of cooks/volunteers started our Saturday morning off with pancakes, eggs, sausage, toast & juice. What a group of fine cooks we had, thanks to Bob Crossett, Ken Frey & Jack Vliet for taking the lead. There were so many "behind the scene" people who helped out and made the breakfast run smoothly.

Penn Coachmen had our 2nd yearly business meeting. Gary ran it quickly, so we could get onto having fun. The nomination of 2022 officers were voted on and sworn in. *(Continued)*

The 2022 Officers are: Sue Cipa-President, Millie Lavalley-Sr. V. P., Mary Ellen Seifert-Secretary, Wayne Dilliaine-Treasurer, Area Vice Presidents-Jack Vliet, Janet Rizzuto, Joe Lavalley & Pat Sweetman. Our Nat'l Director-Eric Britz, Alt. Nat'l Director-John Weber. Thank you all for volunteering. Minutes of the meeting as well as our Treasury report are available, please check with those officers.

Gary Cipa then conducted a "Round Table Tech Talk". They addressed many items regarding RV'ing.

Next up was a Raceway tour, which was a little hard to hear, since the cars were racing around the track. Thanks for Starr, Admin. Assistant of the Raceway for leading that tour. Next year we'll use a PA system. THEN THE RAIN/COLD FRONT MOVED IN...

Bean Bag baseball was held under the bleachers, but that didn't help with the rain leaking through. With 28 people still brave enough to play, we had lots of fun and laughs. The winning members each received the recognition of being the first winning team and a candy bar!

Pasta night....we pulled it off! Phyllis and I were worried about having enough and with Gary's keen sense of numbers, we made it. Thanks again to Jack Vliet for cooking all the pasta and making the sausage. Meatballs, salad and bread rounded out that meal and of course a ton of desserts that our hosts made! We then had a raffle with lots of nice door prizes. Social gathering continued that evening.

Gary counted the donuts, made his prediction and everyone got to enjoy a special treat Sunday morning along with breads, bagels, yogurt, cereal, coffee & juice. No one rushed out the door afterwards. Again many of our friends sat around talked and told stories. Oh what fun it is to ride on the Pocono Racecar track! Thank you everyone for all your help. So much "behind the scene" work went on and we appreciate all the extra help.

Thanks to our hosts: Jack Vliet, Mary Ellen Seifert, Cheryl Chester, Bob & Carol Crossett, Joan Park, Art & Pat Sweetman, Hal & Mary Amos, Terri & Tom Shannon, Glenn Momme, Ken & Janet Frey and Larry & Clarissa Sherrow. If I forgot anyone I'm truly sorry. So many people just jumped in to help make this rally a HUGE success.

First Timers/New Members who attended the Pocono Rally ...

Jim & Tracy Murphy	Larry & Mary Lemont
Steve & Gillian Raye	David & BJ Witt
Bob & Lynda Bucklew	Barry & Terri Minotto
Jim & Pat Valentine	Bob Samer
Clyde & Jenn Kershner	John Reynolds & Helen Caserta

Memberships were flying in at the rally-so again if I missed anyone, I truly apologize.







Crowd control worked well, and we had lots of food.

Gary's Tech Talk items...



...Bean Bag Baseball



...Ron keeping score at Bean Bag Baseball

Teams trying to keep dry...



Penn Coachmen ready to serve...





Rally Master's at registration waiting for the rigs to come in.



Everyone gathered in the Raceway Café for dinner!



Everyone enjoying their social time together.



The 14 members who enjoyed their Racing Experience riding around the track with a Nascar driver and one drove themselves! Lots of good stories and everyone survived to tell their stories!



Pancake flippers



Guarding the donuts



Sally having fun...

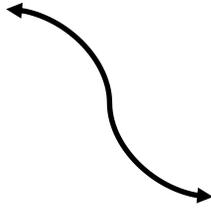


Brian, Jim & Tracy playing Speedway BINGO



Trudy, Bob & Glenn enjoying their game of BINGO.

A few new members...



Steve & Gillian Raye



Marry & Larry Lemont



Terri & Barry Minot-



Jim & Tracy Murphy





Ben May, President of the Speedway. Welcoming us to the Raceway!



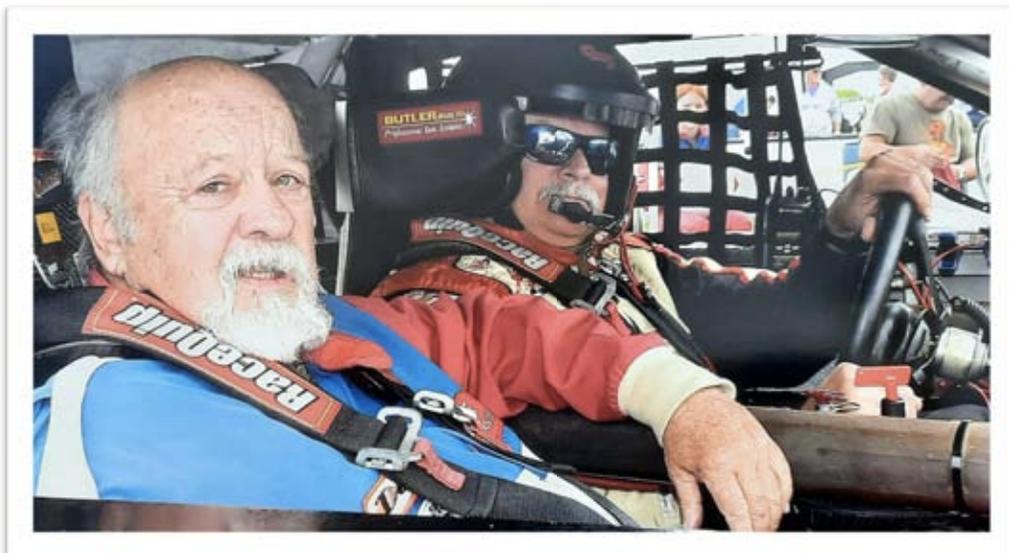
Brian Bossuyt, V.P. of the Pocono's Business Bureau. Brian arranged for our Octoberfest meal. Everything was very good!





...Phyllis

Hal...



...Brian



Larry



JIM



Nell, Glenn and Phyllis



CAROLINE...NO BINGO YET?



TOM MADE IT AROUND THE TRACK!

Gentlemen... Start your engines!!!



Walking tour of the track. Nice day to be outside.



SOCIAL TIME AGAIN...

## Note from the President

It's nice to belong. It's especially nice to belong, and be a part of, something much bigger than yourself. It's kinda like being a small gear in a big machine. The small gear is there, does its job, serves a purpose; and as a result, the machine accomplishes its goals. That's what it's like to be part of Penn Coachmen. All the little parts fit together and the task becomes an accomplishment.

Penn Coachmen, we have accomplished some great things over the past five decades. Were any of them of global importance? No. But each one of them individually has had great impact on our individual lives and our Penn Coachmen family. We are all better for what we have played a small part in accomplishing.

Our most recent rally at the Pocono Race Track is testament to how much we can accomplish working together. I left the rally as tired as I have ever been but absolutely enriched by the smiles I'll never forget. The old friends' hugs, the new friends we made, the traditions which we hopefully started and the enthusiasm for the future. To say the least, I REALLY enjoyed myself and thank everyone for their parts in making it happen. The rally masters had their visions, the hosts helped with the execution and everyone rolled up their sleeves for a wonderful experience.

I could not have imaged stepping down from the presidency because I would never have expected to hold the office. Phyllis did so much to maintain the procedures, protocols and function of the office and our relationship with FMCA. She and Sue have worked so hard to keep structure and assure nothing is left to chance. They really work hard on the details. I thank them both for keeping our chapter on track. I'm confident our 2022 president will guide us in our future evolution and will do a great job. (I've witnessed her work.)

Thanks for your faith, trust and allowing me the honor of being one of your elected officers and part of the executive board. I like belonging. I like belonging to Penn Coachmen and hope we all get the privilege of belonging together for a very, very long time.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary



## PENN COACHMEN 2022 SCHEDULE

March 23-26  
FMCA 104th Convention  
Tucson, AZ

July 27-August 1  
Harborfest  
Oswego, NY

April 27-29  
Pine Hill RV Park  
Kutztown, PA

August 24-27  
FMCA 105th Convention  
Lincoln, NE

May 27-30  
Grange Fairgrounds  
Centre Hall, PA

September 23-25  
Roxbury Holiness Camp  
Orrstown, PA

June 14-16  
Don Laine Campground  
Palmerton, PA

October 12-16  
Pocono Raceway  
Long Pond, PA

July 13-17  
GEAR  
(Greater Eastern Area Rally)  
Lewisburg, WV

December 8  
Shadymaple  
Christmas Luncheon

Please remember to check our website for all the updated information.  
[www.PennCoachmen.org](http://www.PennCoachmen.org).

We are trying our best to get the yearbook up-to-date.

Thank you for understanding.

We will be having our annual Christmas luncheon on December 9, 2021 from 1-4 pm at Shady Maple Smorgasbord. Our room is filling up. If you would like to go, please call Sue Cipa 610-334-3287 ASAP.



THANK YOU EVERYONE FOR MAKING THIS A WONDERFUL YEAR FOR OUR CHAPTER. WE HAVE ADDED SO MANY NEW MEMBERS AND WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO GETTING TO KNOW ALL OUR NEW FRIENDS. I WOULD LIKE TO WISH YOU ALL A HAPPY AND HEALTHY HOLIDAY SEASON.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY SUE CIPA