

GEAR 2022

LEWISBURG, WV



Almost Heaven, West Virginia,
Blue Ridge Mountains, Shenandoah River
Life is old there, older than the trees
Younger than the mountains, growing like a breeze
Country roads, take me home
To the place, I belong
West Virginia, mountain mama
Take me home, country roads...

GEAR 2022 is in the books. We had a wonderful time in West Virginia. Sixty-one people attend our Penn Coachmen dinner with Rett Porter, Nat'l President and his wife Claire as well as Barbara Smith, Nat'l Treasurer and her husband Ed were guests. Penn Coachmen was well represented this year at GEAR with over 27 RV's in attendance. We added 5 new "F" numbers to our roster as well. Lots of work, social times, dinner's, celebrating anniversaries and lots of catching up with people we haven't seen for a few years.

GEAR

New Members

We would like to welcome the following new members to our family.

- ◆ Bob & Charlotte Franks of Randolph, NJ
- ◆ Jim & Laurie Wilson of Dade City, FL
- ◆ Matt & Ellen Hoelzel of Okeechobee, FL
- ◆ Harry McNair & Mary Ann Dario of Newark, DE
- ◆ Gary & Bert Parker, Townsend, DE

Storms moved
through a couple
of times...



We enjoyed the entertainment area much better sitting around tables rather than rows of chairs. What a nice change. Good job Gaye!

Penn Coachmen Members at GEAR



Social times...



Good times...



Informative times...



Relaxing times...

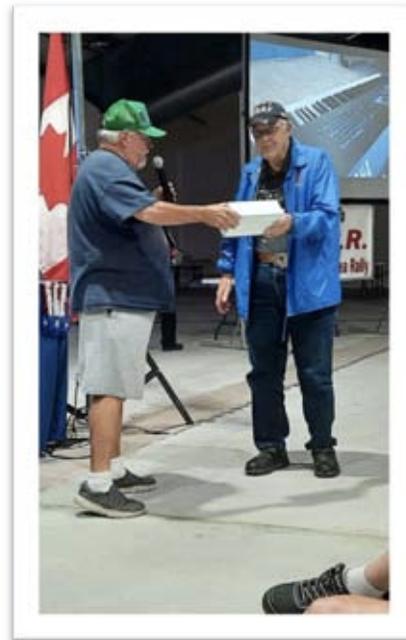
WINNERS....



Chapter Fair...Penn Coachmen won 3rd Place!



Millie & Joe won the grand prize, this beautiful handmade quilt.



Hal & Mary won a tire monitoring system





Brent Murrell, Director of the Historical Society of Lewisburg lead a historic walk through Lewisburg. About 20 people joined in the tour. It was very informative. Brent also put on a seminar.



Eileen & George



Penn Coachmen



BEAN BAG BASEBALL TEAM...GO PENN COACHMEN !!



Ladies Luncheon...



Some Penn Coachmen enjoying the evening entertainment!

Volunteering is what Penn Coachmen does...



↪ Gary fixing the GEAR trailer...



Ron working "Facilities"... ↻

...Matt



George, Gary & Tom part of the security team...



Penn Coachmen's Chapter Fair Table. ↻

Peggy helping potential members...



Phyllis & Sue at the Chapter Fair...



Closing Ceremony...tribute to the military. The men and women who served all stood as their branch of the service was recognized.

Flag folding ceremony...



Thank you Penn Coachmen for volunteering...

- ◆ Facilities
- ◆ FMCA Store
- ◆ Security
- ◆ Tram Drivers
- ◆ Greeters
- ◆ Ice Cream Social
- ◆ Seminar Monitors

We were well represented throughout the Rally. It is so nice to see so many Penn Coachmen out having fun and volunteering!

Just a few words on GEAR from Phyllis:

The Penn Coachmen family made me proud in Lewisburg. Such a good turnout for GEAR and how they stepped up and volunteered from being Chairs and Co-Chairs: FMCA Store, Facilities, Safety, Goody Bags, Ladies Luncheon and Seminars, to volunteering to work in these areas plus helping with Parking, Trams/Activity Carts, and more. Several Penn Coachmen gave seminars including our own "RV Basics" instructors, the 3 Amigos, Gary Cipa, Steve Raye, and Eric Britz. Besides the volunteering, which was fun too, I believe all had a great time. We got together for an informal social gathering on Tuesday evening and the usual "hoagie dinner gathering" on Thursday. It was good to see old family members and get reacquainted and get to know our new family members better. And of course, we recruited new members!

Thank You Penn Coachmen. Mark your Calendars now for next year's GEAR at Lewisburg WV October 4-8, 2023.

Phyllis

Here is a note Nancy Breisch received from Tammy Jordan who provided the ladies luncheon at GEAR...



Dear Nancy,

Thank you so much for the amazing welcome, compassion and outpouring of support for everyone last Saturday. We are so overwhelmed by the kindness and care. You all are such a blessing to our organization and an uplifting encouragement to me personally. I truly appreciate your kindness. Please let the ladies that attended know how much we appreciate them. We believe that hearing the story again and again that recovery is possible...it helps to engage others to be supportive in their own way in their own communities.

Many blessings!

Tammy Jordan, President

Notes from members...

HELLO from Nell & Glenn Kline,

This is a note from us to all our friends with Penn Coachmen. First I want to say that we are both doing fine for people of our age. As many of you know Nell had a major health issue in the past. The good LORD answered prayers and healed Nell in 1 day. Something that the doctors from Hershey Med & John Hopkins could not do after over 9 months of numerous office visits, emergency room visits, and hospital stays. As some of you know she also received 47 units of blood in that time.

The second reason for this note is to tell all our friends that we sold our Motor Home. We just were not using it enough. We sold it to a company called Mission Mobile Medical from Greensboro N.C. They will take everything out from the front seats back and make Doctor Offices out of the coach. We toured the plant and got to see 1 of 4 that will be going around and checking on Veterans. The coach that we were in was finished just waiting for a machine that checks eyes. It also had a wheelchair lift installed beside the door. As was told to us there, our unit will be used to help a lot of people.

The sad note is we will really miss all of our friends from Penn Coachmen. It was a real pleasure working with you setting up rallies, playing games, just sitting around talking, and eating. Also, HUGS will miss the Love and the Hugs. We are planning to see you all at Shady Maple in December.

Safe Travels, Enjoy your time together, & GOD BLESS YOU ALL

LOVE Nell & Glenn Kline

We will miss you guys. We wish you both good health as you start yet another chapter in your lives. You are always welcome to come back to visit at any rally.

Upcoming Events:

August 3-7: Pocono Raceway: Non Rally Rally, just a social event.

September 14-18: Hershey RV Show...looking for a new RV...check it out!

September 23-25: Roxbury Holiness Campground: Orrstown, PA

October 12-16: Pocono Raceway Rally

December 8: Christmas luncheon: Shady Maple Smorgasbord

2023 Upcoming Events:

Things are starting to shape up. Check out some of the upcoming rallies for next year. Millie has done a great job in lining some new places up.

April 25-28:	Dogwood Acres Campground, Newville, PA
May 26-29:	Grange Fairgrounds, Center Hall, PA
June 16-18:	Don Lane Campground, Palmerton, PA
August 17-20:	Echo Valley Campground, Tremont, PA
September	Roxbury Holiness Campground: Orrstown, PA
October	Pocono Raceway Rally
December 7:	Shadymaple Christmas Luncheon

Please sign up to help. We need Rally Masters for each rally. Pair up with some friends and run the rally how you would like. We will also need “hosts” to sign up to help at the rally’s. They assist the Rally Masters. Make it a “theme” rally, put your own twist on the event. Lots of ideas out there. Try something different. Please check the website for information as it becomes available. Any questions please feel free to call Millie or Sue.



**SAVE
THE
DATE**

**“Save The Date”
GEAR 2023
October 4-8
Lewisburg, WV**



Hope you found this newsletter informative. If you have a note, information, dates or something you would like to share with the family, please pass it onto me for the next newsletter.

Respectfully submitted: Sue Cipa