

Feb 2023 Wagon Tracks
Twentieth Century Wagontrainers, A Chapter of FMCA
<https://tcw20cent.homestead.com>

2023 TCW Schedule						
Start Day	Dates	Rally Name	Location	Host	Co-host	Sponsor
Monday	March 6-10	Silver Palms	Okeechobee, FL	Matt & Ellen Hoelzel	Needed	TCW
Wednesday	March 15-18	FMCA Convention	Perry, GA	FMCA	FMCA	FMCA
Thursday	April 27-30	Lancaster	Gordonville, PA	Lydia & Joe Veri	Mary & Bill Burdge	TCW
Thursday	May 11-14	Fort Valley	Fort Valley, VA	Matt & Ellen Hoelzel	Needed	TCW
Thursday	June 1-4	Miller Air Park	Berkeley Township, NJ	Rich Russo	Frank Winter	TCW
Thursday	June 8-11	Seaside #1	Seaside Heights, NJ (Bay Front Piers and Park)	Nick & Naomi Theisz	Helen Caserta/John Reynolds	TCW/Jersey Gems/Knot for Buses Only
Thurs	August 3-5	Northeast Area Rally	Herkimer, NY	FMCA	FMCA	FMCA
Wednesday	August 23-26	FMCA Convention	Gillette, WY	FMCA	FMCA	FMCA
Thurs	September 7-10	Seaside #2	Seaside Heights, NJ (Bay Front Piers and Park)	Mary & Bill Burdge	Lydia & Joe Veri	TCW
Wednesday	Oct 4-7	GEAR	Lewisburg, WV	FMCA	FMCA	FMCA

Note new Rally Seaside #1 June 8-11

TCW President's Letter

Matt Hoelzel

Hello TCW members and friends. February is here. Maybe some snow and cold temps for those in the North East. That must mean we are only a number of weeks away from the start of a new rally season. While Ellen and I are beginning to get comfortable in our new home in SC, we have been looking forward to getting down to Florida to welcome those coming to the Silver Palms rally in Okeechobee FL. March 6-10, 2023. If by some chance TCW members find that their schedule opens up on those dates, give the reservation desk a call and see if sites are still available. For the Fort Valley CG in Va, there is a Jan 30th ending date for making reservations. If you have not made your reservations yet for that rally, May 11 - 14, 2023, please call to make that reservation ASAP. (see write up for info). I certainly don't want to promote only those two rallies. We have a number of rallies for 2023, the FMCA National conventions, and the Eastern Area rally. Please support as many of these rallies, as you can. You'll meet new people who may soon become friends. Is anyone traveling in southwest NJ near Cowtown? Go ahead and stop in to see if there is an area to have a rally. Y'all know that Rich Russo, our VP of rallies, would love to have more rallies on his schedule.

Our first business meeting for 2023 is on the calendar at the Lancaster Pa/Country Acres CG in April. Mary Burdge, your co-host for Lancaster, sent an email out to let everyone know to call the campground and make that reservation. At the meeting, I want to remind everyone that it's time to elect members of the Executive Board for their 2 year term. We will need a Nominating Committee to get names of members interested in being placed on a ballot. If anyone is interested in volunteering to be on the Nominating Committee, please give me a call. I will also be asking for volunteers at the meeting. It is a necessary committee to keep TCW running.

On a different note, please make sure that FMCA has your email. It is thru FMCA that our newsletters will be sent out to our membership. If you did not receive the last newsletter from FMCA, then FMCA does not have your correct email or you unsubscribed. Please correct it online with FMCA. While speaking or in touch with FMCA, ask for a few extra FMCA magazines. There is no cost. You can use the magazine as a recruitment tool to bring new members into FMCA and into TCW.

I want to give a shout out to those hosts and co-hosts who have unselfishly chosen to run a rally this year. Without hosts and co-hosts, there is no TCW. It kind of makes being a host and co-host a pretty important thing.

So until we see each other again. Enjoy life. Look forward to our new season. Stay healthy. If on the road, be safe. And remember.....

It's All About Fun

Matt (President)

Rally VP

Rich Russo

The 2023 rally season is approaching and we still need more people to step up and host rallies. We're having fewer rallies each year and I have been informed that the fee for Miller airport will be \$500 starting next year. This will be the end of one of our longest running events. I will try to find a replacement for Miller but I don't think we will find one in this area. If anyone has any connections with other county or state parks please contact me.

Hoping to see you at a rally soon. Safe travels.

Treasurer's Report

Nick Theisz

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Sunshine VP Report and Other News

Helen Caserta

I'm happy to report most people are staying healthy. No get well cards sent since our last newsletter. I did send one sympathy card at the passing of Gene Jeckert in December.

If you need a card sent - or know of someone that could use a card, be sure to email me and I will do it. See you all in the Spring.

Editor note- We just learned of the passing of Gus Springer, our condolences to Helen Grube, his family and many friends. You will be missed.

Editor's Comments

Dennis Lawyer

The next newsletter will be published around April 15, 2023. There is a new requirement that chapters must send all email correspondence to FMCA for distribution to its chapter members. This is to add certain elements to the email so that it meets Federal Law. This will add delays so please see our TCW website if you haven't seen the newsletter by the published expected date.

If you attend a rally and take pictures, please send them via email to me so we can have pictures in the newsletter for TCW rallies. yorklawyer@comcast.net

Membership Update

Charlotte Lawyer

As of February 6, 2023 we have 22 paid member families. 16 families have not paid, that are current motorhome owners, and 3 did not pay that no longer have a coach. I sent a letter to all members that had not paid as of January 1. I will give these folks another couple of weeks and then have FMCA send out email reminders, as I am not allowed to send emails that solicit funds.

If you know you haven't paid yet. Here's how you can pay.

Please submit your \$15 check made payable to: 20th Century Wagontrainers

Mail to:

Until March 5, 2023

Charlotte Lawyer
14100 Myakka Ave., Site 69
Port Charlotte, FL 33953

After March 5, 2023

Nick Theisz
74 Salem Rd.
Township of Washington, NJ 07676-4529

Questions? Contact: Charlotte Lawyer, Membership VP.
Email: charlottelawyer@comcast.net
I'll distribute an updated membership list by March 1.

Silver Palms RV Resort Okeechobee Fl March 6 to March 10, 2023



<https://www.silverpalmsrv.com/> 4143 Highway 441S
Okeechobee Fl 34974
(Take Rt 70 to Okeechobee and turn south on Rt 441, then right onto a feeder road just before McDonald's to Silver Palms entrance).

The winter snow bird season is coming to an end so why not start the 2023 rally season a bit early for those that are in FL. Or even those who want to travel south. Join Ellen and I at Silver Palms RV Resort. It is only a 1/2 mile from Lake Okeechobee. The resort is full of amenities starting with E/W/S. They have a beautiful pool that can be enjoyed while listening to music from a band or having lunch from the kitchen at the pool. Walk around on the black top roads and enjoy the beautiful landscaping of the resort and all the sites before heading north. If you like to stay busy, we have cornhole, shuffle board, horseshoes, organized card games, and a billiard room.

The menu is not put together yet, but we are looking at happy hours and ice cream social. Cost is #75/night. It is regularly \$105, so I was able to negotiate a decent discount considering it is prime time. Cost for meals will be forth coming. Be prepared, for some, the resort will ask how old your coach is. If over 10yrs old, they may ask for a picture of the coach to verify it is presentable, which I don't think anyone in the chapter should have a challenge with.

PLEASE call the resort at 888-323-4967 to make your reservation and pay for the number of nights you will be staying. Absolutely mention you are with 20th Century Wagontrainers so you will be placed in the correct area of the resort, BEFORE Dec 15th 2022. I have 6 sites, not counting mine, reserved. If we have over 6, I will talk to the resort and attempt to get more. Due to Hurricane Ian, and the destruction to the west coast, the resort is filling up sooner than normal since many of the west coast campgrounds were devastated.



After making the reservation, please call me, the host, at (Matt) to let me know that you are attending. Again please reserve before Dec 15th. See y'all soon.

Fort Valley Ranch and Campground Fort Valley VA May 11 - 14, 2023 Host - Matt and Ellen Hoelzel

<https://www.fortvalleystable.com/> 299 S. Fort Valley Rd., Fort Valley, VA

Attention, Attention, new rally, new location, fun, fun, fun. May 11th to the 14, 2023, at Fort Valley Ranch Campground near beautiful Shenandoah National Forest in Fort Valley, Virginia. Search the name to find out some information on the area. Cost for the campground will be \$40 per night for 2 nights and \$35 for the third night for \$115. Arrive on a Thurs and depart Sunday. Cost for the rally/food has not been determined. PLEASE call the campground at 540-933-6633 by Jan 30th, earlier would be better, and tell them you are with TCW to make the reservation. After making the reservation, please call me, the host, at to let me know that you are attending. If you desire to stay longer, or come earlier, do not hesitate to ask.

The area is only minutes away Luray Caverns, wineries and a zoo. The campground offers trail rides for the adventurous person. We will have water and electric with a dump station near the exit. There are specific directions to get to the campground instead of following GPS. Upon making your reservation, you will receive a confirmation email that will give you those directions. Looking forward to some fun.

Directions:

From Virginia Beach take I-64 West to highway 81 North, then take exit 279, follow signs for 675 east, then left on 11 (it may not be marked.. but it is the next intersection "T", then turn right on 675 east to go through Edinburgh Gap Road and at Kings Crossing, turn right and then take an IMMEDIATE right onto South Fort Valley Road (at the fork). Continue about 1.5 miles to driveway on right.

If coming from the north on I-81, take exit 279, follow signs for 675 east, then turn left. Turn left on 11 (it may not be marked.. but it is the next intersection "T", then turn right on 675 east to go through Edinburgh Gap Road and at Kings Crossing, turn right and then take an IMMEDIATE right onto South Fort Valley Road (at the fork). Continue about 1.5 miles to driveway on right.

**Country Acres Campground Rally, 20 Leven Road, Gordonville, PA 17529
866-675-4745**

We have reserved 10 sites for the Lancaster rally. Rally dates are Thursday April 27th - April 30th, however, you may choose to arrive earlier and/or stay later. The rate is \$57.50 for Sunday through Thursday and \$63.00 for Friday and Saturday. Please send your deposit (\$ 57.50) to Country Acres by March 15th. Also, please let Lydia (lydiaveri27@gmail.com) know when you make your reservation.

Directions from New Jersey: Take I 276 NJ Tpke West. Take Exit 326 for I-76 E toward Valley Forge/US 202/I-476/Philadelphia. Continue onto I-76 E. Take Exit 328 A for US-202 S/US-422 W/Swedestford Rd toward W Chester/Pottstown. Keep left at the fork, follow signs for US 202 S. Merge onto US 202 S. Take US-30 W exit toward Downingtown/Coatesville. Continue onto U.S. 30 W. Follow US 30 W. Turn right onto Leven Rd. Slight left to stay on Leven Rd. For landmarks from Route 30 the turn onto Leven Rd. is less than 1 mile from the Revere Tavern. While traveling on Rte. 30 you'll pass the Revere Tavern. **Address is 20 Leven Rd., Gordonville, PA 17529.** If you see Motel 6, you've gone too far.

THURSDAY

5:00PM Happy Hour. Please bring your own beverage and a light snack to share. This is a good night to go out to dinner as there are many fine restaurants in the area.

FRIDAY

8:30 AM Pancakes and sausage. Bring a beverage and a chair.

5:00PM Zook's famous (and delicious) chicken pot pies. Please bring a side dish to share.

SATURDAY

9:30 AM TCW Annual Meeting

5:00PM Covered Dish.

SUNDAY

Continental Breakfast at 8:30. Checkout is 2 PM
There will be a nominal fee for the cost of the food.

Holiday Luncheon Wrap up

Mary Burdge

TCW's Hoiliday Luncheon was held on Saturday, November 26th at Jozzanas Casual Italian Restaurant in Middlesex NJ. Thank you, Matt, for making arrangements. The food was delicious and was enjoyed by Wendy and Steve Acropolis, Mary and Bill Burdge, Karen and Jerry Dowgin, Deb and Rich Osborn, and Myrna and Ed Patterson. Although our group was small, it was fun catching up and we all agreed that we're looking forward to our 2023 rallies. If anyone has suggestions for a future rally, please contact Rich Russo.

TCW Annual Meeting

The TCW Annual Meeting will be held Saturday, April 29 at 9:30 AM. If you are not going to Lancaster Rally, then you can call in by dialing 1-612-421-0942

Conference Code 267841

TCW Badges

To order TCW badges, you need to call Debbie of Lasered Effects at 732-377-9344 to order them. They are \$18 each. Shipping is extra and Debbie will determine the cost on shipping after getting your mailing address.

The company name is Lasered Effects, LLC 15 Hastings Court, Bridgewater, NJ 08807.

You need your name, hometown, state, and your FMCA number on your badge.

**20th Century Wagontrainers, Chapter of FMCA
Membership Form**

Name: _____ FMCA #: _____
Street Address: _____ Apt. _____
City/Town: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone () _____
Cell Phone: () _____ His Cell Phone: () _____
Hers
E-Mail address(s) _____
Year First Joined TCW Chapter: _____
Motorhome Information: Manufacturer: _____
Model: _____
Year: _____ Length in Feet: _____ No. of Slideouts: _____

The above info will be included in our annual membership directory sent to members only.

Are you an FMCA member? Yes No

Only those who are FMCA members in good standing may belong to this chapter.

TCW welcomes all FMCA members who own a self contained wheeled vehicle that includes permanently installed cooking, sleeping, and sanitary facilities.

Dues are \$15.00* per year

If you are sending your dues, please attach your check payable to: Twentieth Century Wagontrainers.

If you are an existing member, please enter your F number and any changes you would like made to your membership information

Mail to:

Nick Theisz

74 Salem Rd.

Township of Washington, NJ 07676-4529

Questions? Contact: Charlotte Lawyer, Membership VP. Phone 717-578-9098.

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