

**July 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
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

**TCW President's Letter**

**Matt Hoelzel**

Hello everyone, looks like summer is upon us finally and rally season is full speed ahead. Even as Ellen and I head north from SC to attend our rallies, it has been truly worth it. We have been so happy to see so many of our members again. We have been able to make the Country Acres rally and the Seaside Heights rally. In Lancaster Pa, Phyllis Britz, (Eastern Area Pres.) joined us for a day. In Seaside, Ed and Barbara Smith ( Treasurer for FMCA) joined us all the way from Massachusetts. It was also great to see the Knot For Busses Only Chapter join us in Seaside. The quality of the rallies have been fantastic. Bravo and applause for the hosts and co-hosts that have done such a fantastic job.

Hoping many of TCW members can attend the last few rallies that are TCW arranged. We certainly have the NE area rally which is normally well attended by our members. Let's not forget that the Greater Eastern area rally is Oct 4-7 in Lewisburg WVa. We are part of the Eastern Area so let's promote and attend that rally as well. The drive there is thru a beautiful territory of this country. The views thru the windshield were amazing. Ellen and I enjoyed it in 2022. Great entertainment and many very interesting seminars filled with great information were made available for those looking to learn and take notes. Volunteering adds a wonderful dimension to the rally. Having a bunch of members volunteering also adds a lot of fun. Hope to see many in WVa.

I want to ask everyone to help with growing TCW. Recruit, Recruit, Recruit. Have Family Motorcoach magazines available when you are out and about in your RV. Promote FMCA and all it's benefits. Promote TCW. With that in mind, I want to thank all those members that stepped up and talked to a number of couples looking for information about the gathering of all the RV's and about the group doing it. We may have gotten new future members. During the Seaside rally, a couple stopped in. David and Kim Sosis, RV owners, and FMCA members became members right at Seaside. Ellen and I had a chance to spend some time with this wonderful couple. I believe TCW will be very happy to have them as members.

A quick note, FMCA member Chris Carroll and new member of TCW was voted in as our Temporary National Director. Chris will be our voice at the National Convention in Gillette, Wyoming. In the Eastern Area, there are only 35% of chapters that are able to send reps to Gillette. We are fortunate to have a voice. In Sept. a designated member will be opening ballots for a new National Director candidate as well as the other positions for the Executive Board. Please, everyone, return the ballot that will be included in this newsletter. So until we see each other again, please drive safely, and as always,

It's All About Fun,

## Sunshine VP Report and Other News

Helen Caserta

Congratulations everyone - for staying so healthy. I heard of no one that was sick or needed a card, so I guess that means all is well. But, if you do hear, or know, of someone that needs some "sunshine" let me know. Helen Caserta [Louie158@gmail.com](mailto:Louie158@gmail.com)

## Seaside #2 Rally



## WELCOME TO SUNSET BEACH TCW SEASIDE RALLY September 7-10 2023

### Thursday, SEPTEMBER 7

Coaches Arrive.

4:00PM – Welcome Party, Serving Wine & Cheese provided by the Hosts Dinner on Your Own

### Friday, SEPTEMBER 8

9:00AM - Bagel Breakfast With All The Fixings

2:00PM –Informal Happy Hour On the Bay, Bring something light to share and your favorite beverage

6:00PM – Mia’s Assorted Pizza and Caesar Salad

### Saturday, SEPTEMBER 9

9:00AM – Breakfast- Stewart’s Sandwiches Will Be Served

2:00PM – Informal Happy Hour On the Bay, Games will Be Available To Play

6:00PM – Chicken Francese, Penne Vodka, Garden Salad, & Bread

Desserts are welcome

### Sunday, SEPTEMBER 10

9:00AM – Donuts Breakfast

### NOTES:

1. Generator stacks required.
2. If you wish to park together, please arrive together.
3. Please bring plates, utensils and beverages to all meals

**Please see attached File for Registration**

## Fort Valley Ranch and Campground Wrap up

Matthew Hoelzel

May 11 to 14th, a rally was held at a new location, Fort Valley Ranch in VA. It was only a few miles off of route 81. For those who attended, the excitement of the rally started on the ride up the steep long winding road. It was the only road that our coaches could use to get to the campground. It was a bit of a white knuckle drive, but we all made it to our destination.



It was a little light on attendance, the Lawyers and the host, the Hoelzels', but the ones who wanted to be there were there. We enjoyed a couple of dinners. One being Ellen's wonderful chili. Lunches were enjoyed around the area towns. Ellen and I enjoyed experiencing the winery's in the mountains. The campground owners offered an ice cream social with a nice warm campfire. Dennis and Charlotte, Matt and Ellen also enjoyed an additional 2 nights of campfires which we hadn't enjoyed in a while. With no breakfasts desired, Sunday was an easy departure day, made it down the hill, and both families continued north to other destinations. Thank you Dennis and Charlotte for attending, it was fun.



**Dennis' Comments:** If anyone goes to this campground in the future, I would suggest that you disconnect the car in town before getting on the winding road. Charlotte and I went to Lurray Caverns which was very nice and have a few historical museums for the same entrance fee. We ate at the Daisy's Country Cravings Market and Deli, where I got the best Cuban sandwich of my life!

## Nominating Committee Report

Matthew Hoelzel

The opening of the ballots will be done during the Sept 2023 rally and business meeting at "the bay" of Seaside Heights.

I also would like to thank very much, the members of the committee who volunteered and were voted in by our members at the April business meeting. The committee consisted of Matthew Hoelzel (chairman), Rich Russo, and Mary Burdge. Without our members willing to volunteer, TCW would not exist.

The following candidates are presented for nomination:

President	Matthew Hoelzel
Vice President	Frank Winter
Vice President - Rally	Rich Russo
Vice President - Sunshine	Helen Caserta
Vice President - Membership	Debbi Osborn
National Director	Nick Thiesz
Secretary	Mary Burdge
Treasurer	Nick Thiesz

### **Country Acres Campground Rally Wrap Up**

**M. Burdge**

" Rain rain go away"

We had a nice turnout of 9 coaches: Helen Caserta and John Reynolds, George and Marissa Hicks, Matt and Ellen Hoelzel, Judie and Hank Blatt, Owen and Barbara Tidwell and their son, Lydia and Joe Veri, Bob and Eileen Tittle, Bill and Mary Burdge, and Phil and Lauren Sullivan, (friends of Matt and Ellen).

Happy Hour on Thursday was enjoyed by all and then many of us went out for dinner. Friday was cold with very heavy showers and our planned "pot luck " dinner had to be canceled. Thankfully, the weather cleared enough on Saturday and we were able to enjoy our Zook's chicken pot pie dinner. Rain and wind returned on Sunday and the continental breakfast turned into a "serve and go".

Even though the weather was not ideal, we had a great time visiting, catching up and sightseeing.

Nine sites have been reserved for 2024- April 25th-28th. Please reserve on your own- Country Acres Campground-717-687-8014.

### **TCW Business Meeting. Lancaster, PA. April 29, 2023**

President Matt Hoelzel called the meeting to order at 9:39 AM.

Pledge of Allegiance

A moment of silence for three members who have passed away: Gene Jeckert, Gus Springer, and Chuck Male.

Secretary's Report: (Mary Burdge) The minutes from the last business meeting on Sept. 10, 2022, held at the Seaside Heights rally were published in the TCW Wagontracks. There were no corrections and/or additions to be made. All were in favor of accepting the minutes as reported.

Rally VP Report: (Rich Russo via phone) Rich reported that the Miller rally will be held June 1st through the 4th. This may be the last year a rally will be held at this location due to the increase

in the reservation fee. Rich encouraged everyone to come up with some ideas for future rallies and to consider hosting or co-hosting.

Membership Report: (Charlotte Lawyer ) Charlotte reported that we currently have 31 members.

Phylliss Britz (President of the Eastern Area) attended the meeting and discussed promoting chapter rallies and recruiting new members. FMCA international convention will be held in Gillette, Wy. August 23rd-26th. John Reynolds, our national director, is unable to attend and, therefore, a temporary delegate may be elected to serve in this capacity. Phylliss discussed the Penn Coachmen rally to be held at the Pocono Raceway in July- we are invited to attend.

Unfinished Business: Again, promoting rallies and recruitment of new members.

Matt suggested that a \$25.00 donation be made to a designated charity of a current member who dies. All were in favor.

Standing Rules:

In the past, \$.50 has been collected by any member who does not wear their name tag to a function. Continuation of this practice will be discussed at the September meeting in Seaside.

Generators- Standing Rules will be amended to address use of external generators.

A nominating committee is needed to pick a slate for the upcoming election in September. Matt Hoelzel, Mary Burdge, and Rich Russo volunteered and were voted in by the members. The slate of nominees will be sent out in the next newsletter and the election will be held at the Seaside Rally in September.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting and all were in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 10:30AM.

Respectfully submitted by Mary Burdge, Secretary

## Miller Rally Wrap up

I didn't receive any write up but obtained the following pictures.



## Seaside Sunset Beach Rally #1Wrap Up

Helen Casserta

The weekend of June 10, was our spring joint rally with Knot for Busses Only. Thirteen coaches braved the smoke and arrived (all with their own stories) for our spring Seaside rally. Hosts Naomi and Nick Theisz, and co-hosts Helen Caserta and John Reynolds assembled an amazing array of meals, pizza, HUGE roasted chicken, and a new favorite, I'm sure, Chinese food! The Stewarts, at the end of the park provided wonderful breakfast sandwiches one morning but Nick & Naomi's waffles the next morning were outstanding!





As usual, we had visitors by car, including Ed & Myrna Patterson, Judie & Hank Blatt, Carole Ricigliano, and Jack & Karin Peters. TCW president welcomed National Treasurer Barbara Smith and husband Ed and new members Dave and Kim Sosio from Toms River. Dave saw us assembling, stopped, and was impressed by us. He went home and returned with his coach, wife Kim, and adorable dog!



Although we didn't get the usual fantastic sunsets, much appreciated rain showers came only at night so our days were spent exploring the area and sitting on the boardwalk visiting and enjoying the constant changing scenery on the bay - including our very own kayaker - Naomi, who every year enjoys her exploring the area "her way".



## **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 for 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.

## **Editor's Comments**

**Dennis Lawyer**

The next newsletter will be published around November 1, 2023.

Thanks for all the pictures I got for this issue. When you send me pictures, please send the small data size if possible. Thank You. [yorklawyer@comcast.net](mailto:yorklawyer@comcast.net)

Please think of Rallies you would like to host next year to discuss at the Seaside Rally.

## **TCW Business Meeting**

**The TCW Business Meeting will be held Saturday, September 9 at 10 AM. If you are not going to Seaside Rally, then you can call in by dialing 1-612-421-0942**

**Conference Code 267841**



Ballot 2023-2025

This is the slate of officers presented by the Nominating Committee for the 2021-2023 term. Please mark the box for each position and mail the ballot to: Mary Burdge. Write your FMCA number on the envelope. DO NOT PUT A RETURN ADDRESS on the envelope. Please note that all envelopes without a FMCA number will be invalidated. Fold the ballot in the envelope so that your votes can not be seen by the person opening the envelope and combining all ballots. These ballots will be opened at Seaside in September.

Please make your selection:

President- Matthew Hoelzel  Other (Write in Name) \_\_\_\_\_

Senior VP- Frank Winter  Other (Write in Name) \_\_\_\_\_

Rally VP Rich Russo  Other (Write in Name) \_\_\_\_\_

Sunshine VP Helen Caserta  Other (Write in Name) \_\_\_\_\_

Membership VP Debbi Osborn  Other (Write in Name) \_\_\_\_\_

Treasurer Nick Thiesz  Other (Write in Name) \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary Mary Burdge  Other (Write in Name) \_\_\_\_\_

National Director Nick Thiesz  Other (Write in Name) \_\_\_\_\_

Alt. National Director (Write in Name) \_\_\_\_\_

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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ FMCA #: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Apt. \_\_\_\_\_  
City/Town: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Home Phone (     ) \_\_\_\_\_  
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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

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