

August 2023

Good morning, Travelers,

Gosh, where did July disappear! We need to slow down the clock and do some traveling before we slow down too much.

This month we have the big golf tournament at the August Rally. Don't play golf, then come and learn from the experts. This golf game can be played sitting down.

The rally dates are August 17th-20th at River Vista RV Park just outside Dillard, Ga. Please send \$12 per person to Patt Lawson by August 10th.

The fall rally, being held at Palmetto Cove RV Park, is being hosted by Jerry Snead and Daryl Cook. The food will be outstanding. Make your reservations directly with the campground and more info will be forthcoming. The rally dates are Oct. 5th-8th.

Patt and I will be traveling in Oct. and will miss this most popular rally in Palmetto Cove. There will be a business meeting with election of Sec/treasure on the agenda.

Just a little info about former President Harry Truman

He was not rich. When he left the White House, he and his wife Bess, took the train - he mingled with the other passengers and there was no Secret Service detachment. I believe personal things were shipped home by truck.

Later that year, Truman drove himself and Bess back to Washington DC (for what I do not know) stopping along the way each night to stay with friends on a pre-arranged schedule in a Chrysler New Yorker he purchased after leaving office. Pumped his own gas No SS escort. He got a ticket for an illegal turn on the PA Turnpike. Harry did all the driving. And this was in the days years/decades before most interstates. . . google maps and even car/cell phones. Many narrow country roads, hills, detours, washouts etc. before getting to the few major turnpikes.

HST had no personal income at the time except his army pension 114.00 a month (he was an artillery captain in WWI). He did own the house he and Bess lived in and inherited a little property that he sold. He wrote his biography with some ghost writers and it was well received (but not well written) and he made a decent amount of money for that - about \$50,000 after taxes and paying his writing assistants. He was never even close to wealthy. Later, because of his financial hardships had gotten around in Congress, they passed a Presidential Pension Bill of 25,000 a year for every living President. Hoover was the only other President living at the time and Hoover did take it but I do not think he really needed the money . . . Hoover was a fairly wealthy man. It has been intimated that Hoover did accept the Pension so as not to embarrass Truman by refusing it. He might have received small honorariums occasionally from lectures and political commentaries/interviews he was invited to attend or speak. He never went on corporate boards (other than his Library) or accepted any corporate positions.

Giv'em Hell Harry was both a frugal and very good President.



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	The Federal Government will pay half the cost of this insurance. Your share of the cost (5%) will be deducted from your monthly social security benefits.	
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1965

President Lyndon B. Johnson signed Medicare, a health insurance program for elderly Americans, into law. At the bill-signing ceremony, which took place at the Truman Library in Independence, Missouri, former President Harry

Truman was enrolled as Medicare's first beneficiary and received the first Medicare card. Johnson wanted to recognize Truman, who, in 1945, had become the first president to propose national health insurance, an initiative that was opposed at the time by Congress. The Medicare program, providing hospital and medical insurance for Americans age 65 or older, was signed into law as an amendment to the Social Security Act of 1935. Some 19 million people enrolled in Medicare when it went into effect in 1966.

Safe travels and remember to Always be mindful of others.

Larry