

Penn
Coachmen
Winter 2024

Hello Penn Coachmen:

It was a cold, snowy February in Pennsylvania, but Mother Nature is teasing us a little too. March had a couple beautiful days! Hopefully you are someplace sunny and warm. Wherever you decided to spend your winter months, I hope this finds you all doing well.

I asked for some “winter” pictures from the members, and I received a bunch of photos. I tried to include most of them.

Some of you are heading out to Tucson, AZ for FMCA’s convention. Hope you have a nice, safe trip.

2024 Penn Coachmen Rallies

Please mark your calendars for the rallies you plan to attend this year. Check the website, as each rally is different. Remember you will need to send in your \$25 per person to the Rally Master with your completed Registration Form! Any questions, call the Rally Master.

April 15-18	SOLD OUT	Old Mill Stream Campground, Lancaster, PA
May 19-22		Dogwood Acres Campground, Newville, PA
June 17-20		Don Laine Campground, Palmerton, PA
July 22-25		Lakewood Park Campground, Barnesville, PA
August 26-29		Roxbury Holiness Campground, Orrstown, PA
September 25-October 2		Pocono Raceway, Long Pond, PA
October 23-26		GEAR, Fletcher, NC
December 11		Christmas Luncheon, Shady Maple, East Earl, PA



Up-to-Date Information:

Penn Coachmen purchased some new equipment for the trailer. For our busy 55th year, we will have 2 new toasters, 2 new roasters and 2 new griddles.

We also have put together a new "First Aid Bag" that will go from rally to rally. It includes a Life Vac Kit (for choking), a brand new first aid kit and some miscellaneous supplies. We also purchased a new AED. One of our former members, Karen Brandis, made a sizeable donation and wrote us a lovely note. It will be on display at the rallies on the "sign up" boards. Penn Coachmen is fortunate to have such great equipment and generous members. We hope we will never need this equipment, but we do all we can to be prepared.



Penn Coachmen will be celebrating our 55th Anniversary this year. Our chapter has been around for quite awhile and has seen many changes. Way back in 1969 when Forrest Means (F795) was our President to our 28th President today, yours truly, we have had so many members join our club. We have made many good friends and the stories and memories will last a life time. We are so blessed to have this group and I thank everyone who has added to our “special sauce” along the way.

This year we voted on celebrating this milestone at each rally. Something special will be provided by the club so if you can only make one rally, you will be a part of the celebration. We will, however, be receiving our recognition from FMCA at our Pocono Rally in September. We will be honored to have our Northern Area Vice President, the Eastern Area President and our FMCA National President at this rally. I am thrilled to be here to celebrate this accomplishment.

If you have any pictures/items you would like to share at a rally from past rallies, please feel free to bring them along. We will have a table set up for memorabilia.

Thank you again to all our current and past members. This is certainly a wonderful group of people and I personally want to thank each and everyone of you.

Sue Cipa

An ounce of prevention.....

The flowers are starting to bloom, as is our 2024 RVing season. Before you know it, we will all be waking up the RVs from their winter's nap and scurrying from rally to rally. I don't wake up and scurry like I used to and find it prudent to prepare before I attempt to scurry. Let's all take a pause and make certain our RVs are properly prepared before we hit the road. We all have our check-lists. Please make certain your list includes the following:

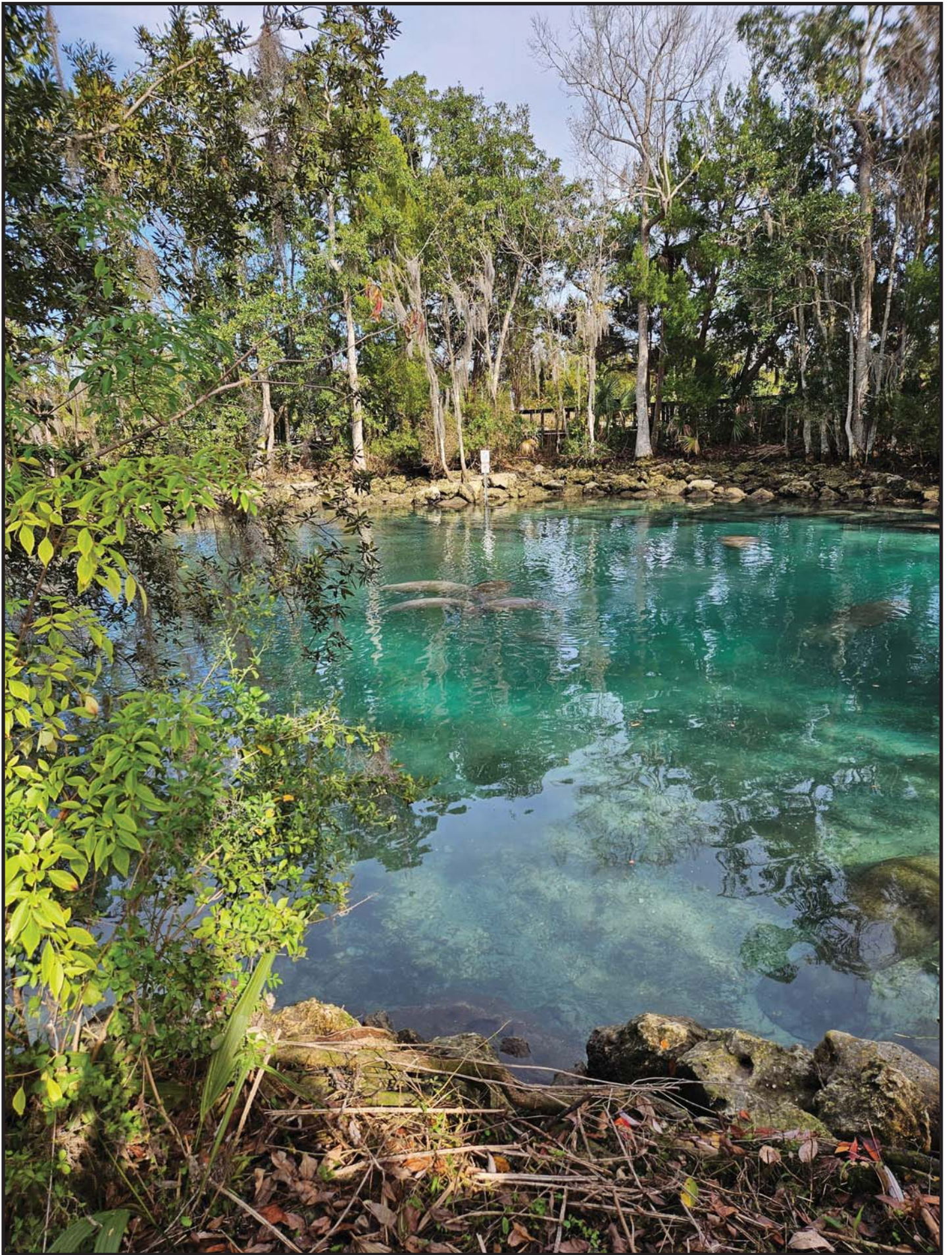
1. Check the tires for proper inflation, visible damage and age. They're the only thing separating you from the hard highway.
2. Have a propane leak test performed on your unit.
3. Verify smoke detectors, propane detectors and CO detectors are operating, have fresh batteries and are less than five years old.
4. Remove the fire extinguisher(s) from their brackets, check the charge, turn it upside down, shake it several times and secure it back in the bracket. One extinguisher is NOT enough. Make sure you have one in the kitchen, one in the sleeping area, one outside and one in your tow or towed vehicle.
5. Have your batteries checked.
6. Operate, clean and lube your emergency exit(s).
7. Exercise your generator for two hours with at least a 50% load.
8. Clean or replace you air conditioner filters.
9. Sanitize your water system.
10. Flush your water heater.
11. Clean and dress your slide seals.
12. Have a roof inspection and cleaning performed.

My goal is to keep us all as safe, happy, efficient and frugal as possible. If you have any ideas for educational subjects throughout the year. Please send me a note and I will try to put something together. We need some new topics.

Looking forward to seeing everyone soon.

From the "garage",

Gary Cipa



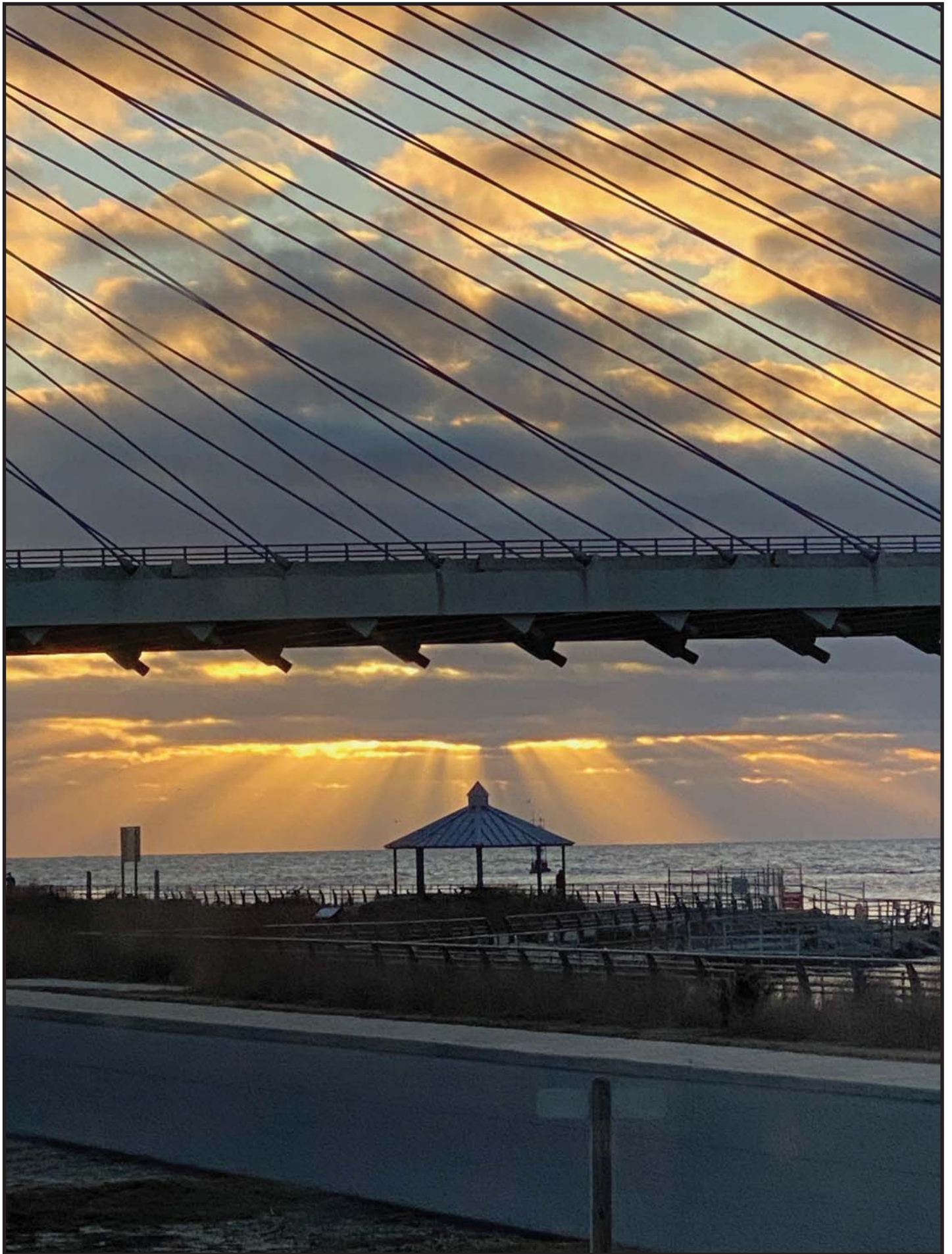






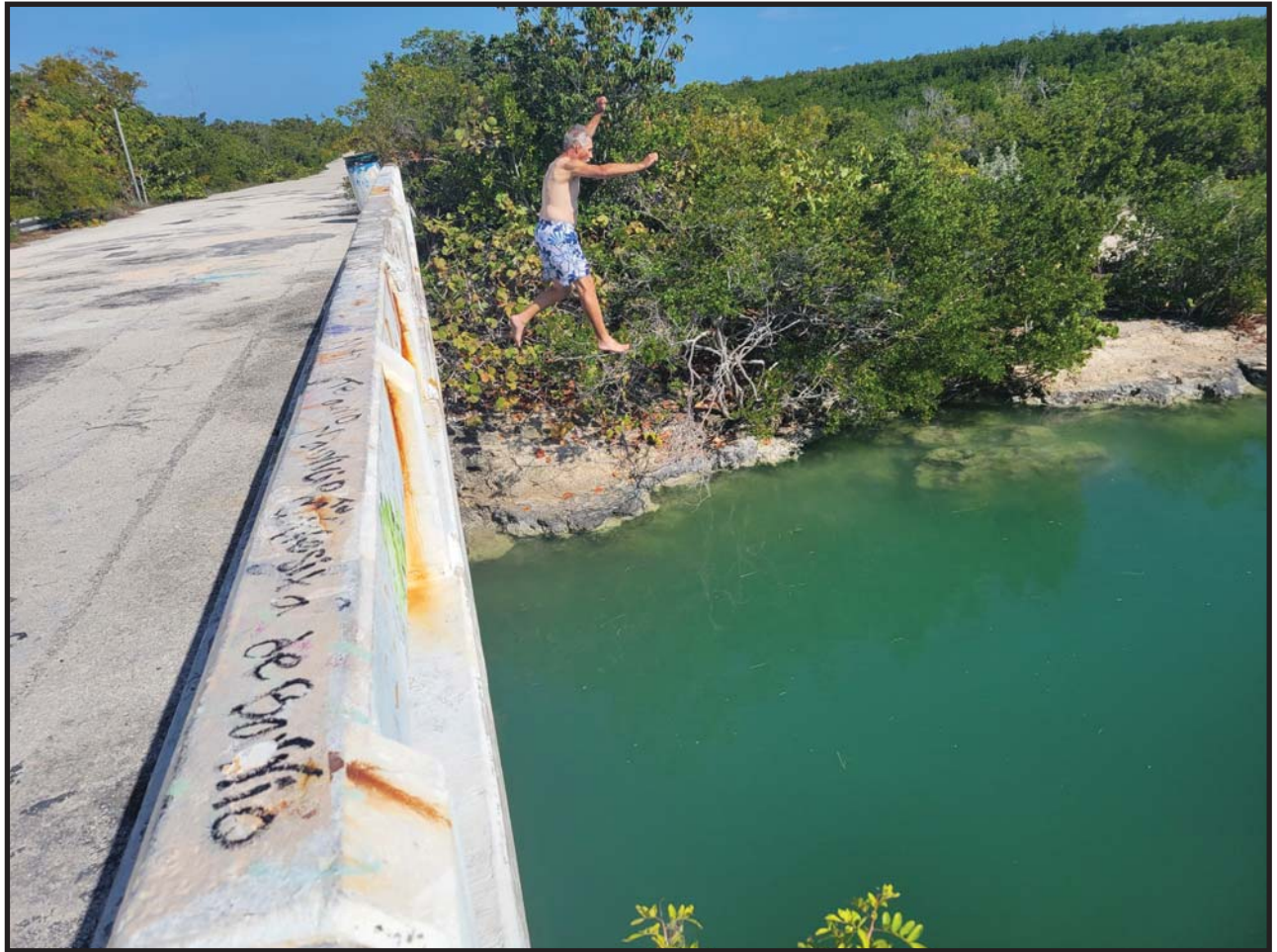








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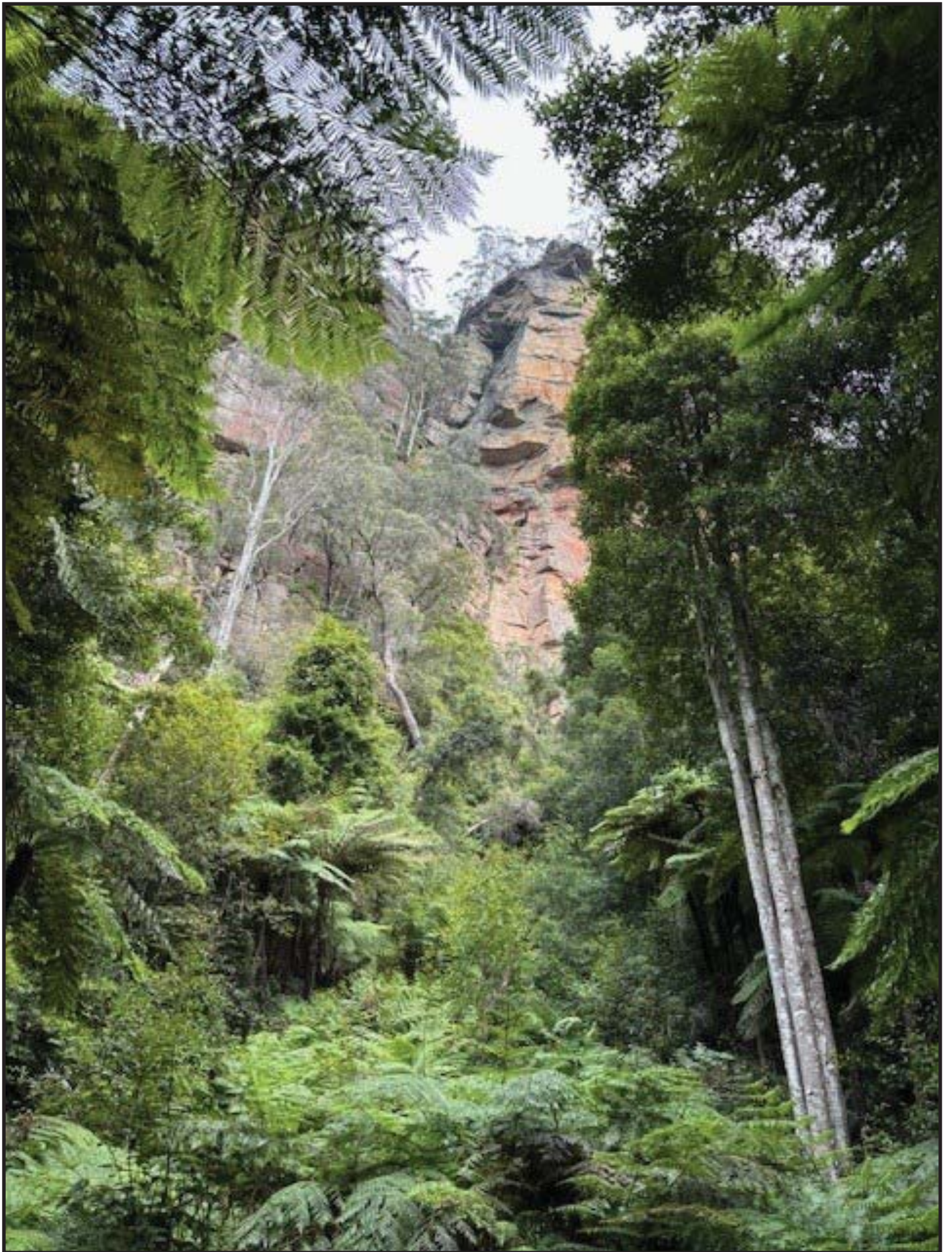


























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