Foothills Travelers Newsletter, September 2026

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Hello, Foothills Travelers!

This newsletter has several topics of importance so please take the time to read it thoroughly and let me know if you have any questions or need additional information. As always, if you have information that you would like to share with fellow chapter members please let me know and I'll include it in the next Newsletter or another chapter communication.

First and foremost, be advised that during the Fall Business Meeting at Palmetto Cove, October 6-9, we will vote on key chapter business topics, including officers for the 2017/2018 term. It is very important that we have a quorum so if you haven't already registered for the Palmetto Cove Rally, please do so now!

August 23-29, chapter members stayed at the Old Mill Stream Campground at Dutch Wonderland in Lancaster, PA and toured the Pennsylvania Dutch Country. A wonderful group was present in Lancaster PA and all had a great time! Present were:

- Rod and Jane Block
- Daryl and Rose Cook
- Mike and Kathy Keith
- Larry and Patt Lawson
- Mike and Carmen Norris
- Jerry Snead and Sylvia Daves
- Rick and Pam Spires

Jerry Snead coordinated travel to Lancaster and activities for this event. Members report they had a wonderful time and especially enjoyed the time they spent with each other. The Sight and Sound Theater came through, as usual, with their live on-stage production of Joshua. Food was a key part of the activities as was enjoying the countryside. The only glitch to the planned activities is the group was unable to spend time with the Amish family of Jake and Ruth Stoltzfus and their children. The plans were to have dinner in the Stoltzfus family home but several members of their family contracted the measles so that prevented them from interacting

with others. Of course, everyone's concern was the well-being of the family so please continue to pray for all of them to have a full recovery! See photos from this wonderful trip by clicking here and selecting the 2026-08 Lancaster PA folder.

Dwellion and Jacky's Vacation to England: Jacky's and my travel to England in August prevented us from going to Lancaster, PA this year but we had a blast and marked England from our Bucket List. The architecture was amazing and the people were too. While most of our time was spent in London, we travelled to the countryside for a couple of days where we toured many palaces and estates. Oh, Buckingham Palace wasn't bad either! Several folks have mentioned they would like to see pics of our trip so I have included them in our shared folder so click here and select the 2026-08 Howard-England folder

Upcoming Rallies and Travel:

- October 6-9, Palmetto Cove, Cleveland, SC
- March 9-12, 2027, Creekfire RV Resort, Savannah, GA
- March 17-20, 2027, FRVA International Convention & RV Expo, Perry, GA
- May 4-7, 2027, Willow Valley RV Resort, Rabun Gap, GA

October 6-9, Palmetto Cove, Cleveland, SC. This rally will be hosted by Larry and Patt Lawson and will also be Foothills Travelers' fall business meeting. For those that haven't been to Palmetto Cove, it's probably the least expensive yet most beautiful campground you'll find and it also boasts some of the best views. Call Palmetto Cove now at 864-836-6221 to book your reservation and be sure to mention you're with the Foothills Travelers rally. NOTE!! Do not book through the Palmetto Cove website! Larry also shares the following: *He and Patt will be arriving on October 5th and staying until the 11th and will be in site C-28. If you wish to arrive early and stay later just be sure to make those arrangements with Palmetto Cove. On Tuesday evening the 6th we will have an ice cream social held in the shelter and we'll spend time together and share stories by the campfire. Wednesday morning the 7th we will gather for our 'annual' pilgrimage to the Pumpkin Town Diner for breakfast. Wednesday evening, we have our second annual soup and salad dinner. Please bring enough soup/chili for yourself and two others. On Thursday morning the 8th we will have a breakfast of sausage, grits, and gravy as well as a selection of homemade breads and fruit preserves. Following breakfast, we will have our Fall Business Meeting including the election of officers for the 2027/2028 term. Dinner is on your own Thursday evening but we will have deserts followed by entertainment from the Jordon River Band SC. The band performs a blend of Blue Grass, Gospel, and Country music. On Friday morning the 9th we will have a coffee and pastry breakfast as we prepare for our travel home.* **The fee this rally is just $30 per person.**

March 9-12, 2027, Creekfire RV Resort, Savannah, GA Hosted by Daryl and Rose Cook, this rally promises to be a great one at a beautiful resort campground in one of the most beautiful cities in the south. You will notice that this rally is scheduled for the week before FRVA's International Rally in Perry, GA on March 17-20, 2027. We suspect many folks will stay a little longer in Savannah or arrive in Perry a few days early. Book your reservations now by contacting Creekfire RV Resort at 912-897-2855 and be sure to mention the Foothills Travelers rally. Rose and Daryl will be following up with additional information as it becomes available but be sure to put these dates on your calendars now! Click here for the Creekfire RV Resort's website.

March 17-20, 2027, FRVA International Convention & RV Expo, GA National Fairgrounds, Perry, GA Join hundreds of RVers for FRVA's 114th International Convention & RV Expo. You'll participate in activities throughout the multiple-day event that will have you grinning from ear to ear. Kick-start your RV season with a short trip learn something new, check out the latest RVs and shop for the accessories and services you need, enjoy terrific entertainment, and meet up with friends old and new. The "Hollywood On Wheels" convention is the perfect stopping point as you journey home from your snowbird state. The registration fee covers six nights of camping from March 15 to March 20. Click here to register on the FRVA website.

May 4-7, 2027, Willow Valley RV Resort, Rabun Gap, GA: Hosted by Rick and Pam Spires, Rabun GAP is near Dillard and Clayton, GA and is only about an hour from Helen, GA. These mountains are as beautiful as the Georgia mountains get! This is an early announcement so the activities are still in the planning stages but Pam says we will definitely be celebrating Cinco de Mayo!! Willow Valley is holding a group of campsites for Foothills Travelers until the first of September so to make sure we all stay together, please contact them at 706-746-0078 and make your reservations now! If paying by credit card the first night is $80.76 and the remaining nights are $72.00 plus tax. If you pay by check all nights are $72.00 plus tax. A deposit of $80.76 will hold your reservation. You can also stay a few extra days before or after the rally for the rally price. Stay tuned for additional details! Click here for Willow Valley RV Resort's web site.

FRVA updated web sites. FRVA has now launched a new public portal for all visitors to the FRVA website. With a totally new look, it is easier to navigate to all information of value to current, new, and prospective members. As mentioned previously, the new Member Portal has been up and running and I strongly encourage you to login and look around if you have not already done so. **All members must have their own unique login ID which is your email address.** This portal will allow you to check and edit all your personal information with FRVA. It is CRITICAL that you login to update all your personal information as the chapter is unable to make those changes for you. Our National Director, Mike Keith, will review key changes to the website with everyone at the Palmetto Cove Rally.

Remember, you can view all Foothills Travelers photos and shared documents by clicking here and selecting the folder you're interested in. Be sure to put future rallies on your calendars and contact the campgrounds for reservations right away! We know that many chapter members will be traveling to other destinations between now and our future rallies so please travel safe and enjoy our beautiful country. May God bless you all greatly!

Respectfully,



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