

July 2026 Wagon Tracks

Twentieth Century Wagontrainers, A Chapter of FRVA

<https://tcw-frva.org>

TCW Schedule						
Start Day	Dates	Rally Name	Location	Host	Co-host	Sponsor
Monday	July 20-22	Stony Brook Campground	Lehigh, Pa	KFBO	KFBO	KFBO
Thursday	Aug 20-22	Camp Carr	Clinton Twp. NJ	KFBO	KFBO	KFBO
Thursday	Sept 10-13	Seaside	Seaside Heights	Mary and Bill Burdge	Stephen and Wendy Acropolis	TCW
Tuesday	Sept 15-22	OBX Campground	Kill Devil Hills, NC	KFBO	KFBO	KFBO
Saturday	Nov 14 (Tentative)	Holiday Lunch	Atlantic Highlands, NJ	Matt and Ellen Hoelzel	None	TCW
			2027			
Sunday	May 16-20	Old Mill Stream	Lancaster, PA	Clarissa & Larry Sherrow	NA	TCW

Legend: Too Late Register Now, Non-TCW Rally Register Later

TCW President's Letter

Matt Hoelzel

Happy summer all TCW members, and a Happy Birthday America! As I write this, the east coast is really hot and NJ is dealing with strong storms and power outages. Down in SC, we are dealing with a serious drought. Wish SC could get some of that NJ rain.

As I look over the past few months, it has been a busy period of time for your president. Zoom meetings, updating trifold brochure, and of course the 60th. I attended the FRVA National Convention and participated in the Chapter Fair promoting TCW to potential new members. I met a wonderful couple, who became members, and another wonderful couple, who had just become members, at one of the events in Perry. I also volunteered as a captain for the security for the Convention. Those were 10 hour days and kept

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TCW Officers			
President	Matt Hoelzel		
Senior VP	Frank Winter		
Rally VP	Rich Russo		
Sunshine VP	Wendy Acropolis		
Membership VP	Dennis Lawyer		
Treasurer	Nick Theisz		
Secretary	Mary Burdge		
National Dir.	Ben Aurelio		
Alt. National Dir.	Charlotte Lawyer		
Newsletter Editor	Dennis Lawyer		

me busy. Was able to fit in the Presidents round table where many topics were discussed including some new programs that were still in the works for bringing in new members in FRVA.

Finally, the 60th has arrived and is now done. It was a fantastic event and went really well. I couldn't have asked for better entertainment during the 60th. So happy to see a good number of new members there. The "party after the party" finished off the 60th with a few members taking the 90 mile drive north from Cape May to Seaside Heights.

Following a little break time down in SC, Ellen and I will be coming back north for the Sept. Seaside rally and some family activities. Will also be staying in a campground near Kutztown to assist at the Hershey RV Show to promote FRVA and of course TCW. I am feeling optimistic with the idea of many new families getting to know FRVA and the benefits of involvement in chapters, like TCW. After that, the next get together will be the Holiday Luncheon, tentatively Nov. 14th. Most likely at the "On The Deck" restaurant in Atlantic Highlands NJ.

I mentioned earlier TCW got some new members. I want to welcome 3 new members, the Kilduffs, Halcombs, and the McCanns. It was great seeing you at the 60th. Hope to see you guys in Seaside or the luncheon.

How do we get new members? PROMOTE - PROMOTE - PROMOTE! FRVA is starting an Ambassador program. Check out the RV Magazine for info on the program. Many members also got a trifold brochure that FRVA membership put together with input from your president. All TCW members "NEED" to talk about our chapter to fellow campers. Use those brochures and share info on the benefits of FRVA to get interest in people you meet. So until we see y'all, again, remember, It's All About Fun. Matt President TCW

VP of Rallies

Rich Russo

The final rally for the year will be Seaside hosted by Bill and Mary Burdge. Co-hosts are Steve and Wendy Acropolis. I believe there will be a holiday luncheon, date and location to be determined.

The first rally of 2027 will take place at Old Mill Stream RV Park in Lancaster, PA The hosts are Larry and Clarissa Sharrow.

We need hosts for the two Seaside rallies as well as ideas and hosts for more rallies. It has been suggested that we could have a rally at Cowtown. We did that in the past and stayed at the Salem County Fairgrounds. Another suggestion is to return to Peddler's Village during the scarecrow festival.

We need people to step up and volunteer if we expect to have a viable club.

Membership VP Message

Dennis Lawyer

Welcome Tom and Midge Kilduff. They live in Freehold, NJ.

Welcome Paul and Keli Mierzwa. They live in Nanticoke, PA.

Welcome Jim and Deb McCann. They live in Waretown, NJ.

This brings membership to 35.

An updated membership list is attached to the email that distributed the newsletter. If something is inaccurate with your listing, please notify me so I can correct it. cbdenlaw@gmail.com.

Frank Winter, our Vice President, changed his email address to FrankWinter.lawyer@mail.com.

TCW Membership dues of \$15 is due by November 1. If you would like to submit now, you can use the membership form on the last page. For renewals, just include your name, FRVA number, and a check for \$15 made out to TCW. Mail to Nick at the address on the form.

Newsletter Editor \ Webmaster Message

Dennis Lawyer

I plan to publish by October 15 for the next newsletter.

I asked FRVA to change our password for the members section to the same password as the FRVA website individual's member password. They responded that they are working on a complete overhaul of the FRVA website. They expect implementation of the new FRVA website by September. After that they will enable use to use FRVA individual passwords for our site. Once, implemented, I will send out an email to all members.

A reminder that the password to get into the members only section is: XXXXXXXXXXXX

Sunshine VP Report

Wendy Acropolis

If you hear from anyone in the club that could use a little cheer—a get well, sympathy, or thinking-of-you sunshine card, please contact me so we can reach out.

Treasurer's Report

Nick Theisz

Information from our Senior VP

Frank Winter

BJ's sells diesel as well as gas. BJ's has a limited-time membership offer: join for \$15 and get \$30 to spend after first spending \$90. The saving on one fill-up should cover the cost. I don't know if you can sign-up on line, but I'll give the code to anyone who asks for it.

TCW Business Meeting May 16, 2026
Lancaster, PA

The meeting was called to order at 10AM by President Matt Hoelzel

A quorum was verified with 10 members present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was followed by a moment of silence for members who have passed. Matt announced the recent passing of long-term member Shep Steenbock.

Minutes of the September 6, 2025, meeting held in Seaside Heights, NJ were published in the March 2026 newsletter. There were no additions or corrections and a motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as written. This was approved by all in attendance.

Treasurer's Report- Nick Theisz reported a balance of \$

Membership Report- Dennis Lawyer reported that we have 34 members as of March 2026. He will update the membership list and the next newsletter will be published in July.

National Director- Ben Aurelio reported that FRVA continues to “fix” their website. He also reported on changes to the member medical insurance:

Members are covered anywhere in the US, Canada, and Mexico

Members are covered in any vehicle or RV that they own

Members are covered while traveling in vehicles they rent in North America

Unfinished Business-

60th Anniversary Celebration -Arrangements have been made for the 60th Anniversary Party to be held in Cape May, NJ. So far, 22 coaches are reserved, plus 2 cabins. Monday, hamburgers will be served following a Happy Hour. Tuesday, breakfast will be served in the morning and pizza is on the menu for dinner. Wednesday, breakfast will be served and everyone will meet at the Lobster House for dinner.

Thursday- Depart from Cape May. There will be a “No Frills” rally at Sunset Beach, Seaside Heights, NJ.

Holiday Rally- We need volunteers to host this rally which will be held in November 2026.

Recruitment Brochures- Matt reported that he will be mailing recruitment forms to new members of FRVA. The Eastern Area has lost 30 Chapters and current members are encouraged to introduce other RVers to what FRVA has to offer. Matt has sent 22 letters to new FRVA members.

The Hershey RV show will be in September- volunteers are needed.

There will not be a GEAR in 2026. The 2027 rally will be held in October in W. Virginia.

New Business

Clarissa Sherrow, Northern Area Regional VP, encouraged everyone to check their personal portal on the FRVA website and to edit as necessary.

Membership dues- note the 2- and 3-year discounts.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:59AM

Respectively submitted,

Mary Burdge,

Secretary

Invitation from Knot For Busses Only Chapter.

Knot for Busses has invited all TCW members to all of their rallies this year and next.

Stonybrook C.G. 1435 Germans Rd. Lehigh, Pa. 18235 570-386-4088
7/20/26 to 7/22/26. Reservations were due in March.

Camp Carr, Clinton Twp, N.J. Reservations were due in February. 8/20 to 8/21. Four nights would be 19 th to 22.

Outer Banks. OBX C.G. 126 Marshy Ridge Rd. Kill Devil Hills, N.C.
9/15 to 9/21. Book for one week and get 7th night free. Contact Marlo. **Reserve in March** one nights deposit \$72.45. 9 sites are being held for KFBO. Tell Marlo you are part of KFBO. People booking for one week will get the seventh night free. Full hookup plus cable TV. The beach is two miles away.
Hank's update: Seven families going so far.

Knot For Busses Only Chapter Rally questions, call Hank Blatt,

FRVA Rally that you might have been interested in attending:

Northeast Area Rally

A Green Mountain Getaway

Champlain Valley Expo Center

Essex Junction, Vermont

September 30-October 3, 2026

According to Facebook page of the Northeast Area Rally has been cancelled due to lack of registration.

TCW – 20th Century Wagontrainers

SEASIDE SUNSET BEACH RALLY #2

September 10–13, 2026

Rally Hosts: Bill & Mary Burdge • Steve & Wendy Acropolis

THURSDAY

4:00 PM Welcome Social
6:30 PM Sunset Gathering & Group Photo

FRIDAY

9:00 AM Bagel Breakfast
Free Time
4:00 PM Happy Hour
6:00 PM Mia's Pizza & Caesar Salad
7:15 PM Outdoor Movie Night

SATURDAY

9:00 AM Stewart's Breakfast Sandwiches
11:00 AM Cornhole Tournament & Social Games
Free Afternoon
6:00 PM Sweet Carolina BBQ (Please bring a dessert to share)

SUNDAY

On your own—enjoy the beach, boardwalk, local restaurants,
or relax by the bay.

Local Attractions

- Seaside Heights Boardwalk
- Island Beach State Park – Red Fox Beach Bar & Grill, beach, hiking, fishing, wildlife & scenery.

Directions

Garden State Parkway Exit 82 → Route 37 East → Cross bridge → Continue north on Route 35 → RV parking area on left → Make a legal U-turn at the shopping center.

Registration Form

Mail to:

Registration Deadline: August 15, 2026 Cost: \$90 per couple / \$45 per person Make checks payable to TCW

Name _____ FRVA # _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Coach Length _____ # of Slides _____

☐ Generator (11 PM–8 AM) ☐ Handicap accommodations

Breakfast: ☐ Bacon ☐ Bacon, Egg & Cheese ☐ Pork Roll & Cheese ☐ Pork Roll, Egg & Cheese

Attending _____ Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Notes / Special Requests _____

Lancaster Wrap-Up
Lancaster Rally May 14-17 2026

Mary Burge

White Oak Campground

Our rally at White Oak Campground, hosted by Bill and Mary Burdge (with LOTS of help from Lydia Veri) and co-hosted by Clarrisa and Larry Sherrow, was held on May 14th - 17th with mostly sunny skies and warm days. Attendees included Ben Aurelio, Bob and Eileen Tittle, George and Marissa Hicks, Matt and Ellen Hoelzel, Nick and Naomi Theisz, new members John and Karen Hornberger, and Paul and Kelli Mierzwa and their son, Ethan, from the Capitol Chapter. We welcome John and Karen and are delighted to announce that Paul and Kelli joined TCW.

Our days were spent going to the many Farmers' Markets, antique shops, garden centers, and just riding through this beautiful countryside.

Friday evening, we had hamburgers and hot dogs with delicious sides provided by guests. After dinner, Clarissa entertained us with Amish Trivia.

Our pancake breakfast on Saturday morning was followed by our annual business meeting and the rest of the day we were on our own. Clarissa made reservations at the Hometown Kitchen for Saturday dinner and we all enjoyed authentic Amish Food.

Following Continental breakfast on Sunday, many departed for home.

Clarissa has reserved sites at Old Mill Stream RV Park for May 16-20, 2027 for our next Lancaster Rally. We will provide details mid January.



TCW Anniversary Party Wrap-Up

Host: Matt and Ellen Hoelzel

Co-Host: Greg and Rita Brandis

Happy 60th Anniversary members of Twentieth Century Wagontrainers. The 60th was celebrated at Sun Outdoors RV Resort in Cape May NJ. It was formally Holly Shores where many TCW rallies had been held over the years. The theme for the 60th was "Speeding to the Future." Your hosts Matt and Ellen Hoelzel, along with the amazing couple of Greg and Rita Brandis planned and worked for over 18 months to hopefully make this event fun, full, and exciting as could be.

Besides TCW members, the FRVA Executive Board was invited to the anniversary party. Along with 19 TCW families, we were very happy that the VP of FRVA, Bob Weithofer with his wife Pat, join us. Gary Lyons, the President of the Eastern Area (EA) was also prepared to join us, but at the last minute a schedule change prevented him from coming. We missed you Gary. Also happy to have join us was the past president of the EA, Phyllis Britz, joined by her husband Eric. The VP of the northern area of the EA, Clarissa Sherrow, along with husband Larry, who are TCW members, were also present for the celebration.



During the event, if you went away hungry, well, what can I say? The 60th came with Meet & Greet happy hour pot luck followed by hamburger/hotdogs with all the fixins with baked beans. Tues, pancakes and sausage were served. With of course, coffee and orange juice. Happy Hour had a number of full charcuterie boards followed by Pizza after the entertainment. Did I mention entertainment? A fantastic energetic duo, Joey and Doreen, known throughout the Jersey Shore and even Florida as "Stiletto and the Saxman" brought smiles all around as they sang 70's and 80's music and impressed with the instrument playing and their comedy. Joey and Doreen stayed in the campground for a few days, giving many of the members a chance to get to know them. I took advantage of that opportunity. Joey and Doreen are a great friendly couple.

The weather for our 60th was perfect. Members were able to enjoy the area by visiting the Jersey Shore. Also the airport museum, zoo, and historical area. The brewery was close by where I even got to enjoy an IPA beer with a few members. That was really fun.



The final day started with Taylor Ham, eggs and cheese on a hard roll accompanied with hash browns, Weds night, all attendees got to feast on a meal, compliments of TCW, at "The Lobster House." Choices included Surf and Turf, Baked Stuffed Flounder and Chicken Francise with a cash bar and a 60th Anniversary sheet cake. The VP of FRVA presented a 60th anniversary certificate and a congratulatory check to the members of TCW accepted by your president. Thank you FRVA.



I would like to take this avenue to thank my wife, Ellen, for all the support and suggestions before the 60th and all the food prep. The co-hosts, Greg and Rita Brandis were instrumental in making the 60th awesome. From the many, many phone calls and conversations for 18 months, but never a complaint.



Once the event started, both Greg and Rita were fully involved with set up to food prep and everything in between.

Also would like to thank Bill and Mary Burdge, Vic Stivaly, and Lydia Veri for the making of coffee every morning. Mary Burdge brought with her the Bunn coffee pots which are actually owned by TCW. Also like to thank Eric Keiser, a representative from "Kleen Tank" who presented information on the importance, benefits, and methods to keep your black/gray tanks clean. Afterwards, a few members took advantage of the service.

Last note, but very important note, want to acknowledge three new members who participated in our anniversary and a welcome to TCW. Jim and Diane Halcomb, Tom and Midge Kilduff, and Bob and Deb McCann. Unfortunately, due to changed plans, Bob and Peggy Pittenger and Mike and Anna Zamorski were unable to attend. We all missed you guys.

Only a bit less then 1800 days until the 65th. A little less then 5 years until 2031. See y'all then



Seaside Heights Wrap-Up

Seaside Rally I

It was advertised as the "party after the party." June Seaside Height rally was June 4 to 7, 2026. Departure day from the 60th was June 4th. Start of the Seaside Heights, Sunset Beach rally was June 4th. Four(4) families left Cape May and took the smooth drive north by 90 miles, or so, to Seaside for the no frills rally. the Hoelzels, Tittels, Aurelio, and the Horners came up to Seaside and was met by Frank Winter and friend Judy to hang for the that weekend.

For Ellen and I, it was a chance for some down time after hosting the 60th in Cape May NJ. Despite that, Ellen still prepared breakfasts and dinner at Seaside. The weather was perfect except for a 10 minute window on Saturday that we got blasted by sand from what seemed like 60mph winds that rocked the Rvs. Got all about 10 drops of rain. Even though it was no frills, a \$20 rally fee was collected to pay for the permit (\$100) to allow us to park at Sunset Beach. Attendees, I think,

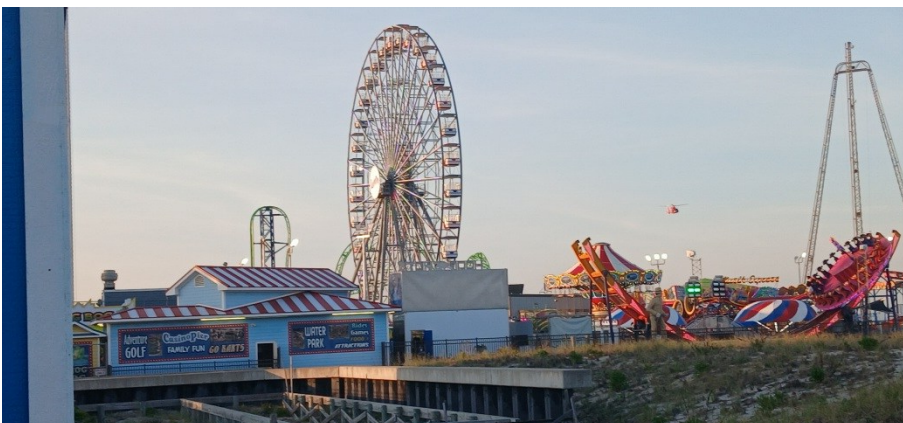
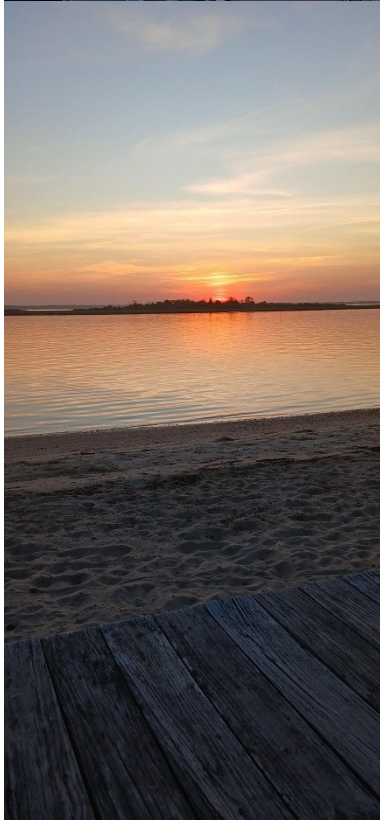


Matt Hoelzel

were surprised to have 2 breakfasts and a dinner due to leftovers from the anniversary event.

For some, entertainment included bike rides up to the boardwalk, and relaxing in the sun on the boards along Sunset Beach. For Ellen and I, it was being able to visit with friends after being so busy in Cape May. It was great going out for dinner with Tom and Carol Horner. So happy they made the trip up from Florida.

See y'all back at Seaside the weekend after Labor Day.



Reflections of the 60th Anniversary Party

Our 60th Anniversary Party was a huge success! The food was delicious and the accommodations were perfect. Thank you to the committee for choosing such a nice RV Park. Thank you Greg and Rita for arranging the entertainment- this dynamic duo had us up dancing and singing along to oldies and their rendition of old TV commercials was really funny- truly outstanding.

Most of all, we are grateful to Matt and Ellen and Greg and Rita for all of their planning and hard work to make this celebration so special. — Bill and Mary Burdge

We had a fantastic time celebrating FCW's 60th Anniversary! The entertainment duo was awesome, had everyone singing along as they brought back memories of theme songs from our favorite TV sitcoms, Gillian's island and Archie Bunker were two of our favorites. creating a fun trip down memory lane. Hosts Matt and Ellen and Greg and Rita did an outstanding job making that evening as well as the special dinner at the Lobster House, one that many of us will remember for years to come. — Steve and Wendy Acropolis

Everything about the 60th anniversary was great. The entertainment, the dinner at the Lobster House and the speech by FRVA official were unique and surprisingly Fun or informative. My thanks to Matt, Ellen, Greg and Rita for making it enjoyable. — Tom and Carol Horner

I would like to thank the committee for the great job they did on the 60th anniversary. The highlight for me was the entertainment. They were fantastic. It brought back some wonderful memories. The choice of the campground was great. Many thanks for all their hard work. — Lydia Veri

Matt, Eileen, Greg, Rita and everyone else behind the scenes put on a fabulous 60th Anniversary Party. The hard work, planning and dedication showed in the end result. We had a fabulous time. — Larry and Clarissa Sherrow

We really enjoyed the entertainment. They were really wonderful. The entire party was really fun and we enjoyed meeting everyone. We hope to attend future events and meetings. — Diane and Joe Halcomb

We absolutely loved the 60th anniversary festivities. All of it was wonderful! Matt and his amazing wife Ellen worked tirelessly throughout the entire 3 days. The cohosts, Greg and his wife were very nice and I understand they were responsible for the wonderfully funny entertainment which was our favorite event. The dinner was also special.—George and Marisa Hicks

Membership Form

Name: _____ FRVA #: _____
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 FRVA member? Yes No

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

TCW welcomes all FRVA 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: Dennis Lawyer, Membership VP. Phone 223-848-1092 .

Email: cbdenlaw@gmail.com

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 FRVA number on your badge.