

February 2025 Wagon Tracks

Twentieth Century Wagontrainers, A Chapter of FMCA

2025 TCW Schedule						
Start Day	Dates	Rally Name	Location	Host	Co-host	Sponsor
Monday	February 24-27	Silver Palms	Silver Palms Resort Okeechobee, FL	Matt and Ellen Hoelzel	None	TCW
Thursday	April 24-27	Lancaster (See Page 5 for Registration De- tails)	White Oak Campground , Quar- ryville, PA	Mary and Bill Burdge	Lydia & Joe Veri	TCW
Monday	May 5-9	Brewery Rally	Readington Brewery and Hop Farm, Neshanic Station, NJ	Matt and Ellen Hoelzel	Co-host needed	TCW, KFBO, Jersey Gems
Thursday	June 5-9	Seaside	Seaside Heights, NJ	Nick and Naomi Theisz	Rich Russo	TCW, KFBO, Jersey Gems
Thursday	Septem- ber 4-7	Seaside	Seaside Heights, NJ	Bob and Valerie Payne	Co-Host Needed	TCW

Legend:



Too Late



Register Now,



Non-TCW Rally



Register Later

Articles Inside

TCW President's Letter

Matt Hoelzel

What a winter. It has been cold for almost two months. Ellen and I came south to get away from the cold and also the snow. So what happens? A once in a generational snow storm with upwards of 7 inches. This is SC, correct? I am stuck in the house. Can't go anywhere because there are no plows or salters to eradicate the snow on the roads. Have to wait for it to melt. We are heading South. Literally as soon as the snow melts off the roof of the RV and we can pack, hope to be in Florida just in time for the temperatures to get closer to normal. Like 80 degrees.

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Well, it is a new season, 2025, and the rally season is starting again with the Silver Palms RV Resort Rally in Okeechobee, Florida. Ellen and I are hosting. Get warm. It will be 80 or so degrees. Hope to see y'all there Feb 24 to 27, 2025.

In case we miss seeing you in Okeechobee, maybe catch a number of you in Perry, Ga. for the FMCA convention March 9 to 14, 2025. I volunteered to do security and will man the table for the Chapter Fair. Any opportunity I can take advantage of to promote this great chapter, TCW, I will. In fact the last 5 months, I have received from FMCA, a list of new members into FMCA who live in NJ, NY, PA, or NY. I will then mail a short letter to inform the new members that TCW is ready and willing to accept new members that are looking for new places to go and new people to meet. I also direct them to our new website to learn more about TCW.

I want to thank Dennis again for all the work he put in with FMCA to get the website up and running. In fact, Dennis has now added pictures from past rallies. Y'all need to check out the new website. URL is <http://www.tcw-fmca.org>. I hope everyone gets a chance to see it.

The next rally starts in Lancaster Pa April 24rd to 27th, 2025. The hosts booked a different campground. The benefit will be a meeting room with heat so our meals can be more comfortable and dry. Our 2025 business meeting can also be held in this building. It will be an important meeting as a nominating committee will need to be selected to put together a slate of candidates for the Executive Board starting after the September rally.

I will also be looking for a few excited members to be on the 60th anniversary party committee. It is a big event for us. It is a big event for any Chapter in FMCA to get to this huge milestone. Only a few chapters will have gotten there.

I would also like to thank Nick and Naomi Thiesz for stepping up again to host the June Seaside Heights rally.

Before I end this newsletter, Ellen and I want to express our sincere condolences to the family and friends of Helen Grube, the significant other of Gus Springer, who passed away tragically in 2024. I know she will be missed in our chapter.

To all the members, let's be careful out there. Drive all your miles safely. And remember, It Really is All About Fun!

Rally VP Message

Rich Russo

Happy new year and I hope everyone is having a great and safe winter. The 2025 season is coming up soon but we can always use more rallies.

Lancaster April 24-27. Bill and Mary Burdge. Joe and Lydia Veri

Readington Brewery May 5-9. Matt and Ellen Hoelzel. Co host needed.

Seaside June 5-9. Nick and Naomi Theisz. Rich Russo.

Seaside September 4-7. Bob and Valerie Payne.

Sunshine VP Report and Other News

Helen Caserta

We had a tragic end to one of our members, Helen Grube. On December 17th she was in an auto accident and received fatal injuries. A sympathy card has been sent to the family.

The cold weather must be keeping our folks in and well. I've received no word of illness, etc or anyone needing a cheer up card. If you, or you know someone that would like one, please email me at Louie158@gmail.com or a phone call is always good.

Newsletter Editor/Webmaster Comments

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I anticipate the next Newsletter to be in May, after the Brewery Rally.

I placed a couple of more pictures from the Holiday Lunch on our website.

My apologies, the Standing Orders posted on the website was from a previous version. The latest version is now posted.

Charlotte and I are planning to go to both International Conventions this year. Hopefully we will see you there.

A list of some closer area and the international rallies are on the second to last page.

Report withheld from Public Version of Newsletter

All comments or questions associated with the financial report can be directed to Nick.

Holiday Luncheon Wrap Up- Matt Hoelzel

November 17th, 2024, We hosted the Holiday Luncheon. It took place at the "On The Deck" Restaurant in Atlantic Highlands NJ. It was a great showing with 15 members enjoying the beautiful marina, Raritan Bay and skyline of NY. Along with a few drinks, an excellent waitress and an open menu. It is not that kind of rally where members arrived in the RVs. We all enjoyed a few hours of camaraderie before heading home and saying "see you later" at the next rally in April in Lancaster Pa. Matt & Ellen Hoelzel -Host



Silver Palms Rally

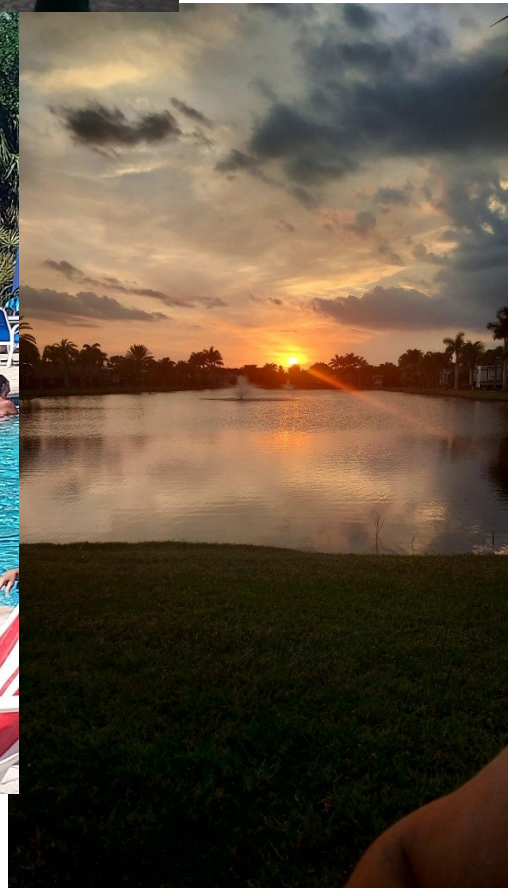
February 24-27

<https://www.silverpalmsrv.com/> 4143 Highway 441S Okeechobee Fl 34974

Matt & Ellen Hoelzel - Host

Hello everyone. Hoping all are keeping warm. Even those in Florida. I know the 80 degree temps are just around the corner. One of the big reasons our members leave the NE for a few months. It is time for our annual Silver Palms RV Resort rally in Okeechobee Florida. Call 1-888-323-4967, then option 1, to make a reservation for February 24 to 27, 2025. Cost is \$90 + fees/tax. I was only able to get a 20% discount for this year. Once a reservation is made, just call me or email me to let me know you are coming. Rally fee is probably going to be around \$50. For the last few years, all attendees have enjoyed either a dinner or breakfast out at a restaurant for one of the meals. All other meals will be enjoyed under the tiki. Can't wait to see y'all.

Directions: Take Rt 70 to Okeechobee and turn south on Rt 441, then right onto a feeder road just before McDonald's to Silver Palms entrance



Readington Brewery and Hope Farm

Matt & Ellen Hoelzel - Host

May 5-9

937 US Highway 202 S, Neshanic Station, NJ 08853

<https://readingtonbrewery.com>

I hope everyone has heard of Harvest Host. If not, need to check it out. There is discount available thru FMCA for joining. Ellen and I had the opportunity to go to the Readington Brewery and Hop Farm, thru Harvest Host last year. We enjoyed it so much, thought it would be cool to have a rally there. Spoke to the owner and got the ok. They are allowing 14 sites plus mine, so 15.

Rally is May 5th to 9th, 2025. It is on Route 202S in Neshanic Station. A short drive to Flemington. A little over a mile to Northlandz (World's Largest Miniature Wonderland) railroad/village attraction. A short drive to the Somerset Patriots baseball stadium. Alas, they will be away the week of the rally, so no games for us.

This will be a dry camping rally on grass just a few short yards from the award winning craft beverages. Seating will be available inside and outside. May even enjoy a campfire. We want to invite and welcome the Jersey Gems and KFBO chapters. Parking will be accessible from the main driveway directly off of Rt.202S, just after Whiton Rd, around right side of building and towards rear of the building. There is no fee to park. Rally fee will be \$45/coach, \$25/coach w/single person.

To register for this rally, please follow the directions below:

Registration opens at 8am on March 1st, 2025. This time slot will be only for TCW members. As per Standing Rules, TCW members will have preference prior to guests registering. Please email Matt Hoelzel at B16ret@verizon.net and supply name of attendees, phone number and F#. Failure to supply all the information will result in being placed on a waiting list. The time stamp in my inbox will be used to determine the first, second, third, etc order. Those early, will be placed on a waiting list. Once the 14 sites have been distributed, I will start a waiting list. Breakfasts and dinners will be supplied. Any questions, don't hesitate to call me or the above email. Matt Hoelzel (Pres/host TCW)



Seaside Rally
June 5-9

Nick and Naomi Theisz Host
Rich Russo Co Host

Rally Fee \$100

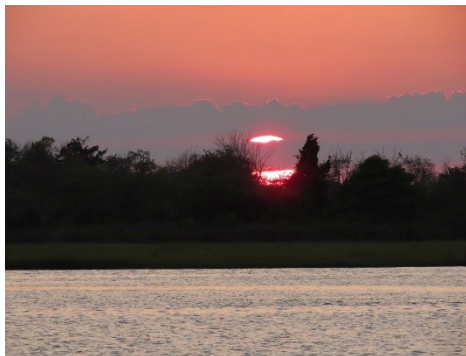
Registration Deadline: May 15

Breakfasts: Pancakes, Quiches, Doughnuts and Bagles

Dinners: Pizza, Chinese, Italian

Daytime Games: Bocci, Cornhole, Saran wrap ball games

Will arrange a boat ride if we get enough people registered and interested.



DIRECTIONS: Garden State Parkway Exit 82 – Route 37 East. Follow Route 37 East all the way over the bay bridge. Once over the bridge, follow Route 35 North for Seaside Heights. On your left you will see the RV's parked in the lot. Get in the left lane and make a legal U-turn across from the Acme Supermarket. (N39°56.814, W74°4.731)

Mail to: Nick Theisz,

June Seaside Registration Form:

Sent \$100 check made out to TCW

Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ St: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ FMCA# _____ Email: _____

Coach Length: _____ # Slides _____

Is this your first TCW Rally? _____ Y/N Do you need Handicap Parking? _____ Y/N

Total # of people in RV _____

Do you need 24 hour generator? _____

Lancaster, PA Spring Rally

April 24-27, 2025

White Oak Campground www.whiteoakcampground.com
3156 White Oak Rd., Quarryville, PA

So far, we have 11 sites reserved for this rally and as of January 29th there were 9 sites still available. Call 717-687-6207 to make your reservation. Deadline to make reservation is March 15. Please let Mary or Lydia know when you make your reservation.

Tentative schedule:

Thursday

3:30 Happy Hour

Bring your beverage and a light snack to share.

Friday

5 PM Dinner- Hamburgers and hot dogs Feel free to bring a side dish or dessert

Saturday

8:30- Pancake breakfast Business meeting to follow

5PM Pot Luck Please let Mary know what you will bring (to avoid too many duplicates)

Sunday

Continental breakfast

Rally Fee- \$20.00 per couple

Directions: From the intersection of Rt 896 and Rt 30 in Lancaster, PA, head south on Rt 896 to the main light in Strausburg. Continue straight through the Green light south on S. Decatur Street which turns into May Post Office Road, for approximately 7 miles, Turn Left on White Oak Road. Campground on your left.

A Business Meeting will be held during the Lancaster outing on Saturday April 25. You can listen in my calling . Use code when requested

The following FMCA conventions and area rallies may be of interest to the membership.

FMCA's 110th International Convention

- March 12-15, 2025
- Perry, GA

FMCA's 111th International Convention

- July 16-19, 2025
- Gillette, WY

Northeast Area Rally

- October 08-11, 2025
- Essex Junction, VT

Greater Eastern Area Rally

- November 4-8, 2025
- Myrtle Beach, SC



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20th Century Wagontrainers, Chapter of FMCA

Membership Form

Name: _____ FMCA #: _____
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 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

Mail to:

Nick Theisz

74 Salem Rd.

Township of Washington, NJ 07676-4529

Questions? Contact: Debby Osborn, Membership VP. Phone 609-802-2480 .

Email: debbyosborn@yahoo.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.