



Penn Coachmen, Fall of 2025

We were "Pickin' in Parson's West Virginia", August 17-21

What a unique rally we had in West Virginia. "Five minutes" from everything! That was the rally joke. Anything you could want was just 5 minutes from our campground.

We enjoyed lots of good food, as always, and some entertainment by Kelsey Jefferies as she sang and played her guitar. We got in some free time to ride our bikes, and we had a guided nature walk at the Harold Walters Nature Center. We did lunch at the "Blackwater Lodge/Smokehouse". We also enjoyed the Blackwater Falls State Park. What beautiful waterfalls.

In the evenings we sat around the campfire and even got to see some wildlife next to our area. We went into town to "The Purple Fiddle" to enjoy an evening of local music. Of course we cannot forget Carol's breakfast baggie omelet's. They were very good.

Donna & Jay Henry and their hosts: Carol & Bob Crossett, Diane Heck, Bev & Jay Beidel, Bob & Lynda Bucklew, Steve & Judy Mahanes and Nadine Parker, thank you all for a wonderful time in West Virginia.





Relaxing...



Nature walk...



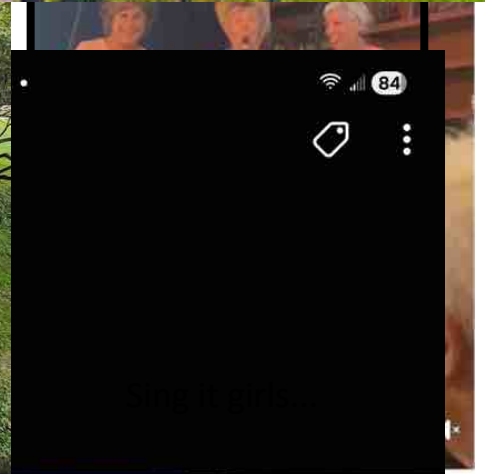
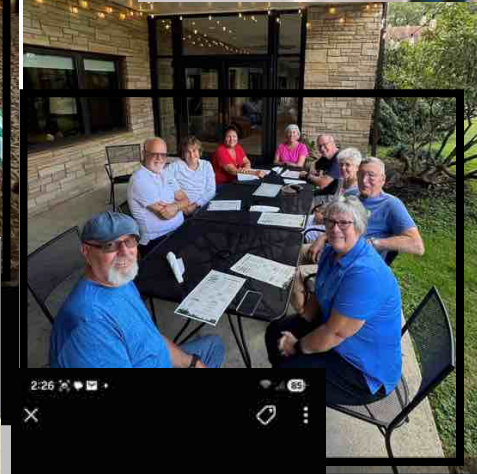
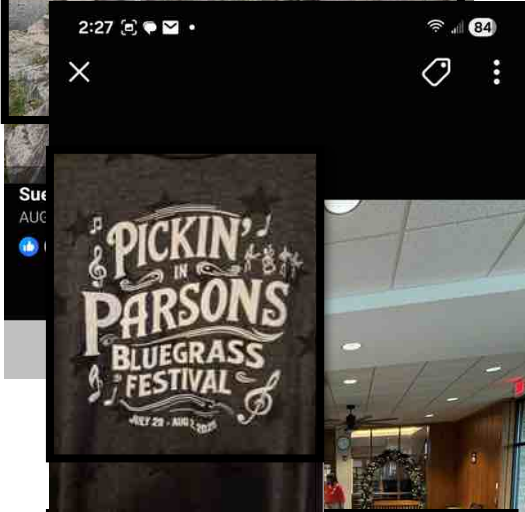
Blackwater park...



Enjoying the sites...



We had a great time
in West Virginia....



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Almost Heaven, West Virginia...

Diane Heck



Another Pocono Rally is in the books. The weather cooperated for the most part, only one day of rain. That sure beats 2024. We enjoyed the coffee station every morning and two mornings breakfast was served in the café. People were free to do as they liked, be it sitting outside visiting with friends, watching the football games or attending a craft or seminar. We had a couple of fun games of bean bag baseball, thanks to Manny Vidal for running those.

We had two lunches, serving hot dogs, chips and salads. Thanks to Joe and Marilyn for organizing our “Hot Dog Daze” and to all who contributed and donated.

This year we had two craft sessions. Lynda Bucklew taught us how to do macramé, and we made two different holders (for a candle or plant). Carol & Patti Mandik had several options to pick from. They taught us how to make a cute pumpkin made out of canning jar lids, a Christmas tree or a gnome. Everyone had a fun time at both of the crafts.

Thanks again to Brad, Eric, Gary & Steve for holding their seminars. Gary did another seminar on all his “Gadgets and Gizmos” and Steve’s seminar was on “Co-Piloting”. Both were well attended and we hope you learned something. On Saturday folks brought their questions to “Ask The Technicians” seminar. All four of the guys helped to answer all the questions.

At Friday nights dinner, we had Sky Med join us again. It’s always nice to see Taylor, Travis and little Tally. They talked about the advantages of having this program and we even heard from our own Millie Lavalley how they had to use it. After dinner we had a fun time with a Raceway BINGO game. Lots of prizes were won.

After our dinner on Sunday night, we had a fun time with our “Annual Raffle”. There were many RV items, several FRVA items, some home décor things and some “cash” to win. Many people told me how cute it was watching Ava get so excited when she won a “cash” prize. Thanks too to Patti Mandik for making the beautiful Christmas quilt that we raffled off for several months. Betty Brown was so excited when she heard she won. Congratulations. It will be delivered to her at GEAR.

I cannot forget celebrating Nathan’s 13th birthday there. He got to ride in the “Pace Car” when we drove our cars on the track. He was presented with gifts, a birthday snack plate and we all sang to him when he arrived at our get together. I hope you had an enjoyable birthday Nathan.

We also raised \$1,000.00 for the Mattioli Foundation in the Pocono area. The proceeds from Hot Dog Daze, the Christmas quilt, crafts, raffle & donations all went towards this.

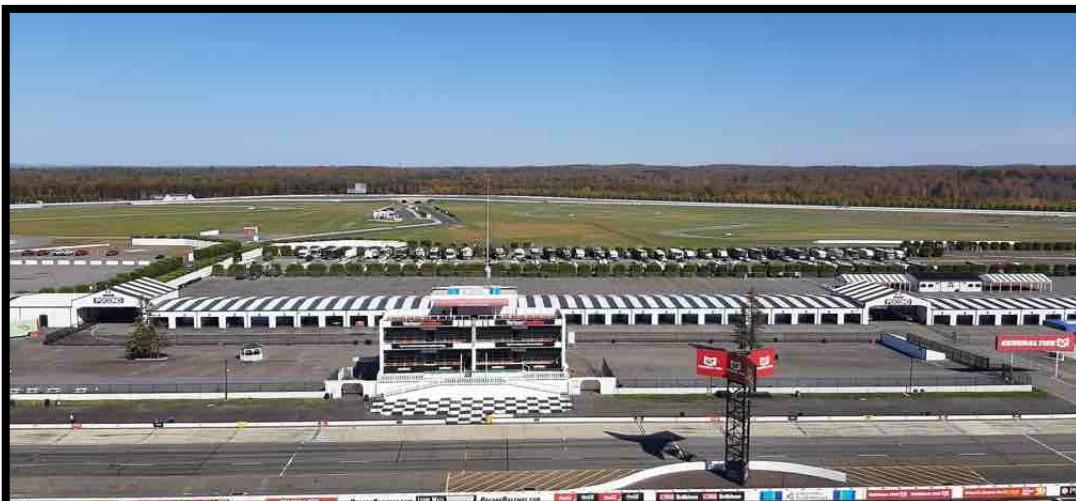


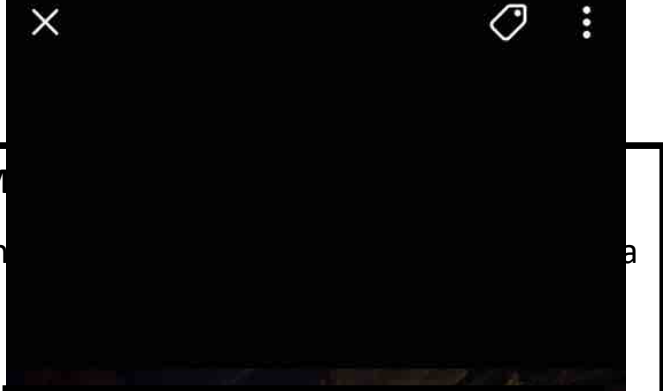
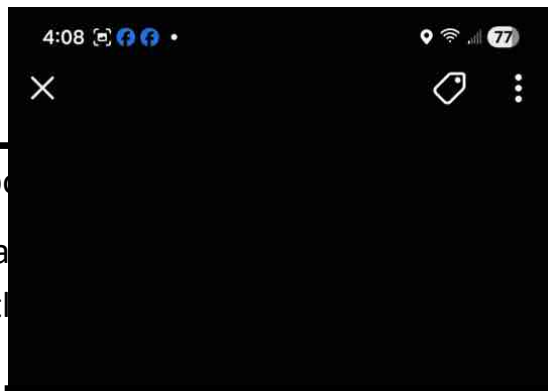
I'd like to send a little shout out to my family. Emily, Aaron & Ava who took a day off of school to attend and set up her shop again selling her shirts & things. We appreciate all their time as well. Ava did a great job in saying "grace" at dinner for us and she delivered glow sticks to most of the campers at their campfires.

A BIG THANK YOU goes out to all who helped at the rally to make it a success. The Bay Travelers, Joe Gaibler & Marilyn Helfrich , BJ & Dave Witt, Dorene & Kevin Henderson , Nadine Parker, Gil & Steve Raye, Brad Brown, Lynda & Bob Bucklew, Carol, Patti & Tony Mandik, Terri Ireland, Carol & Bob Crossett, Robin Person, Janet Rizzuto, Bev Beidel, Stan Cromlish, Manny Vidal, Nancy Pedersen, Denise & Dan Moyer, Elaine Ressel, Phyllis & Eric Britz, and Gary Cipa. We also want to thank all the attendees who made this rally possible. We had 61 RV's with 117 people.

We had 10 new "F" numbers join our chapter at the rally too! Thank you for coming and we hope you enjoyed your time with us.

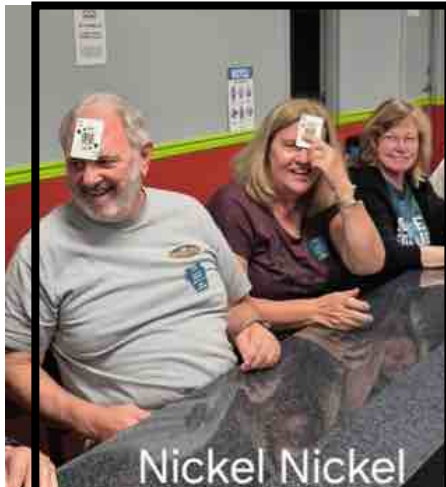
Fran & Kelli Flynn, Bert & Karen Harper, Bob & Pat McCullough, Lora Naratil, Carol & Dale Tally, Debbie & Terry Thompson, John & Cindi Reinhardt, Donna & Rick Wideman, Cheryl & Darren Schinski and Cindi & John Reinhardt. I hope I didn't leave anyone out. Welcome to our family. You just made our "sauce" better by adding in your flavor.







Seminar



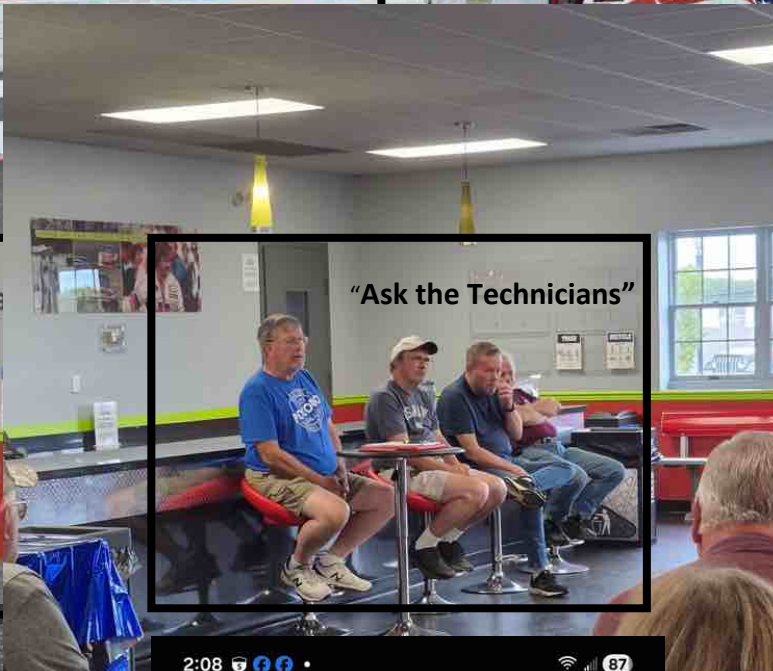
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New Friends...



Memories...



As you can see, we had to
"Save-the-Date" for next year
11-14 will be the rally with

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Bird Days", September



See you again in September 2026



Mar Helfrich

Safe travels everyone!!

SEP 30 AT 10:56 AM

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A few GEAR Highlights

Monday, Nov. 3rd

RV Basics: 8:00-4:30

Tuesday, Nov. 4th

RV Basics: 8:00-4:30

No packets will be mailed out.

Starting Tuesday, you can pick up your goodie bags and theater tickets on 8:00-5:00 at Information/Registration table.

Talent Show rehearsal (Penn Coachmen is on at 6:00) Bring the words to our song, "God Bless the USA"

Wednesday, Nov. 5th

First Timers Meeting 3:00-3:45

EAMA Talent Show (which Penn Coachmen is in)

Ladies Luncheon (must have ticket), Saturday 11:45-1:15

Thursday, Nov. 6th

Ice Cream social 3:00-4:00

Dog Parade 4:00

Entertainment: Carson Peters and the Iron Mountain Band

Friday, Nov. 7th

Christmas Show 1:30-4:00 (off site)

Entertainment: Synergy Twins

Saturday, Nov. 8th

Entertainment: Too Much Sylvia

The entire schedule has been posted on our website. Click on "Events" and scroll down to "GEAR Schedule".

Penn Coachmen to sign this at GEAR for the talent show. Please come and join in the fun!

GOD BLESS THE USA

If tomorrow all the things were gone, I'd worked for all my life
And I had to start again with just my children and my wife
I'd thank my lucky stars to be livin' here today
'Cause the flag still stands for freedom, and they can't take that away
And I'm proud to be an American where at least I know I'm free
And I won't forget the men who died, who gave that right to me
And I'd gladly stand up next to you and defend her still today
'Cause there ain't no doubt I love this land
God bless the USA

From the lakes of Minnesota, to the hills of Tennessee
Across the plains of Texas, from sea to shining sea
From Detroit down to Houston and New York to L.A.
Well, there's pride in every American heart
And it's time we stand and say

That I'm proud to be an American where at least I know I'm free
And I won't forget the men who died, who gave that right to me
And I'd gladly stand up next to you and defend her still today
'Cause there ain't no doubt I love this land (I love this land)
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Wear your red, white & blue Wednesday night. I have a few American flags to sprinkle through our group. This is to be a fun thing. **REHERSAL WILL BE TUESDAY AT 6 PM IN THE MAIN BUILDING.** Any questions, please call me.





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2004 Coachmen Santara Motorhome. Class A, 37 feet, 2 slides. Everything is in working condition. 150,000 miles. Asking \$20,000. Call Wayne Dilliplaine 484-888-8015 for more information & pictures.

2001 Holiday Rambler, Endeavor, gas. 37,700 miles. New batteries, 2 year old tires and more. Call Bud Brobst 610-780-4584 for more information and price.

DIRECTORY INFO

We are still having some issues with the directory. We appreciate Bob & Lynda Bucklew's time they gave us at the rally regarding the directory. I will try to communicate through it with GEAR information. Please check the "GEAR GROUP" on the directory to see if your name has been added. If not, please let Bob, Lynda or me know so we can add you to it to keep everyone up-to-date on what/when/where Penn Coachmen is doing at Myrtle Beach.

Christmas Luncheon: (December 8, 1-4pm)-ShadyMaple Smorgasbord, East Earl, PA

If you are planning on going, please let Sue know. Again, check the "Group" on our directory to see if you are on it. We have a limited number of seats, so it's first come first serve. The cost is **\$28.00 per person**. Make check payable to Sue Cipa. Mail to:

528 Walnut Tree Drive, Blandon, PA 19510. Let me know if you have any questions.

Submitted by: Sue Cipa 610-334-3287

October 2025