

Zoom Meeting Notes

November 20, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 7:30PM by David Fowler with the following present: Janis Fowler, Chris Holtzman, Tim Keppler, Gary Cipa, Sue Cipa, Charlie Stuckwisch, Gary Lambert, Mike Smalley, Brian Parnes, Bernie Cohen, Gary Bowman, Tina Parnes, Steve Raileneau, Debbie Haguewood, Ted Haguewood, Gillian Raye, Nancy Craig, Joe Kromash, Bruce Taylor, Dwellion Howard, Dell Tenney, Phyllis Britz, Gary Lyons, Matt Hoetzel, Garnetta Mallory, and Clarissa Sherrow.

Gary Lyons welcomed the new officers Brian Parnes, Tina Parnes, and Steve Raileneau.

Janis Fowler stated a correction to the Annual Meeting Minutes and the revised minutes are posted on the website.

Mike Smalley reported that Facilities were okay.

David Fowler reported the survey comments were done and mostly positive. The entertainment was enjoyed.

Gary Cipa reported Security went okay despite some issues with the Ocean Lakes Security which were resolved.

Bruce Taylor reported the Maestros went well and thanked Gary Cipa for all his help with the sound. Several people commented that the Maestros sounded really good.

Phyllis Britz reported that she thought the rally went well. Two popular seminars were repeated due to space constraints.

Tina Calzone worked very hard on the program and created a package template for the 2027 GEAR rally.

First timers stated some did not feel welcome. David Fowler suggested we look at the program last year that invited small groups prior to the rally to welcome them.

Janis Fowler reported we had 153 volunteers and people were very cooperative when asked to change functions.

Sue Cipa and Phyllis Britz reported the Chapter Fair went well with good participation. The small tickets were a bit confusing.

The goody bags went well with plenty of volunteers.

Nancy Craig reported the Ice Cream Social went well with 6 tubs of ice cream.. She stated next time she would probably get 7 but stated that the folks had a good time.

Debbie Haguewood reported that Info/Reg needed one-person full time to manage the Show tickets. She also suggested FRVA create a recruiting package for prospective members. There were people who asked about becoming members.

Gill Raye reported the Store went well overall. They had to work out the electronics issue with FRVA and suggested extra bucks be used until the store closed as use was shut off at 10A and the store closed at noon.

Coffee and donuts were a bit stale, and it was suggested that they not be held to the next day but get fresh daily.

The Ladies Luncheon went well with good food and a good speaker.

The games went well except for issues with the parking lot.

The vendors seemed to do well. They mentioned the fact that people visited more with everything occurring in the same room.

David Fowler asked if we should use a campground for a rally again. Some people complained about the sites being too tight and Ocean Lakes restrictions limit recruiting. There were numerous issues with Ocean Lakes security that got resolved. The show tickets presented issues and the FRVA registration form was not user friendly.

Gary Lyons stated that most comments were positive and the Chapter Fair was successful.

There were issues with the separate registration for campsites and the rally being different.

There was discussion about when Steve Raileneau will take office due to the vacancy, and it was decided it would be now. Gary Lyons also reported that Sonya Cooper has agreed to take the position of Associate Treasurer. She will spend time with Berkley with a progression plan.

There will be emails with details about the Perry Rally coming soon.

There are 30 Chapter Secretaries that do not have updated emails in the system, so Gary reminded Chapter Presidents to address this issue.

Passwords for the FRVA website will be changing next month and require emails.

There is an effort to have Areas take over registration for the rallies.

The Tiffin Travelers have disbanded. There was a suggestion to contact these members to see if they wanted to join another chapter. Several Chapters are having troubles with membership and officers.

Garnetta Mallory reported she is doing well and thanked everyone for the kind words.

Tim Keppler is still requesting photos from GEAR to post on the website.

Clarissa Sherrow stated she had heard good things about GEAR.

The December Zoom meeting is cancelled.

The next Zoom meeting will be Jan. 15, 2026.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10PM.

Sincerely,

Janis Fowler, Eastern Area Secretary