

OFFICERS (elected)

President:

Mike (Fuzzy) Overbeck

1ST VP (Activities):

Cynthia Donovan

2ND VP (Food):

Allen Donahue

Secretary:

Beth Short

Treasurer:

Stephanie Binz

Wagon Master:

Keith (Red) Hable

National Director:

Mark Griffith

Alt. National Director:

Dave Short

CONTRIBUTORS

(Appointed)

Photographer:

Stacey Yingling

Membership/Roster:

Elizabeth Jackson Smith

Newsletter Editor:

Lois Tucker

Chaplain:

Kay Dudding



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hello from Cincinnati and welcome to 2021! I am so glad that 2020 has passed and hope your Holidays were good. I wish I had a crystal ball to see into the future to see how the pandemic is going to affect our future rallies.

Your Board has been working hard since we were elected in September. Keith "Red" Hable has been busy making the phone calls and has the 2021 calendar of rallies completed. The registration process will be different, and I will let him fill you in. As of this publication, the Branson, Missouri rally is Sold Out. If you missed the opportunity and would like to go, please call me at 513-200-4349. I may have the option to add a couple of sites.

Camping fees will change from \$10.00 to \$5.00 per person except where catered meals are Vendor provided and planned by Allen Donahue.

I am working on a rewards program where you can accumulate points during the year, details to follow.

We are in the process of updating the Bylaws and Standing Rules. Penny at FMCA oversees Chapters and is reviewing and updating the documents for us. There was a lot of wording that needed changing.

I would like to introduce our newest TST members, Elizabeth Jackson Smith, who has volunteered to be our Membership Chairperson, and Michael (Mick) and Sheryl Meister. Welcome and can't wait to meet you.

The FMCA Dog Park is open. I hope you stop by with your "furry" members and check it out. We want to thank the following Glama chapters for donating the benches: Midwest Coachmen, The Ohio Nomads, Tri-State Travelers (Voted on by your 2021 Board members), and Jon & Sondra Walker for having this wish of his fulfilled.



If you have any problems with the website as of January 1st, be advised it will be under review and we will inform you of any changes.

Lastly, I would like to thank the 2019/2020 Board members, Connie & Herb Ashby, Elaine McNeill, Karen Gadzala and Patty DelSorbo for the smooth transition into the new term. I also thank Cindy Donovan for staying on as the 1st VP of Activities. I want to send out a special thank you to Bob Oaks for all his professional advice and ideas and I am looking forward to working with him in the future.

I can't wait for our 2021 rally season to start. Thanks for your membership. If you have any questions, feel free to call me anytime.

Mike (Fuzzy) Overbeck, President overbeckf73@gmail.com



MEMBERSHIP'S CORNER

My name is Elizabeth Jackson Smith. I live in Cincinnati, Ohio. My hobbies are camping, bike riding, fishing, hiking, and traveling. I have 2 daughters and 4 granddaughters. I am an entrepreneur and pre-K teacher. I love being outdoors.

Family time, and helping others which is a priority.

This month I was appointed membership coordinator of our Tristate Traveliers group and look forward to serving in that capacity as well as seeing more of our beautiful country.

Elizabeth Jackson Smith, Membership

January Birthdays	January Birthdays Continued
Wally Braden	Linda Ross
James Brown	Dave Short
Michael Overbeck	Thomas Moody

Patty DelSorbo was kind enough to give me the birthday names for January.

Visit us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/groups/tristatetraveliers



WAGON MASTER'S CORNER

Hope this finds everyone Healthy, Wealthy, and Wise.

The virus has made everything quite different. How the reservations are now done due to the COVID-19 is quite different.

Tri-State Travelers 2020 Rally/Event Schedule

Jan 13 - 17	RV Supper Show Tampa, FL	
Mar 10 - 13	FMCA's 102nd Int'l Convention Perry, GA	FMCA
Apr 21 - 25	Natural Springs New Paris, OH	Click Here for Registration TST
May 19 - 23	Charlestown State Park Charlestown, IN	Click Here for Registration TST
Jun 2 - 6	Shipshewana Campground South Park Shipshewana, IN	TST
Jun 9 - 13	GLAMARAMA 2021 Allegan, Michigan	GLAMA
Jul 7 - 10	FMCA's 103rd Int'l Convention Gillette, WY	FMCA
Jul 21 - 25	Grand Lake St Park St Marys, OH	TST
Aug 9 - 14	Americas Best Campground Branson, MO	TST
Sep 15 - 19	Lively Lady Campground Aberdeen, OH	TST
Oct 13 - 16	FMCA Campground Cincinnati, OH	TST
Nov 3 - 7	Follow The River Florence, IN	TST

First Rally: Natural Springs at New Paris, OH April 21 - 24. Rally registration deadline is March 15. Hope to see all you Happy Campers in April at Natural Springs.

Second Rally: Charlestown State Park, Charlestown, IN May 19 - 22. Rally registration deadline is February 5th. Again, due to the Virus, Charlestown requires payment to be made very early! So please get the registration back to me as early as possible so no one gets left out.

A word about the Lively Lady Rally at Aberdeen, OH September 15 - 18. I want to thank all of the members for checking the rally calendar and letting me know of the mistake. It shows great interest with all of our members and that is what we like to see.

I am only human and bound to make a mistake once in a while. Thanks again for bringing it to my attention.

Remember, there are changes due to the virus. Check the dates and if you plan to attend, register as soon as possible.

Keep safe & plan ahead to go to all the rallies and I will see you in warm weather.

Thanks for all the support you have given your New Wagon Master.

Red Hable, Wagon Master

Please take a few minutes to login to the web site to review and update your information.

On your first attempt to login, click on forgot password. Enter the pilot's e-mail and code as shown. Wait for an e-mail to arrive at the provided e-mail address and follow the instructions. Once you create your new password, you should be able to login to the member's only area. From there, click on your underlined name to get to your details. If you need to change anything, click on the *Edit* button at the top and save when you're done.

Don't Forget: Tri-State Traveliers has a great *members-only* Facebook page and is being followed by many members. If you are a Facebook user, and would like to stay connected with other TST members, please click on the icon to the left and request to join.



THIS IS THE
LONGEST SOMETHNG



MADE IN CHINA
HAS EVER LASTED



1ST VP (ACTIVITIES) CORNER

After a wonderful holiday season with family in Indiana, I will be returning to my Florida location the first week of January. 2020 has been an unusual year and I sure hope 2021 is more typical of prior years.

I will be working on things to do and would welcome any suggestions you might have to add to the lists for the upcoming TST outings. Initially I will be focusing on Branson as reservations will need to be made in advance.

There are so many things to do in Branson and almost all of them are family oriented, plus there are great dinner shows and places to eat. Below are some of the items being considered:

Anthems of Rock	Back to the Bee Gees
Beach Boys California Dreaming	Branson Zipline and Canopy Tours
Branson's Celebrity Car Museum	Branson's Murder Mystery Dinner Show
Chopper Charter Branson Helicopter Tours	Clay Cooper's Country Music Express
Comedy Jamboree	Dolly Parton's Stampede Dinner
Dublin's Irish Tenors and The Celtic Ladies	Duttons' Family Show
Escape Reality Magic & Illusions Dinner Show	Farm Mini Golf
Grand Jubilee	Hammers' Unbelievable Family Variety Show
Haygoods	Hot Rods & High Heels
Hughes Brothers Music Dinner Show	Hughes Brothers Music Show Only
Jesus at Sight & Sound Theatres Branson	Legends in Concert
Presleys' Country Jubilee	Reza Edge of Illusion Magic Show
The Blackwoods	The Johnson Strings
Veterans Memorial Museum	Vigilante Extreme Ziprider
Who Dunit Hoedown Dinner Show	Golf
Wine/bourbon tasting	Ozarks Natural History Museum
Silver Dollar City	Branson Wine Tasting & Food Pairing Class at Mount Pleasant Winery

I will be contacting those that have registered to obtain feedback as to what they are interested in and might like for me to arrange/schedule. If you have registered and have not received an email, please contact me at norcin523@sbcglobal.net as I would like to have responses from registrants by January 21st.

Let's have a great 2021

Cindy Donovan, 1st VP (Activities)



TREASURER'S CORNER

I am a graduate of University of Cincinnati Blue Ash Campus school of nursing. Retired March 29 of 2019.

Ron and I were married July of 1991 and started camping in a 13 foot pull behind, gradually moved to a 2005 Safari Cheetah, and joined FMCA that summer. Since then, I have been a National Director for the West Virginia Mountaineers. Our current motorhome is a 2019 Discovery LXE. I look forward to being the TST treasurer.

Stephanie Binz, Treasurer



SECRETARY'S CORNER

Nothing to report from us at this time related to TST. We have been members of TST since about July 2018.

We are scheduled to travel to James Island County Park Campground near Charleston, South Carolina the last week of March 2021. Taking the motorhome and car, we will be there about a week. Plan on visiting Charleston and surrounding areas for sightseeing and day trips.

Looking for suggestions on maybe a February trip somewhere in Mississippi: State Park or RV Park. However, the way parks fill up so early, this may not work.

Beth Short, Secretary



ALTERNATE NATIONAL DIRECTOR

This is Dave (David) Short. I am just introducing him to those who don't know him. His wife is Beth Short our new Secretary.

David Short, Alternate National Director



EDITOR'S CORNER

We are off on a new year with, hopefully, some rest from the COVID-19 virus, shortage in grocery stores, able to eat at restaurants instead of take-out, seeing our friends and families without masks, and giving our family and friends hugs without worrying about spreading or contacting the virus.

We have new people on the Board and that will take some adjustments for all of us. I am asking everyone for their cooperation and help. Of course, I always need help of some kind and I am thankful for the mentors, Brian Dwyer and Tony DelSorbo, I had the last months that I edited the TST newsletters and I am sure they will help me in any way they can in the future. I am looking forward to working with this Board also and will need it.

I want to welcome Michael (Mick) and Sheryl Meister, and Elizabeth Jackson Smith to our club and I know everyone will welcome them with open arms as they usually do. Elizabeth has agreed to take charge of the membership duties. Thank you, Elizabeth.

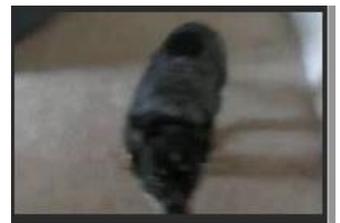
I am sure Christmas was a little different for each of us. We had to be careful who we visited, and I really miss being able to hug. All in all, we had a nice Christmas with our Son and his children. It was a joy watching our grandkids opening their presents with such smiles, thanking us, and then ignoring us to play with their gifts.

The weather has been cold and some snow and more in the months to come I am sure. So, stay warm and protect yourselves as well as other people.

Hope to see everyone at this year's rallies.

Lois Tucker, Editor

Here are some cute YouTubes to watch. **Just click on one** at a time and enjoy. All are safe !



Facts Can Be Revered

Many years ago, we had the privilege of seeing something that millions of people have already seen. It made us stop to think: we know why it came about, but who was behind it, who developed it, and who could possibility not want to see it?

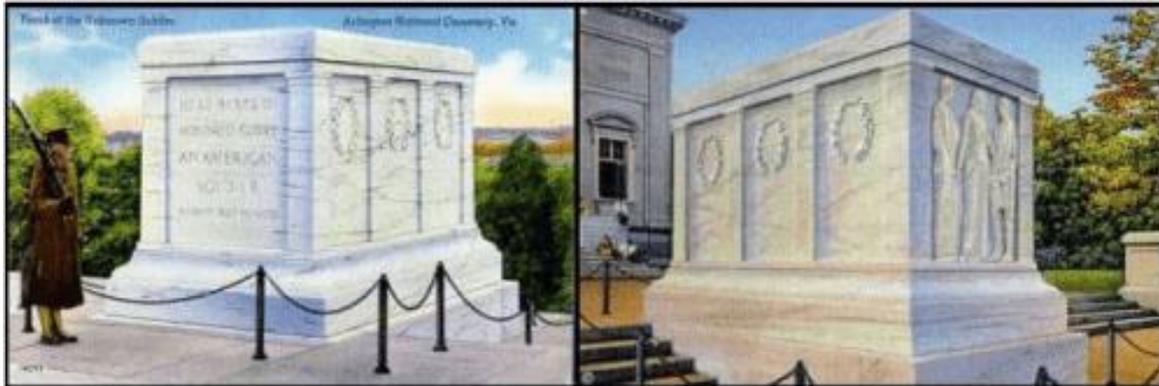
It isn't "Macy's Thanksgiving parade", nor "a shooting star", Big Ben in London, an "erupting volcano", or "the Vatican".

Facts Can Be Revered

What you need to know about the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier



The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier is at Arlington National Cemetery. It stands on the top of a hill overlooking Washington DC. Congress approved the burial of an unidentified World War I soldier in the plaza of the then-new Memorial Amphitheater in 1921.



The white marble sarcophagus has three Greek figures sculpted on the side representing Peace, Victory, and Valor. There are also six wreaths, three sculpted on each side, that represent the six major campaigns of World War I. On the back of the tomb, there is an inscription that reads: Here rests in honored glory an American soldier known but to God.

Memorial Day marks the day in 1921 when four unknowns were exhumed from four World War I American cemeteries in France. Army Sgt. Edward F. Younger chose the Unknown Soldier of World War I, who now lies in the tomb. President Warren G. Harding officiated at the interment ceremonies at the Memorial Amphitheater on November 11, 1921.

There are three other soldiers buried at the tomb. In 1956, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed a bill to select and pay tribute to the unknowns of World War II and Korea. The selection ceremonies and the interment of those unknowns took place in 1958.

The Unknown of Vietnam was only unknown for a short time. After being placed into the tomb in 1984, the Unknown was exhumed in 1988. Thanks to mitochondrial DNA testing, Department of Defense scientists were able to identify the remains as Air Force 1st Lt. Michael Joseph Blassie. It was decided that the crypt that contained the remains of the Vietnam Unknown will remain vacant. The crypt cover was replaced with a new inscription that now reads: Honoring and Keeping Faith with America's Missing Servicemen, 1958-1975.

The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier is guarded 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, and in any weather by Tomb Guard sentinels. Tomb Guards are volunteers -- part of the 3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment, also known as "The Old Guard." It is the oldest active-duty infantry unit in the Army, serving the US since 1784. The honor of Tomb Guard is incredibly rare. The badge is the least awarded in the Army. It takes a high level of dedication to be a Tomb Guard. They work in 24-hour shift and when they aren't walking the mat, they are living in the quarters beneath it. During that time, they complete training and prepare their uniforms, which can take up to eight hours.

Changing of the Guard is an elaborate ritual. Visitors are welcome to watch the ceremony but must stand and remain silent. The Guard is changed every thirty minutes during the summer (April 1 to Sep 30) and every hour during the winter (Oct 1 to Mar 31). During the hours the cemetery is closed, the guard is changed every 2 hours. The Tomb is guarded, and has been guarded, every minute of every day since 1937.

The ceremony starts with the relief commander announcing the Changing of the Guard on the plaza. The Tomb Guard marches 21 steps behind the Tomb, turns but does not execute an about face, faces east for 21 seconds, turns, and faces north for 21 seconds, then takes 21 steps down the mat and repeats the process. After the turn, the sentinel executes a sharp "shoulder-arms" movement to place the weapon on the shoulder closest to visitors watching the ceremony. This signifies that the sentinel stands between the Tomb and any potential threat. The Sentinel then repeats this over and over until he is relieved at the Guard Change. Doing things in increments of 21 symbolizes the 21-gun salute, which is the highest military honor that can be bestowed.



Each Relief (team) has a rotation during the 24-hour workday. This rotation is dependent on the number of Soldier-Sentinels who are proficient enough to guard the Tomb. The standard is 3-4 qualified Sentinels, 1-2 Relief Commander/Assistant Relief Commander, and 1-2 Sentinels in training. Generally, the Sentinel will be on guard duty for a tour and have two tours off in between – then go out for another tour. However, in extreme cases, Sentinels have been known to go back-to-back for the entire 24-hour shift.

The Tomb Guards are all Army service members. They are paid according to their rank and years of service. They may also be entitled to compensation for extraordinary expenses, but don't hold your breath. These people are all there because they consider it a sacred honor to have the opportunity to guard the Unknowns. They are there because they really truly want to be there.



The Tomb Guard Identification Badge is awarded after the Sentinel passes a series of tests. The Badge is permanently awarded after a Sentinel has served 9 months as a Sentinel at the Tomb. Over 500 have been awarded since its creation in the late 1950's. And while the Badge can be revoked, the offense must be such that it discredits the Tomb. Revocation is at the Regimental Commander's discretion. The Badge is a full-size award, worn on the right pocket of the uniform jacket, not a lapel pin.

**My husband insisted that I have a through eye exam.....
 Apparently, I'm having trouble seeing things HIS way.**

Facts Can Save Lives

Baby Incubators, Now A Staple Of Premature Infant Care, Were Pioneered Where?

Coney Island
In WWI Tent Hospitals
Johns Hopkins University
Nazi Germany

**Wife: Did I get fat during
quarantine?
Husband: You weren't
really skinny to begin with!
Time of Death: 11:00pm
Cause: Covid**

Marriage Tip

When your wife is mowing the lawn, that's not the best time to ask when dinner will be ready.