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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hello members! Judy & I just returned from our trip down south where we visited with friends and saw a former member of TST.

At the time you are reading this newsletter, we are about 77 days until our first rally. I want to thank everyone for their rapid response on sending in the early registrations for the rallies where we have to pre-pay. A lot of our rallies this year are restricted to a limited number of sites, so you must register early to attend. So far two rallies are already sold out.

For the members who are registered for Branson, Mo, we will be driving as far as St. Louis, Mo for a two night stay to help break up the trip. We will stay at the Casino Queen Campground in East St. Louis. Judy & I have been there, and it is very nice and secure. There will be a lot to sight see in St. Louis, with another casino, plenty of restaurants, and museums. Please let me know if you want to participate.

The rewards program I have organized will be as follows.

1. Signing a new member. 2 points
2. Rally attendance. 1 point
3. Home cooked meals. 1 point

When you reach 10 points, you will be entered into a grand prize drawing. Points will not carry over for the following year.

I was included in a Zoom meeting on Jan. 28th with Ken Lewis, speaking about the Glamarama Rally this year. The concerns of COVID and attendance were the issues. Instead of canceling it, there will be a delay on registrations until things improve or they decide to cancel.

Judy and I are registered for the Perry, GA rally in March, this will tell all how things will be handled for future rallies.

The RV Super Show in Florida did happen this year, and the vendors were very glad to be there. For the most part, people were wearing their masks.

In closing, I want everyone to social distance, wear your masks and stay healthy so we all can enjoy being together in our future trips!

**Mike (Fuzzy) Overbeck**

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## 1ST VP (ACTIVITIES) CORNER

I have been busy while in sunny Florida working on finding things that everyone might be interested in seeing or doing this year. For those registered for Branson, more information will be coming shortly about shows, dinners, etc.

Tri-State Traveliers are planning a stop in Saint Louis while in route to Branson but Wait this stop isn't just for those going to Branson. Anyone can travel with the group to Saint Louis or join the group in Saint Louis and stay as long as you heart desire as there is so much to see and do.

### Things to do in the Saint Louis area:

\*\*\*\*\**National Museum of Transportation*\*\*\*\*\* (a must see if you have ??s ask Fuzzy)

The museum is a private, 42-acre transportation museum in the Kirkwood suburb of St. Louis, Missouri. Founded in 1944, it restores, preserves, and displays a wide variety of vehicles spanning 15 decades of American history: cars, boats, aircraft, and in particular, locomotives and railroad equipment from around the United States. The museum is also home to a research library of transportation-related memorabilia and documents.

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### 1. GET YOUR HEAD IN THE GAME

Take a 630-foot ride to the top of this world-famous [stainless steel monument](#) for the finest view in the Gateway City. Then stop by the Jefferson National Expansion Memorial to get a glimpse of where Lewis and Clark set out on their historic expedition! Visitors can also hop aboard a 19th century paddle-wheel boat replica for a [narrated cruise](#) down the mighty Mississippi.

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### 2. GET YOUR HEAD IN THE GAME

Sports fans rejoice! During the spring and summer seasons, you can cheer on our 11-time World champions, the St. Louis Cardinals, at Busch Stadium. For a more intimate baseball experience and some of the most creative game day treats and activities around, check out the [Gateway Grizzlies](#) at GCS Ballpark. Soccer fans can watch the [Saint Louis FC](#) compete in the United Soccer League at Worldwide Technology Soccer Park. If you're visiting in the fall or winter, you can catch the St. Louis Blues heating up the ice at the Enterprise Center. No matter what time of year, visitors can get a taste of true team spirit in this bona fide sports town.

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### 3. TAKE A THRILL RIDE (OR TWO) AT SIX FLAGS ST. LOUIS

Visit this exciting Midwest theme park that's fun for the whole family! Visitors can loop the loop on Batman. The Ride soar at speeds of up to 62 mph on the Screaming Eagle wooden coaster and get soaked on the whitewater rapids adventure of Thunder River. Guests of [Six Flags St. Louis](#) can also see live shows and concerts, meet their favorite cartoon characters and have tons of fun in the sun at Hurricane Harbor Water Park. There are plenty of hotel amenities just minutes from the park, and visitors can take advantage of group discounts for youth groups, company outings, family reunions and much more!

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#### 4. SPEND A NIGHT OUT ON THE TOWN

Looking for a fun night out? Check out the new sports-anchored entertainment district in the heart of downtown [Ballpark Village St. Louis](#)! Jump a few blocks north to Washington Avenue or [Laclede's Landing](#) and take your pick of some of the hottest bars and dance clubs in St. Louis (most are smoke free and open till 3 a.m.). Visitors can also go for dinner, drinks and a show at [Westport Plaza's](#) 42-acre entertainment district, or check out the trendiest boutiques and upscale dining establishments in [Clayton](#) and the [Central West End](#). If live music is your thing, [Soulard](#) boasts some of the best blues venues in town. Or, try out your detective skills at one of the awesome escape rooms in the area like [Escape the Room](#), [St. Louis Escape](#), [Mastermind Room Escape](#), and [No Way Out STL](#).

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#### 5. ALL ABOARD AT ST. LOUIS UNION STATION

For years [St. Louis Union Station](#) was one of the largest and busiest passenger rail terminals in the world, helping move passengers from the east coast to the western part of the United States. Today it is home to more than 13,000 animals at the [St. Louis Aquarium at Union Station](#), the 200-foot [St. Louis Wheel](#), a carousel, an 18-hole mini-golf course, the mirror maze, a ropes course, the train park, and several restaurants to go along with the [St. Louis Union Station Hotel](#).

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#### 6. LET YOUR IMAGINATION LOOSE IN THE MAGIC HOUSE

Visit the region's first interactive children's museum, built in a sprawling Victorian mansion in suburban St. Louis. Kids will enjoy all sorts of fun and educational activities at the [Magic House](#), including sitting at the president's desk in a spot-on recreation of the Oval Office and performing patriotic karaoke. In a miniature town, kids can play grownup for a day as they change the tire on a wooden car, stock shelves in a model grocery store or serve pizza in a pretend kitchen. Visitors can even climb a three-story beanstalk, spin a giant kaleidoscope, or perform a puppet show! Enjoy special events that include magical story time, free family nights and fitness first Fridays.

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#### 7. IMMERSE IN THE CULTURE OF FOREST PARK

Once home to the 1904 World's Fair, [Forest Park](#) is one of the largest urban parks in the United States. It attracts 12 million visitors a year with world-class attractions and scenic walking and biking trails. Other points of interest include the Jewel Box, a beautiful greenhouse filled with magnificent floral displays, the golf courses, and the World's Fair Pavilion, a perfect site for a company picnic or private party.

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#### 8. EXPERIENCE ART IN THE FRESH AIR

Enjoy a fusion of sculpture and landscape architecture at [City garden](#), an urban oasis featuring works of modern and contemporary art, native plants, six rain gardens and a café overlooking the beautiful scene. Or discover the stunning [Laumeier Sculpture Park](#) with over 70 outdoor sculptures, a music amphitheater for special events and a traveling series of exhibitions. [Chesterfield](#) boasts an impressive collection of outdoor art including the recently added sculpture "The Awakening," a 70-foot statue of a giant embedded in the earth.

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#### 9. TASTE THE TRADITION OF ST. LOUIS BREWERIES

Take a tour of the historic [Anheuser-Busch Brewery](#), where you can visit the Budweiser Clydesdales and sample a variety of premium brands. For more local flavor, stop by [Urban Chestnut's Midtown Brewery & Biergarten](#) or [Grove Brewery & Bierhall](#), [4 Hands Brewing Company](#), and [Schlafly Bottleworks](#) and [Tap Room](#).

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## 10. HAVE AN ANIMAL ENCOUNTER AT THE ZOO AND BEYOND

Get up close and personal with the furry, the flying, and the fishy creatures of the [Saint Louis Zoo](#). One of the city's many free attractions, the Saint Louis Zoo has been recognized as one of the nation's leading zoological parks. Take a ride on the Emerson Zooline Railroad and get a guided tour of some of the most exciting animal exhibits in the park, or venture on your own through attractions like Big Cat Country, Penguin & Puffin Coast, or the Interactive Stingray Pool. Want even more animal action? Go on a private expedition through [Grant's Farm](#) for an up-close and personal feeding experience with buffalo and goats. Stop by and visit the majestic Budweiser Clydesdales and take a ride on the Grant's Farm carousel. Or explore the family-friendly [Purina Farms](#) where you can get up close and personal with barnyard animals and everyday pets like dogs and cats. See exciting performances by rescued dogs and attend special dog-friendly events open to all dogs and their owners.

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## 11. DISCOVER YOUR INNER CHILD AT CITY MUSEUM

Explore the [City Museum's](#) unique all-ages playground filled with caves, slides, and climbing apparatus made from recycled and found objects. Visitors can interact with over 10,000 sea creatures in the World Aquarium, venture through the Museum of Mirth, Mystery and Mayhem, and wander through the Elmslie and Sullivan architectural exhibit. Stop in for circus-themed food, parties, educational circus classes, and workshops held daily. Create your own masterpiece in Art City, take notes with the world's largest pencil and enjoy the view while grabbing a bite at The Roof Top Cantina.

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## 12. EAT YOUR HEART OUT

Whether you're a foodie, music-lover, craft beer enthusiast or just in search of a fun night out, you're sure to find what you're looking for in the STL. St. Louis is quickly garnering recognition as a food destination. A group of innovative and decorated chefs are [reshaping the local culinary scene](#) with creative dining experiences that are attracting the attention of food critics from around the nation. Don't miss the opportunity to try some of the city's tastiest (and unique) treats. Munch on a slice of delectable St. Louis-style thin crust pizza smothered in Provel cheese and then pick up a mouth-watering gooey butter cake (the most delicious accident ever created). Snack on scrumptious deep-fried toasted ravioli at one of the many dining establishments on [The Hill](#), a quaint St. Louis neighborhood famous for Italian cuisine. And to top it all off, satisfy your sweet tooth at [Ted Drewes](#) with some signature frozen custard.

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## 13. EMBRACE SPIRITUALITY THROUGH CREATIVE EXPRESSION

Visit Saint Louis University's [Museum of Contemporary Religious Art](#) (MOCRA), a venue committed to peaceful interfaith dialogue and understanding. Take in the beauty of one of the largest mosaic collections in the western hemisphere inside the spectacular [Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis](#) or see the historic [Old Cathedral](#) and St. Ferdinand Shrine, both constructed in the early 19th century with ties to the oldest Catholic congregation in St. Louis. Across the river, attend mass, walk the grounds and have a delicious meal at the National Shrine of [Our Lady of the Snows](#).

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## 14. GO ON A JOURNEY OF SCIENTIFIC DISCOVERY

See what's new at the [Saint Louis Science Center](#). Find out what it's like to venture out into the wild, journey under the sea or fly high up in the air at the four-story Omnimax Theater, a film experience unlike any other. See a thrilling space show at the Planetarium, one of nation's leading space education facilities. Younger children will enjoy the Discovery Room filled with interactive exhibits and experiments, and visitors of all ages can explore over 700 hands-on displays including a life-sized animatronic Tyrannosaurus Rex. At [Myseum](#), kids learn science through fun and unique exhibits like a dino-dig, vet clinic, video wall, radar slide, magnetic ball wall, giant UFO maze, plus a whole lot more.

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## 15. INDULGE YOUR INNER GEARHEAD

Tour a collection of rare and vintage motorcycles at the [Moto Museum](#), or explore the history, mechanics and design of the cart and buggy, planes, trains or anything else with wheels at the [St. Louis Museum of Transportation](#). If you want to get behind the wheel don't miss [Victory Raceway St. Louis – Indoor Karting](#) or [Amp Up Action Park](#) for some world-class indoor carting action and much more. And if you're visiting in the late winter, be sure to stop by the St. Louis Auto Show and Boat Show at America's Center.

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## 16. APPRECIATE ART FROM THE CLASSICS TO CONTEMPORARY

View a collection of art ranging across centuries and cultures from sculpture and oil paintings to charcoal drawings and photography at the [St. Louis Art Museum](#). Enjoy the works of newly established artists both locally and internationally at the [Contemporary Art Museum of St. Louis](#). In addition to innovative exhibitions, the [Pulitzer Arts Foundation](#) features concerts by the [Saint Louis Symphony](#), panel discussions and educational programs. A more permanent collection of contemporary art resides in the [Mildred Lane Kemper Art Museum](#).

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## 17. HAVE AN OUTDOOR ADVENTURE

Soar through the treetops at [Go Ape! Zipline](#) and [Adventure Valley Zipline](#). Take a two-wheel excursion through the Gateway City on one of our many biking trails (contact TrailNet for maps). Set up camp at one of Missouri's beautiful state parks and choose from a variety of all fresco activities ranging from fishing and hiking to swimming, horseback riding and much more! Journey underground at Onondaga Cave State Park and look for Jesse James hideout and discover buried treasure at Meramec Caverns or stay the night at a comfy bed and breakfast in famous Missouri wine country while sampling some of the regions finest varietals.

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## 18. SHOP 'TIL YOU DROP!

Update your style with a fabulous shopping spree. Find vintage-inspired clothing, trendy and unique furniture, and accessories at [specialty boutiques](#). Couture and designer brand name fashions are available at dozens of high-end shops throughout the city. Hunt for one-of-a-kind treasures at many area antique shops and independent bookstores or get it all under one roof at one of the many area malls and [shopping centers](#).

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## 19. TAKE AN INTERACTIVE HISTORY LESSON

Walk the halls of the [Old Courthouse](#) featuring restored courtrooms and galleries that depict significant moments in St. Louis history. Take an exciting and educational trip through the past at the [Missouri History Museum](#) where guests can also join a local excursion to various historical points of interest in the city. Visitors can see the [home of Ragtime legend Scott Joplin](#), walk through a world heritage site and ancient civilization at [Cahokia Mounds](#), and pay their respects at the resting place for many St. Louisans' at [Bellefontaine Cemetery](#). Visit the century-old Central Library – St. Louis Public Library, a magnificent building designed by world-famous architect Cass Gilbert in 1912 and restored for its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The building's classic beauty, now complemented with 21<sup>st</sup> century technology means visitors can find Civil War battle maps, learn a new language, or create their own high-quality recording.

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## 20. SEE A ROCKIN' LIVE SHOW

Get your live music fix at [The Pageant](#), ranked one of the top five concert venues in the world by Pollstar. For larger multi-band tours and festivals, travel to the outdoor [Hollywood Casino Amphitheater](#) or the concert club at [Enterprise Center](#). Visit [Blueberry Hill](#), the landmark restaurant and music club for touring acts as well as St. Louis' top bands. For a more intimate venue, check out the award-winning [Jazz at the Bistro](#) or one of St. Louis' famous blues clubs like BB's Jazz, Blues & Soups and [Broadway Oyster Bar](#). You can also check out the [National Blues Museum](#) to learn about the history of the genre and catch a live performance.

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## 21. STROLL THROUGH THE MISSOURI BOTANICAL GARDEN

Explore 79 acres of lush gardens, landscape architecture, greenhouses, and conservatories at the oldest [Botanical Garden](#) in the United States. Wander through collections of botanical and horticultural plants among beautiful fountains and statuary. Visit the Climatron for a real rainforest experience featuring magnificent waterfalls, tropical birds and exotic plants like bananas, cacao, coffee trees and orchids. Other points of interest include the serene Japanese garden and the interactive and educational Children's Garden.



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## 22. TRY YOUR LUCK AT ONE OF ST. LOUIS' AREA CASINOS

In addition to all your favorite video poker games and classic table games like craps, blackjack, roulette and baccarat, each casino has something special to offer visitors. Take in an intimate show at the luxurious [Lumiere Casino](#) theatre or dance the night away in Judy's Velvet Lounge at [River City Casino](#). All have excellent hotel amenities, delicious restaurants, and top-notch entertainment.

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## 23. ENJOY THE MAGIC OF LIVE THEATER

There's no place finer than the [Fabulous Fox](#) for dazzling live theater, where you can catch the Broadway bug with a play, concert, or dance troupe. Hear your favorite classical music performed by the renowned [St. Louis Symphony at Powell Hall](#), or see an award-winning musical at [Stages St. Louis](#). Immerse yourself in operatic drama at the [Opera Theatre of St. Louis](#), or experience classic and modern playwrights at the [Repertory Theater](#) or the newly renovated [Peabody Opera House](#). Bathe in moonlight during an outdoor show at Forest Park's [The Muny](#), the nation's largest outdoor amphitheater dedicated solely to musical theater.

Please contact our wagon master Keith (Red) Hable ([keithhable345@gmail.com](mailto:keithhable345@gmail.com)) if you are interested in traveling with the group to Saint Louis.

**Cindy Donovan, VP Activities**



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## VP (FOOD)

Hello from Allen Donahue your food chairman (THE FUN GROUP).

I helped with the food chairperson, my late wife Sonya Donahue. I never really knew all what she did. One time we were at a rally in Baraboo, Wisconsin went to the FMCA rally in Goshen, Indiana, to Pigeon Forge, Tennessee that was going to be the next rally. We spent the next week so she could contact local restaurant managers trying to get up to reservations for 70 people. Riding the Trolley System to Gatlinburg, Tennessee and again talking to restaurant owners.

OK: Going forward to the next rally at Natural Springs Resort in April. Right now, we don't know how things will come about going from State of Ohio to the State of Indiana to restaurants. Are double mask required and do people have to be vaccinated??? As far as what I have heard mask are to be worn any time a person is outside of their RV at the Resort.

I am suggesting Texas Roadhouse for April 22<sup>nd</sup> and an Italian night on April 23<sup>rd</sup> with lasagna dinner with garlic bread being served to the group.

I would like to know who would be interested on February 20, 2021 in having an early dinner at the Old Spaghetti Factory in Fairfield, OH. Please let us know if you are. Allen: [allendonahue2@gmail.com](mailto:allendonahue2@gmail.com) 513-240-7897, or Fuzzy: [overbeckf73@gmail.com](mailto:overbeckf73@gmail.com) 513-646-6419. "Be Safe"

**Allen Donahue, VP Food**



## SECRETARY'S CORNER

No news pertaining to TST.

We did visit Magnolia Sands RV Park in Wiggins, MS. January 8 - 25. Were there with Sue and Joe White of TST and while there we did some sightseeing in Biloxi and Gulfport, MS. We also visited several restaurants for a few lunches. Weather was chilly the first week and burned a lot of Joe's wood. Weather did warm up the remainder of the trip, but still had campfires every night. It was about an 11-hour trip from Cincinnati, OH on mostly highway roads.

Was a great time and an easy trip. We have had our Class C motorhome for a little over two years now. Have another trip planned in March to James Island County Campground. Will be sightseeing in Charleston, SC and possibly Savannah, GA. Did register for TST's first outing at Natural Springs. Hope to see you there.

**Beth Short, Secretary**



## TREASURER'S CORNER

Welcome to February!

The changing of the guard for treasurer was made January 4, 2021. Thanks goes to Karen for doing the job for the last two years. You were terrific! The books are being evaluated for end of 2020 year status by Bob Oaks et al and results will be reported when available.

We look forward to pandemic control, herd immunity and being with family and friends.

**Stephanie Binz, Treasurer**

If jealousy had a face.





## WAGON MASTER'S CORNER

From Your Wagon Master

Hope everyone is having a Safe and Healthy Winter! Looking forward to our Camping Season.

I am enclosing the Registration form, hyperlink in this Newsletter, for our June 2, 2021 campsite at Shipshewana South RV Park. I need this returned to me by April 2.

We still have a few sites available at Natural Springs April 21-25, Charlestown May 19-22, and St. Mary's July 21-24. If anyone is interested in going to any of these campouts, please send me the Registration form and payment as soon as possible to reserve your spot. There are hyperlinks to these Registration forms in the February Newsletter.

Thanks for all your support, **Keith "Red" Hable, Rally Master**

### Tri-State Travelers 2021 Rally/Event Schedule

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



## **National Director:**

Happy February!

Here's hoping everyone is staying safe and well. Linda and I are keeping busy with the expected closing and move to our new Harrison area home by the end of February.

There's been some confusion about online registration for upcoming rallies. While online registration is currently disabled, you can still view the upcoming rally schedules on the TST website, and links to registration information and forms is available in this Newsletter.

I am hopeful that updates to the website will happen soon. I've taken on that responsibility and the learning curve is steeper than anticipated. Prepping for a house move hasn't made it any easier!

Planning is underway for *GLAMARAMA 2021* in June. We're hopeful that it'll still happen in this COVID age. Look for registration availability soon on [FMCA.com](http://FMCA.com).

Registration for the 102<sup>nd</sup> Convention in Perry, GA is currently open on [FMCA.com](http://FMCA.com).

Registration for the 103<sup>rd</sup> Convention in Gillette, Wyoming is coming soon.

Do I seem more like a Wagon Master than a National Director??

**Mark Griffith, National Director**



## **ALTERNATE NATIONAL DIRECTOR**

My news is Ditto to my wife Beth's news.

We had a great time and look forward to more with our TST group.

**David Short, Alternate National Director**

*I was out walking with my 5-year-old daughter. She picked up something off the ground and started to put it into her mouth. I took the thing away from her and asked her not to do that. "Why?" she asked. Because it's been on the ground, and you don't know where it's been. It's dirty and it probably has germs.*

*At this point, my daughter looked at me with absolute admiration and asked, "Mom, how do you know all this stuff? You are so smart." I thought quickly and replied, "All moms know this stuff. It's on the Mom test. You have to know it, or they don't let you be a Mom. We walked along in silence for two or three minutes, but she was evidently pondering this new information.*

*"Oh, I get it!" she beamed, "So if you don't pass the test, you have to be the dad."  
"Exactly", I said. When you finish laughing, send this to a Mom!*



## EDITOR'S CORNER

February: Don't forget Valentine Day for your Sweetie. Vaccines are being injected, we are still wearing masks, and not getting too close to anyone. We have a new President. We haven't seen too much snow so far this year. We should be thankful for our first responders, doctors, nurses, aids, and all the people doing their work in our hospitals to keep it running. That is why I am including the following message. It doesn't mean that nurses are more important. It just means being a nurse and knowing there are other nurses in our group gave me the idea of sharing it.

This is written by Dr. Mike Ginsberg.

Because I'm an MD and I wear a "doctor's stethoscope", I have something very important to say, so I'll say it publicly:

Through my training and career, nurses have been my hands, my eyes, and my ears. They have caught my sleep-addled mistakes at 3AM when I was an exhausted house officer. They have been valuable members of our team and advocates for our patients. Every time I have run to a bedside to help save a life; it was because a nurse called me there.

I remember being sent on a NICU transport from another hospital; I was so terrified I wouldn't know what to do if something went wrong but I had an experienced nurse with me. She knew what to do.

Do you know why I'm a physician and not a nurse? Because I'm not brave enough to be a nurse. So, for all the nurses out there, I stand with you.

Dr. Mike Ginsberg

*Lois Tucker, Editor*

I don't know who drew this...  
but this art 🎨 speaks louder  
than words...!





## MEMBERSHIP'S CORNER

Please let [us](#) know if your birthdays or anniversaries are incorrect.

*Elizabeth Smith, Membership*

February Birthdays	February Anniversaries
James Marker 2/3	Michael & Vicki Longanecker 2/1
Shane Braden 2/5	William & Treasa Betz 2/10
James Sears 2/7	Mike & Kay Althoff 2/14
Diana Solon 2/15	Connie & Herb Ashby 2/14
Tom Salzman 2/20	Alan & Jeanette Jones 2/22
Karen Arnold 2/22	Wally & Shane Braden 2/22
Ben Larick 2/25	Joe & Sue White 2/25
Sandy Story 2/26	Bob & Doris Oaks 2/28
Kevin Bridges 2/28	

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*Valentine's*  
**DAY** ♥



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# Messenger

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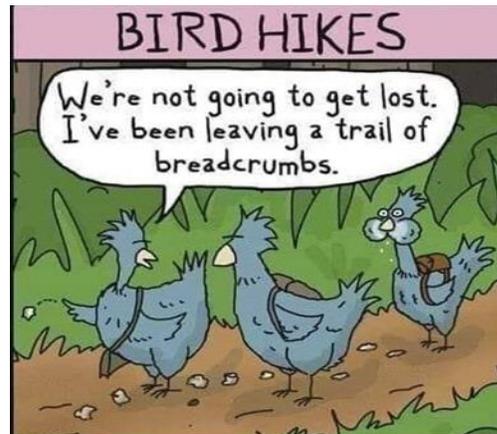
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A MAN was driving when he noticed the flash of a traffic camera. He figured that his picture had been taken for speeding, even though he knew he wasn't. Just to be sure, he went around the block and passed the same spot, driving even more slowly. Again the camera flashed.

Thinking this was funny, he drove past even slower three more times, laughing as the camera flashed each time he drove by at a snail's pace.

Two weeks later, he received five tickets in the mail for driving without a seat belt.

If you ever feel like your brain is inadequate... Think of this guy!



## Facts Can Save Lives

We have seen a year where the world has been plagued with the COVID-19, riots, murders, politic unrest, and crazy weather. But most of us got through it. We the people have had hard times, uncertain times, and scary times but the United States of America will overcome all these. We will be changed, the nation will be changed, and the world will be changed. I am looking forward to the year 2021. On a positive note, did you choose the correct answer?

### Trivia Answer:

Incubators are now a staple of premature infant care. Over the last half century, millions of premature and at-risk babies have been kept at stable temperatures tucked safely inside their glass and plastic enclosures until their delicate bodies were ready to handle full exposure to the outside world. It's hard to imagine a time when we didn't so intuitively protect premature babies in such a fashion.



It took a war, famine, and poultry to develop the technological breakthrough responsible for saving thousands of premature infants. The Franco-Prussian war in 1870-1871, along with a concomitant famine, had contributed to a significant population decline in France. To increase the growth rate, the French needed to start having more babies, as quickly as possible. But one obstetrician realized that if he could find a way to reduce infant mortality, then the population growth rate problem could be solved

far sooner.

That French obstetrician was Dr. Étienne Stéphane Tarnier, who, having observed the benefits of warming chambers for poultry at the Paris Zoo, had similar chambers constructed for premature infants under his care.

These warm air incubators, introduced at L'Hôpital Paris Maternité in 1880, were the first of their kind. Dr. Pierre Budin began publishing reports of the successes of these incubators in 1888. His incubators had solved the deadly problem of thermoregulation that many premature babies faced. Dr. Budin wanted to share his innovation with the world, but few in the stubborn medical establishment would listen. Many doctors viewed the practice as pseudo-scientific and outside the realm of standard care. But Dr. Budin was convinced that the Tarnier incubators would save so many lives that he enlisted the help of an associate, Dr. Martin Couney, in exhibiting the new incubators at the World Exposition in Berlin in 1896.



Apparently blessed with skills in showmanship as well as medicine, Dr. Couney took the assignment perhaps a step farther than what Dr. Budin has originally anticipated; Couney asked the Berlin Charity Hospital to borrow some premature babies for this experiment, and they granted his request, thinking that the children had little chance of survival anyway. When he managed to hire a cadre of nurses to fully demonstrate the capabilities of the incubators, he was ready to take the show on the road.

Nestled between exhibits of the Congo Village and the Tyrolean Yodelers, "Couney's Kinderbrutanstalt," or 'Child Hatchery,' became a wild success. Remarkably, all six babies in the Tarnier incubators survived. From there, Couney took his entourage to the United States where he went on to share his show at virtually every large exhibition and at the World's Fair.



He ultimately settled at New York City's Coney Island amusement park (Yes, that, Coney Island, the New York island famously known for amusement parks and delicious hot dogs.) and connected parents eager to save the lives of their premature newborns with circus sideshow visitors willing to pay 25¢ to view the uncannily tiny babies. It was an odd connection indeed, but a brilliant one that kept the warming glow of the incubator lights on for over 40

years and saved thousands of babies in the process.

Couney's plan was as clever as the incubators he had created. He approached the owners of Luna Park, a prominent amusement park on Coney Island, and proposed a plan. He would set up a sideshow filled with incubators to house premature babies. The fee would be used to cover the expenses of staffing the exhibit with caretakers and nurses so that the families of the premature babies could enjoy the care without expense.

Although it seems peculiar to a modern reader to put premature babies on display as a sideshow act in an amusement park, the arrangement saved the lives of thousands upon thousands of children over the decades Couney ran the program. In an age when doctors would simply tell the parents of premature babies "We sorry, there's nothing that can be done," frantic parents across New York City would hail cabs and rush their frail children to Coney Island where Dr. Couney used his innovative incubators and the curiosity of the public to help babies like their own.

Shortly before his death in 1950, the establishment finally came around, perhaps considering how many babies his Coney Island project had saved, and incubators became a staple fixture in neonatal care wards across the country.

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