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PRESIDENT

We made it home safely. I'm sitting here on the couch evaluating our rally.

It was great to see everyone at Natural Springs, even though the weather wasn't the best, but it wouldn't be Natural Springs Resort without a little rain. It was the snow on Wednesday for us early birds that was unexpected, but it sure was pretty!

We were not allowed to use the lodge for the second year of Covid-19, but it all worked out. Friday's dinner of Beef Stew was cooked in a roaster pan outside our coach and most sat around the campfire to eat. The campground let us use a small cabin's oven for Saturday night, which was next to Cindy's cabin, so we had two ovens to bake the Lasagna. With the rain, we had curbside pickup. OH! The memories!

I want to reiterate that we are not just a Chapter, we are Family. I want to thank everyone who stepped up to help get this rally accomplished, even with all the curve balls that were thrown at us.

Dinners are not that hard to plan and set up, and you will always have volunteers to help. You do get paid for what you provide; just keep your receipts to turn into the Treasurer.

Hoping you will step up and participate, please let Alan Donahue know.

We found a couple camping there that were previous members and they were so glad to see us. We invited them to dinner Saturday, and they rejoined our chapter. Welcome back Chris & Aly Manning. We also had a visit from Ben Larick, it was good to see him.

I was planning on having a meeting, but with not being able to gather and being a little under the weather myself, it just didn't work out. I am giving sufficient notice that membership meetings will be held in Shipshewana, Grand Lake St. Mary's, and Lively Lady.

I need anyone interested in going to St. Louis, MO before Branson to email me so I can organize that trip. Judy and I will probably be there by August 4th. You do not have to go to Branson to participate, I just need a count. The campground is at the Casino Queen hotel and casino in East St. Louis.

I talked with Lois Tucker; Bob made it home earlier than expected from the Hospital after his surgery. He is feeling better, but not good enough to chase Lois around the house yet! Get stronger Bob so you can get out and join us.

Michael (Fuzzy) Overbeck, President, overbeckf73@gmail.com, 513-200-4349



1ST VP (ACTIVITIES) CORNER

My research indicates that there isn't much open in Charlestown; therefore, I have listed items in nearby cities.

Jeffersonville, IN Is approximately 12 miles southwest of Charlestown State Park

[Southern Indiana Visitors Center](#)

305 Southern Indiana Ave, Jeffersonville, IN 47130-3218
800-552-3842

A good place to get information on the area, helpful suggestions, and brochures to help enjoy your visit.

[Big Four Bridge](#)

This former railroad bridge has been converted into a pedestrian pathway connecting Kentucky and Indiana.



Nice views of Louisville, the river, and barge traffic.
Heard it is really nice after dark with the colored lights.
Parking is free and close.

[Howard Steamboat Museum & Mansion](#)

1101 E Market St, Jeffersonville, IN

This is both a particularly beautiful mansion and a steamboat museum. It belonged to the Howard family who owned the company and shipyard across the street that built the largest steamboats. The Howard Steamboat Museum is a unique time capsule into another world where you can experience life in an impeccably preserved 1890's built Victorian mansion. Inside is a museum to the three-generation steamboat building Howard family and their historic shipyard. We give you the option of a guided or self-guided experience.

Vintage Fire Museum:

723 Spring St, Jeffersonville, IN 47130-3555
812-282-4705

This fire related museum has many fire trucks, vintage and new. There are also several different kinds of exhibits from boots and axes to machines and breather masks. The docents love to talk about fire engines and related paraphernalia.

Clarksville, IN, which is approximately 14.5 miles from state park.

Falls of the Ohio State Park

201 W Riverside Dr Exit 0, Interstate 65, Clarksville, IN

Dating back 386 million years, the Falls of Ohio are among the world's largest naturally exposed fossil beds.

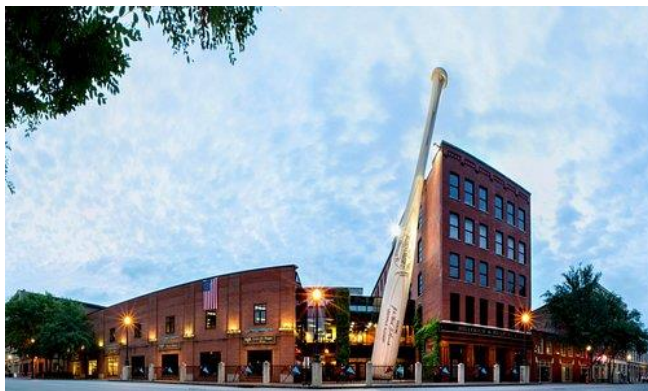
Louisville, KY which is approximately 19 miles from state park.

The Bulleit Frontier Whiskey Experience at Stitzel-Weller



Home of Bulleit bourbon but on the grounds of deep seeded bourbon history.

LOUISVILLE SLUGGER MUSEUM & FACTORY

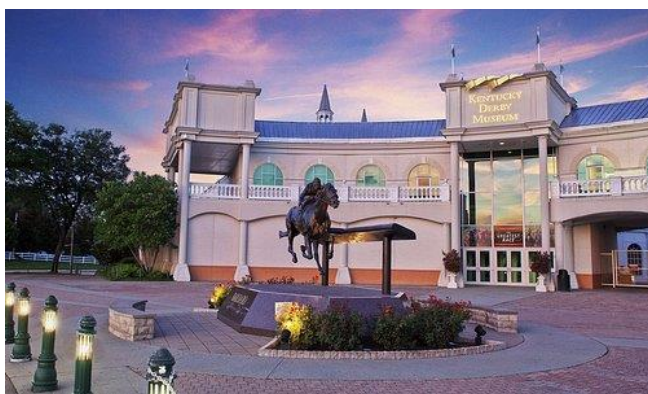


[A 30-minute factory tour shows you the basics of bat production and shares some of the history of bats in MLB.](#)

Angels Envy Distillery



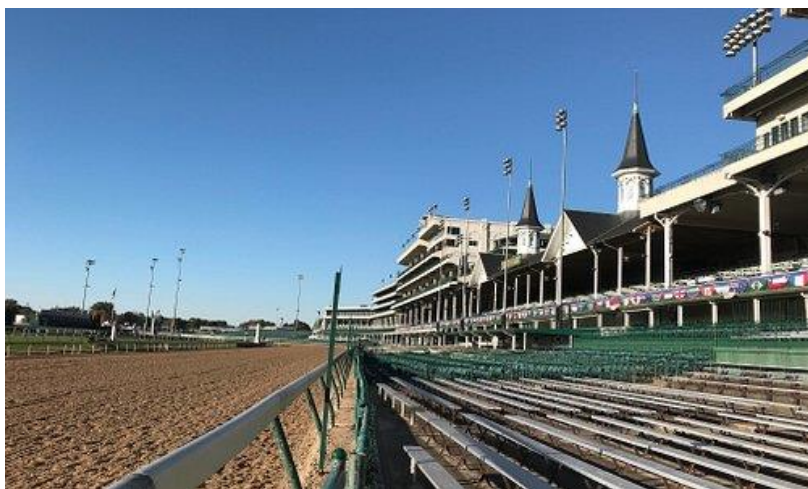
KENTUCKY DERBY MUSEUM



Admission tickets from \$17.44

[Narrated by many of the outstanding forces in racing, this film takes one from the foal watch to the footage of the...](#)

CHURCHILL DOWNS



[Starting over 165 years ago in 1875 and expanding throughout that period, the Kentucky Derby here has gone from 10,000...](#)



EVAN WILLIAMS BOURBON EXPERIENCE



[It's full of recreations and video reenactments of Evan Williams being voted in as wharf master and his growth in the...](#)

MUHAMMAD ALI CENTER



CONRAD-CALDWELL HOUSE MUSEUM (CONRAD'S CASTLE)



[The ambitious design and construction spanned three years - 1892-1895 - on the Bedford limestone manor commissioned by...](#)

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Southern Indiana Visitors Center

Cindy Donovan, VP Activities



VP (FOOD)

To all the FUN GROUP at Tri-State Travelers:

The Rally went good even though the weather was a factor.

I wish to THANK all the volunteers who helped in preparing the food.

The Restaurants were extremely helpful in working with a group of our size and maintaining covid safety regulations. The waitress at The Lampost Restaurant did an amazing job of serving our group by herself while observing covid safety regulations.

Everyone seemed to enjoy the bonfires when weather permitted, and we maintained social distancing.

Allen Donahue, VP Food



SECRETARY'S CORNER & ALTERNATE NATIONAL DIRECTOR



No news. At Falls Creek Falls State Park for the week.

Beth Short, Secretary

**David Short,
Alternate National Director**



Photos by Judy Overbeck



TREASURER'S CORNER

Hope everyone had a good cool time at Natural Springs!
We have sent in our money for Shipshewana and balance is \$ 11394.

Other than lots of allergies, all is fine with us. Will see everyone in Charlestown, Indiana in May.

Stephanie Binz
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Stephanie Binz, Treasurer



Photos by Judy Overbeck

Only in This World

.....do drugstores make the sick walk all the way to the back of the Store to get their prescriptions while healthy people can buy cigarettes at the front.



WAGON MASTER'S CORNER

GREETINGS FROM YOUR WAGON MASTER!!

What a Great time we had at our first campout at Natural Springs April 21.

It was good camping weather - All seasons in one week - Warm weather,
Cool campfire weather, Snowy morning, and Rain. What a great week.

Food and Fellowship was wonderful. Becky and I even visited a local Elk Farm and saw many Elk, went to their gift shop, and bought some Elk Sticks and Jerky. It was exceptionally good.

Look forward to seeing all of you at Charlestown, May 19. Can't wait, as we have never been there. I hear the Ice Cream is the best!!!

You will find the Sept. 15 - 18 registration form for Lively Lady in Aberdeen Ohio in the Rally Event Schedule below. We have 8 riverside sites available (these have no sewer hookup) and other sites with full hookups. The cost is \$42.00 per night.

Please send your registration form and payment back to me by August 31.

Just a note: We have an opening for our Branson Trip Monday August 9 - Saturday August 14, 2021 at a cost of \$210.00. If interested, please contact Tom & Paula Horne.

Safe travels to all,

Keith "Red" Hable, Rally Master

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SAY A PRAYER

Little Johnny and his family were having Sunday dinner at his Grandmother's house. Everyone was seated around the table as the food was being served. When Little Johnny received his plate, he started eating right away.

"Johnny! Please wait until we say our prayer." said his mother.

"I don't need to," the boy replied.

"Of course, you do" his mother insisted. "We always say a prayer before eating at our house."

"That's at our house." Johnny explained. "But this is Grandma's house, and she knows how to cook."



Tri-State Travelers 2021 Rally/Event Schedule

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

Homemade Cookies





National Director:

May 2021

Greetings to All!

I am pushing the editor's deadline a little this month as I am still recovering from a two week stay at the "Luxury MercyHealth Hilton" on the West side.

There's been a few setbacks last couple months with a foot injury and a hospital stay but things are looking up and the camping season is here.

Linda and I were able to drive up and spend a few hours at Natural Springs last Saturday. It was great to see our friends and meet some new folks. We're looking forward to lots of good times through the rest of the year.

There's still time to register for the GLAMARAMA LITE event in June. Attendance is limited to 100 coaches so if you have the inclination, go ahead and make plans. Registration is easy on the FMCA website.

We have registered for both GLAMARAMA in June and Gillette, WY in July. Gillette will be an adventure as we are going to attend the FMCA convention and then take a couple weeks working our way back home. First stop after the convention will be Devils Tower.

Our first planned trip out in the coach (provided I can drive) is a Memorial Day weekend Indiana campout with some family and friends. Might even be some kayaking involved....NOT!

See everyone soon and be careful out there!

Mark Griffith, National Director



EDITOR'S CORNER

May is here and hopefully everyone who went to the Natural Springs outing had a great time. Sorry we missed it but, as they say, family comes first.

Bob was diagnosed a couple months ago with Liver cancer and after many tests, finding that there were no metastases, surgery was scheduled on April 23rd. Therefore, we missed going to Natural Springs and will miss Charlestown. All has gone well with Bob's surgery and we plan for his recovery to be uneventful. We hope to see everyone in Shipshewana.

Lois Tucker, Editor



Subject: A message from FMCA Presidential Candidate John Reynolds

For those of you that do not know, FMCA is holding an election for the position of National President this summer. I feel that I am the most qualified person seeking the office of President of FMCA. After almost 8 years of being involved with the executive board and staff, I have a good understanding of what makes FMCA work. Also, I have a great rapport with both the staff and members of FMCA.

I'd like to explain my involvement in the recent FMCA membership dues rollback promotion. As National Treasurer of FMCA, I have looked at the finances of this organization closely. For nearly a year and a half, FMCA's membership numbers have been taking a sharp decline (ever since we voted in 2019 to raise the dues to \$75/year). I have been adamant that as soon as possible, we must lower the dues to the price of \$50/year, which is what it was before the vote to increase. Over the course of the past 2 months, FMCA has been running a special promotion as a way to test whether or not lowering the dues would help us regain our membership, and to say that my beliefs were confirmed is an understatement. The dues promotion rolled out mid-February. At that time, FMCA was on its way to its 13th consecutive month with membership loss. The dues rollback turned February around to end positive, March was positive, and April is trending to be positive.

If elected FMCA's Next President, I want to permanently lower these dues back to a manageable price for our members. I encourage all of you to follow my campaign page for more updates about my campaign and my ideas for FMCA. I would be happy to hear from any members about any other issues that are important to them. Please feel free to reach out by email or via my website. www.johnreynoldsforpresident.com

Thank you, and I look forward to continuing to serve FMCA for more years to come.

While people are so quick to share trash on Facebook... I wonder how many people would share this beautiful picture.



Many people fought and served the people of America, but not all made it back home.



Photos by Fuzzy Overbeck

DID NOAH FISH?

A Sunday school teacher asked, "Johnny, do you think Noah did a lot of fishing when he was on the Ark?"

"No," replied Johnny. "How could he, with just two worms."



MEMBERSHIP'S CORNER

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

I would like to welcome our newest members:

Michael (Mick) & Kerry Ely

Gregory & Marion Oswalt

Ed & Malissa Lux

Bill Settles & Sara Leikin

Donald & Pat Royalty

Chris & Aly Manning

Mark and Nicole Haake

We did get to meet the Ely's at Natural Springs and hope to see each new member at our upcoming rallies.

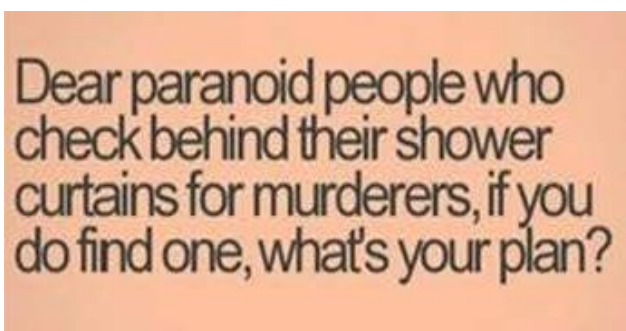
Thanks to our members hard work in getting our membership up by 10%.

May Birthdays	May Anniversaries
Mark Genung 5/2	Ken & Linda Lewis 5/6
Tony Delsorbo 5/3	Mark & Cathy Genung 5/10
Connie Hilton 5/3	Vern & Linda Hawkins 5/14
Bob Hill 5/7	Charles & Sylvia Marshal 5/18
Sheryl Meister 5/12	
Jane Roush 5/22	

Judy Overbeck, Membership

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Additional photos of Natural Springs will be sent to all members in a blast email. Be on the lookout for them.



Messenger

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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 are done.

Visit us on Facebook:

www.facebook.com/groups/tri-stateTravelersCampingGroup

Don't Forget: Tri-State Travelers 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. Or contact [Mike \(Fuzzy\) Overbeck](#) for help.



Photos by Fuzzy Overbeck

Facts can be About Research Studies

What Iconic Children's Toy Started Life in A Military Research Lab?

Most of us are familiar with this toy. Can you guess what it is?
What is the toy? The slinky or course.



The Slinky has been in production for over seventy years and shows no signs of vanishing from toy store shelves. It's a classic children's toy; it's simple, inexpensive, and the novelty of playing with a wiggly, wobbly, walks-down-the-stairs spring hasn't waned much over the decades. While most people have a childhood memory or two involving a Slinky and likely even went on to buy one as a gift, very few people know that the toy came to life in a military lab.

In 1943, a young naval mechanical engineer by the name of Richard James was working on designing a system of springs that could support and stabilize sensitive instruments aboard naval ships in rough seas. During the course of his research, James accidentally knocked a coiled spring off of a shelf in his lab at the William Cramp & Sons shipyards in Philadelphia. The spring went tumbling, landed on a pile of books, flipped over itself, and then proceeded to "walk" itself down the books, flop onto a table, onto the floor, and then coil itself back up into a neat stack.

James was so enamored by the antics of the spring that he went home and told his wife how he thought he could tweak the composition of the spring to consistently walk about in the fashion he had witnessed in the lab. He experimented with different steels and spring lengths over the next year, and the couple ultimately formed a small company to market the spring toy. James and Betty had a very difficult time selling the toy until November of 1945 when they were granted permission to set up a ramp in the toy section of Gimbels Department Store in Philadelphia.

When children were afforded the opportunity to play with the Slinkys, they proved to be irresistible. The first run of 400 Slinky units sold out in less than two hours.

The Slinky has remained a consistent seller over the years with over 300 million units sold since its introduction in 1945.

[Roger McLassus/Wikimedia](#) (from How to Geeks)



Facts Are Part of History: When Women Get Mad.....

You men know, when women get mad, things can happen, so get out of Dodge. Learn what some women did early in history that got results.