



OFFICERS (elected)

President:

Cindy Donovan

1ST VP (Activities):

Sylvia Marshall

2ND VP (Food):

3rd Vice President

(Wagon Master):

Position Open

Secretary:

Connie Baynum

Treasurer:

Chuck Marshall

National Director:

Bob Tucker

CONTRIBUTORS

(Appointed)

Newsletter:

Lois Tucker

Membership/Roster:

Kay Dudding

Photographer

Position Open

Chaplain:

Kay Dudding



PRESIDENT

Hello

I heard the rally at Follow the River was wonderful.

During 2024 we would like to have two volunteers to plan the food, set up, etc. So, please let me know which rally or rallies you are interested in volunteering for.

We now have a complete schedule for next year, which include a long trip. Read on in the newsletter for more information. I would encourage everyone to note the dates in your calendars and proceed with making reservations for those where they must be made directly with the campground as soon as possible. If you have ideas for where we might want to go in 2025, it is not too early to start research and making arrangements to reserve camp sites for the club.

I am enjoying the sunshine and warm weather in Florida and will miss the winter activities that are being planned. I look forward to seeing everyone in April at Natural Springs. Have a wonderful and joyous holiday season.

Cindy Donovan, President norcin523@sbcglobal.net 317-508-2368





1ST VP (ACTIVITIES) CORNER

DECEMBER 2023

Another great rally year is ending. We all look forward to the 2024 year with great anticipation for another phenomenally fun year.

For now, we will look forward to a lovely Christmas get together at the Kennett's on December 10th, 2:00pm- 273 Apache Trail in Loveland, Ohio. There should be more details forthcoming.

As of November, there were discussions for future activities that might include a possible luncheon in January and a dinner at Old Spaghetti Warehouse in March. I am sure there will be more information regarding these events as well as any others in future newsletters.

In April next year, we will begin our camping at Natural Springs. So, for now, I hope that everyone has a good and safe holiday.

Until the next writing-

Sylvia Marshall, VP Activities redhawksgrad@aol.com 937-321-1696



Thanks Brenda and Larry for all the photos.



2nd Vice President (Food)

Please think about volunteering for this position. It really doesn't take much time.

- 1. Ask for volunteers to prepare a main dish for Friday and Saturday nights. They will be reimbursed.*
- 2. Ask for volunteers to prepare a side dish or a dessert for Friday and Saturday nights.*
- 3. If someone wants to make a special meal on these days, work with the 2nd VP usually, to spread the word and remind people to bring a side dish or a dessert. Hope to see you at the next rally. Take care and stay healthy.*



3rd Vice President (Wagon Master): Position Open

Important Notice:

At present, we are still without a "Rally Master." Judy and I are overseeing the "Rally Master's" responsibilities, and I am trying to stay ahead of things. PLEASE, you must verbally tell me if you need to cancel a registration. The cancellation must be verbally made to me before our money is due to the Campground. Thanks for your cooperation. Michael (Fuzzy) Overbeck, 513-200-4349



SECRETARY'S CORNER

This last month of our Tri-State Traveler 2023 will be busy. I will complete our FMCA certification paperwork to renew our chapter's membership for 2024. Our membership numbers and our records are in excellent condition. We acquired many new members during 2023 and our FMCA roster was updated monthly.

In December, when I receive our FMCA 2023 year-end roster, I will check the accuracy of our TST Directory. Any revisions will be made and a 2024 TST Directory will be sent to you via email by the New Year. Keep it handy to reach out to members during the upcoming winter months.

Kay Dunning, Membership, Cindy Donovan, President, and I have discussed and decided what we will include in a Welcome Email to each New Member of the Tri-State Travelers. Sending this Welcome Email from the President to New Members starting in 2024 is my TST New Year's resolution.

In the meantime, we still have one official 2023 Tri-State Event. December 10th will be our Holiday Christmas party. Since the Kinnett's have volunteered to host at their home, we can share a meal and stay longer to mingle.

It is exciting that we know early the dates and locations of our 2024 TST rallies. I hope this will help many members make it a priority to attend more rallies next year.

Merry Christmas Friends and Happy New Year



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Connie Baynum, Secretary Connie.jones.baynum@gmail.com 859-801-8489

December Christmas Party 2023

A Reminder !!!!!

Sunday Dec 10th 2:00 PM
Brenda and Larry Kinnett
273 Apache Trail
Loveland Oh 45140
RSVP DATE BY Dec 4th
Text or email RSVP to: 513-378-3011
Email: partybe2@ yahoo.com
BYOB

Beef tips and noodles
Chicken Alfredo
Salad and bread sticks.
Dessert tray and Drinks. BYOA (alcohol)
\$17.00 per person. Please pay Brenda cash at the party.

Brenda Kinnett

The close of 2023 Tristate Traveliers rallies. Bob's famous French toast (yummmm), newbies Karen and Kevin (welcome), a walk thru Neelie's distillery, nice warm fire and waiting for the sunrise this morning. It's been an awesome year ❤️❤️❤️





TRI-STATE TRAVELERS MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Last name	Pilot First Name	Co-Pilot First Name	
Name to be used on name tag			
Address	City	State	Zip code
Area Code & Phone #	FMCA Number	Coach /	Length
Anniversary	Pilot Birthday	Co-Pilot Birthday	
Pilot email	Co-Pilot email	Recommended by	

Winter Address

Return this application with yearly membership dues of \$15 plus \$25

Initiation fee payable to Tri-State Travelers to: (\$40.00)

Chuck Marshall, TST Treasurer

469 Bending Branch Lane

Miamisburg, Ohio 45342

For Chapter use:

Date: Ck#



[Michael Overbeck](#)

Michael Overbeck

Thanks for all your help this weekend. Your pictures are great and yes it was a great if not one of the best rallies. New members are a great addition to the chapter. Thanks to everyone for making it a great end of the year rally. Get home safe.

Connie Baynum

Top Contributor

Looks wonderful! You bring much joy to the rallies GF.

Candice V Rice

Great pictures, Brenda!

It was great seeing everyone and meeting new friends! I hope you'll come to the monthly dinners if you stay local for the winter!





TREASURER'S CORNER

Treasurer's report for November.

Income: \$1324.00, camping and rally fees, \$90.00, dues, \$179.00, 50/50 raffle for a total of \$1593.00.

Expenses: \$3491.84, camping fee, \$239.37, rally expenses, \$120.00 camping refund, \$12.00, nametags for a total of \$3863.21.

REMINDER!! 2024 dues should be paid by December 31st. Send your \$15.00 check to Tri-State Traveliers at 469 Bending Branch Lane, Miamisburg, OH 45342

I also want to remind everyone to make sure they are current with their FMCA dues, since you cannot be a member of TST if you are not a member of FMCA.

Chuck Marshall, Treasurer Cjmjr45@aol.com 937-321-1695





Tri-State Travelers 2024 Rally/Event Schedule

<u>Jan - Feb</u>	<u>Winter Dinner</u>	<u>TST</u>
<u>Jan 17 - 21</u>	<u>RV Super Show</u> <u>Tampa, FL</u>	
<u>Feb 07 - 10</u>	<u>Southeast Area Rally</u> <u>Lakeland, FL</u>	<u>Register on FMCA</u> <u>FMCA</u>
<u>Mar 20 -23</u>	<u>FMCA's 108th Int'l Convention</u> <u>Tucson,AZ</u>	<u>Register on FMCA</u> <u>FMCA</u>
<u>Apr 17 - 20</u>	<u>Natural Springs Resort</u> <u>New Paris, OH</u>	<u>Reservations by April 15, 2024</u> <u>TST</u>
<u>May 15 - 19</u>	<u>Sauder Village</u> <u>Must call 800-590-9755, Code ID 10204 PDQ</u> <u>Archbold, OH</u>	<u>Reservations As Soon As Possible</u> <u>TST</u>
<u>Jun 05 - 09</u>	<u>GLAMARAMA 2024</u> <u>Darke County Fairgrounds</u> <u>Greenville, OH</u>	<u>Register on FMCA</u> <u>GLAMA</u>
<u>Jun 19 - 23</u>	<u>Cummins Ferry RV Park</u> <u>Salvisa, KY</u>	<u>Reservations by May 20, 2024</u> <u>TST</u>
<u>Jul 10 - 13</u>	<u>Two Rivers</u> <u>Carrolton, KY</u>	<u>Reservations by July 1, 2024</u> <u>TST</u>
<u>Aug 05 - 11</u>	<u>Artillery Ridge Campground</u> 717-334-1288 <u>610 Taneytown Road</u> <u>Still have sites, but not with original 13.</u> <u>Gettysburg, PA 17325</u>	<u>Reservations by Nov 1, 2023</u> <u>TST</u>
<u>Aug 14 - 17</u>	<u>FMCA's 109th Int'l Convention</u> <u>Deschutes County Fair & Expo</u> <u>Redmond, Oregon</u>	<u>Register on FMCA</u> <u>FMCA</u>
<u>Sept 11 - 14</u>	<u>Lively Lady Campground</u> <u>Aberdeen, OH</u>	<u>Reservations by Sept 6,2024</u> <u>TST</u>
<u>Oct 09 - 14</u>	<u>Timbercrest RV Park</u> <u>Call 330-893-2720 to reserve your spot.</u> <u>Millersburg, OH</u>	<u>Reserve on your own 2024</u> <u>TST</u>
<u>Nov 06- 09</u>	<u>Follow The River RV Resort</u> <u>Florence, IN</u>	<u>Reservations by Nov 1, 2024</u> <u>TST</u>



National Director:

Don't know if you have had an opportunity to read the November issue of "Family RVing", but there are several proposed changes to the FMCA's constitution.

Article I, and Article VI

The current wording is shown as well as the proposed changes. Please take time to read and cast your ballot.

Votes must be received by December 31, 2023.

FMCA's Fiesta Dell Sol will be held at the Pima County Fairgrounds, Tucson, AZ. March 20-23, 2024.

Take a few minutes to view FMCA Family RVing, A good article about fire extinguishers is in the December Issue.

Bob Tucker, National Director bobtucker31@hotmail.com 703-338-9749





EDITOR'S CORNER

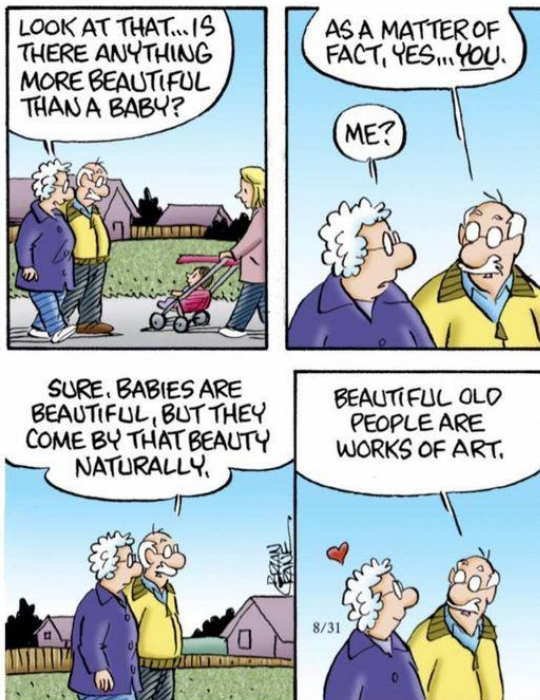
Did you know?

The First Spy Satellite Images Were Retrieved by Airplanes

You've got a spy camera in space, orbiting the globe, and it uses honest-to-goodness film. You need to get that film back to Earth without damaging it, so it can be developed by your intelligence agencies and examined. What do you do? If it's the 1960s, you're the United States Air Force, and you're flush with cash, Cold War bravado, and skilled pilots, then you snatch it right out of the air as it re-enters the Earth's atmosphere.

We're not being remotely hyperbolic with that statement either. The earliest U.S. spy satellites would jettison their film payloads, secured in very well insulated tiny re-entry vehicles called "film buckets." The film buckets would deploy a parachute to drift lazily through the air for a few moments before being expertly intercepted by U.S. Air Force pilots soaring along dragging a tail hook capture device behind their planes.

In the rare instances the Air Force failed to retrieve the film buckets, the Navy was called in to pluck them out of the ocean using radio transmitters to locate them. As a final safeguard, should the Navy fail in retrieving them, a salt plug in the bottom of the device would dissolve when exposed to water for two days and sink the film to the bottom of the ocean.





MEMBERSHIP'S CORNER

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

December Birthdays	December Birthdays Con't
12/04 Paula Horne	12/26 Lois Tucker
12/04 Greg Martin	12/31 Charles Brinkman
12/07 Alan Jones	12/31 Patty DelSorbo
12/07 Candice Rice	
12/14 Stevie Goh	December Anniversaries
12/18 DJ Jackson	12/02 John and Linda Ross
12/19 Louise Long	12/03 Craig and Missy Blair
12/20 Bob Tucker	12/16 Joe and Alice Moter
12/23 Don Donohoo	
January Birthdays	January Anniversaries
01/04 Becky Davis	01/25 Charles Brinkman & Janet Hansen
01/12 Wally Braden	
01/16 Mike Fuzzy Overbeck	
01/18 Linda Ross	
February Birthdays	February Birthdays Con't
02/05 Sylvia Marshall	02/15 Missy Wagner
02/05 Shane Braden	02/ Larry Davis
02/05 Preston Watkins	02/ Linda Hoelscher
02/15 Missy Blair	02/27 Connie Baynum

<i>February Anniversaries</i>	<i>February Anniversaries Con't</i>
02/01 Michael & Vicki Longanecker	02/22 Alan & Jeanette Jones
02/10 Bill & Treasa Betz	02/25 Joe & Sue White
02/14 Herb & Connie Ashby	02/28 Bob & Doris Oaks
02/22 Wally & Shane Braden	

A woman was talking to the minister with her three young sons in front of her. She introduced the children to the minister and told the minister she named their sons after men in the Bible. **Mathew, Mark, and King James.**

Kay Dudding, Membership rev2by2@msn 937-232-5959

Members are friends also!



Merry Christmas and a Very Happy New Year



On Sale for \$20. There could be an upcharge for larger sizes. Send your order to Judy Overbeck

Shirt A



Shirt B



Shirt C



How About this?

This is almost unbelievable!

This may be a first...

A couple from Montana were out riding on the range, he with his rifle and she (fortunately) with her camera. Their dogs always followed them, but on this occasion a Mountain Lion decided that he wanted to stalk the dogs (you'll see the dogs in the background watching).

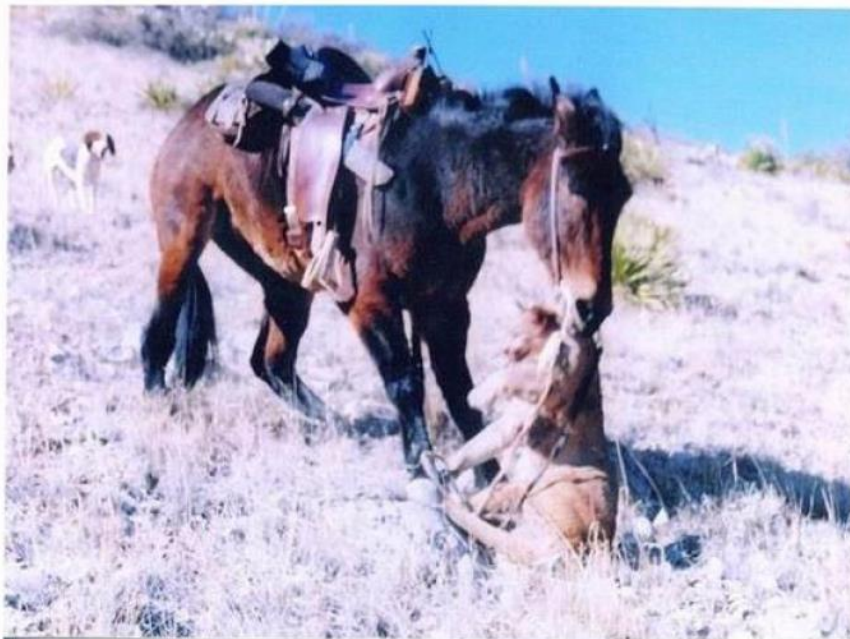
Very, very bad decision.

The hunter got off the mule with his rifle and decided to shoot in the air to scare away the lion, but before he could get off a shot the lion charged in and decided he wanted a piece of those dogs. With that, the mule took off and decided HE wanted a piece of that lion. That's when all hell broke loose for the lion.

As the lion approached the dogs, the mule snatched him up by the tail and started whirling him around. Banging its head on the ground on every pass. Then he dropped it, stomped on it, and held it to the ground by the throat. The mule then got down on his knees and bit the thing all over a couple of dozen times to make sure it was dead, then whipped it into the air again, walked back over to the couple (that were stunned in silence) and stood there ready to continue his ride as if nothing had just happened. Fortunately, even though the hunter didn't get off a shot, his wife got off these four pictures:



the cat was still alive here and trying to fight back



the cat was pretty much dead by now then mule picked up the cat again whipped it into the air again then stomped the dead cat again for good measure!



the mule stomped the cat then pinned it to the ground and bit the heck out of the dead cat several more times.



note the dog audience.... Gives new meaning to the phrase "BAD ASS"....

Now you know why many ranchers and farmers have mules in their fields.