



**OFFICERS (elected)**

**President:**

Cindy Donovan

**1<sup>ST</sup> VP (Activities):**

Sylvia Marshall

**2<sup>ND</sup> VP (Food):**

**3<sup>rd</sup> 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 All,

Again, I hope you have had a safe and healthy winter. As I write this, I am looking forward to returning to Indiana before or in early April. I hope it warms up before then,

Please look at the 2024 calendar as wonderful outings have been scheduled. Please thank the various individuals who have stepped up and volunteered to host an outing. Check the website and calendar and:

- Please get your reservations for all rallies in as soon as possible. With the rates going up, it is necessary to pay for some of the campgrounds in advance to hold the requested sites or any discounts that have been negotiated.
- If you are planning to go to GLAMA and need 50-amp service, you need to get your reservation in as soon as possible as there is a limited number of 50-amp spots available.
- Again, the June Tri-State rally is after GLAMA this year, so for those that do not go to GLAMA you will get to hear about all the things you have missed.

Tri-State Travelers is still in need of a Wagon Master. Co-Wagon Masters would also work as the rallies could be split up between several people. The Wagon Master needs to be working on booking outings for next year **NOW**. Please contact me if you have any questions regarding the responsibilities.

I hope we can have some good discussions at Natural Springs in a couple of weeks regarding the open Wagon Master position, ideas for rallies next year, recruiting, welcoming new members, etc. We ALL need to volunteer and contribute to keep our chapter active and desirable. It isn't hard and doesn't take much time.

Hope to see you at Natural Springs or hear from you,

*Cindy Donovan, President*



## 1ST VP (ACTIVITIES) CORNER

***Sauder Village***  
***May 15 - 19***  
***Archbold, Ohio***

Wow! We now get to explore a new campground! My understanding is that there is a lovely village to discover with lots of things to do.

### SAUDER HISTORIC VILLAGE

In the village, take a walk-through time from 1803 to the 1920's. Visit Natives and Newcomers, Pioneer Settlement, and the 1920's Main Street to name a few things. Explore a grocery store, bank, fire station, and barbershop. Take a train ride or a buggy ride. Enjoy a meal at the Barn Restaurant, and a sweet treat from the Doughbox Bakery.

Admission Rate for Seniors is \$23.

Military Veterans is \$23.

AAA will get you in at a \$2 discount.

Inside the village is a Museum Building.

In the first gallery, you can learn about Erie Sauder and the Sauder Companies.

Other galleries have information about Ohio agriculture and the Great Black Swamp which explores the natural environment and peoples of northwest Ohio.

### FIELD OF MEMORIES ANTIQUE MALL

Take a trip down memory lane in this antique mall in Archbold!

About 10 miles away in Wauseon, there is the Knotty Vines Farm Winery.

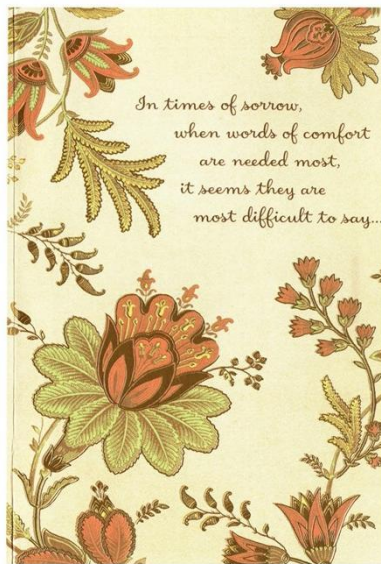
If you would like to take a longer adventure, you can travel to Toledo which is approximately 40 miles away.

Enjoy your camping stay!

***Sylvia Marshall, VP Activities***



***Sue White, our hearts are filled with sympathy for you. We enjoyed having you and Joe in our Tri-State Travelers Group as you brought much laughter to our group. As this card said, "words of comfort are needed most, but seems they are the most difficult to say."***



*But may you find comfort  
in knowing that  
warm thoughts and sympathy  
are with you.*

A note about another friend.

***I just spoke with Kay, and she has been sick with blood pressure problems. A few prayers will do wonders for her.***



## **Tri-State Travelers Camping Group Last Winter Dinner at Kreimer's Bierhaus in Cleves**





*Thanks Everyone for all the photos!*

**I know you have been lying awake at night wondering why baby diapers have brand names such as "Luvs", "Huggies," and "Pampers", while undergarments for old people are called "Depends". Well here is the low down on the whole thing. When babies crap in their pants, people are still gonna Luv'em, Hug'em and Pamper'em. When old people crap in their pants, it "Depends" on who's in the will! Glad I got that straightened out so you can rest your mind.**





## 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.***

**Bev took charge of the Natural Springs Rally's Food. I did not catch her email to me before the deadline, so, I hope Mark will put the renewed newsletter on the web for me.**

As of 3/28, we have only 9 rigs signed up for our rally at Natural Springs. Chuck indicated that there will probably be more signing up before the April 5<sup>th</sup> deadline. The following is what we have for food for the weekend:

FRIDAY – Chicken salad sandwiches – Bev

Cold cuts/cheese/bread – Kevin and Karen

Tuna Salad – Don and Diane Sheffer (new members)

Egg Salad - Carla

Cole Slaw – Brenda Belcher (new member)

3 Bean salad – Candice

Apple Salad - Becky

Desserts – Kerry and Karen, Tony and Patty, and Kevin and Karen

Chips and dip – Jack Morgan

That should be plenty for this day.

SATURDAY – Sloppy Joes/buns – Candice and Missy

Cole Slaw – Karen and Kerry

Salad – Tony and Patty

Desserts – Don and Diane, Dana, and Becky

Chips – Jack

We should be okay for food for Saturday also. We can use any leftovers from Friday also in case someone doesn't like sloppy joes.

THANK YOU ALL FOR HELPING OUT WITH THE FOOD!



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## ***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**

## TREASURER'S CORNER



In March,  
Income from rallies - \$1915.00  
Expenses - none

***Chuck Marshall, Treasurer***

The election of officers is in the near future. Everyone needs to be aware of what will happen if our club does not have people who are willing to step up and take over the responsibilities of our club's offices.

I am going to outline the duties of each office today but before that, I am here to let you know what will happen if we don't jump in and volunteer for these offices.

ALL CHAPTERS must maintain a minimum number of memberships in order to retain their accredited status. WE HAVE DONE THIS.

Just for your information, a chapter must maintain a minimum of 15 FMCA memberships. An Associate Chapter must maintain seven FMCA memberships.

In not, the chapter shall revert to an inactive chapter status. At this time, the National or Alternate National Director shall have no input in the proceedings of the Government board.

Chapters remaining inactive longer than two years shall no longer be considered an active chapter of FMCA and shall be dissolved.

### NOW TO THE IMMEDIATE NEED OF OUR CLUB

A Chapter (Club) must have the following offices who may serve a one or two-year term (Total four years).

President

One or more Vice Presidents

Secretary

Treasurer

National Director and may have an Alternate National Director.

At present, a Chapter may combine the Secretary and Treasurer,



A chapter other than associate, must maintain at least three (3) members holding the officer positions in that chapter. An FMCA member may hold no more than two-chapter offices simultaneously. A member may hold an office in two chapters.

#### Presidents Responsibilities:

1. A Chapter Officers Handbook is provided to each chapter.
2. Chapter meetings should be conducted in an orderly manner and be in accordance with the FMCA Constitution, FMCA Bylaws, FMCA Policies and Procedures, and Member Code of Ethics.
3. The chapter president is responsible for seeing that all of the duties and responsibilities of all of the other chapter officers are performed in a timely manner in accordance with FMCA's requirements.
4. The chapter president receives all Governing Board mailings to help keep the chapter informed on national FMCA activities.
5. The chapter president should see that all needed committees are duly elected or appointed.

#### Vice Presidents Responsibilities

The Chapter Vice President assists the President in his or her duties. If a vacancy occurs in the office of the President, the Vice President shall perform in accordance with FMCA Policies and Procedure #3018, Chapter President's Responsibilities.

#### Secretarys Responsibilities

1. For certification purposes, no later than December 31st of each year, the Secretary for each chapter and associate chapter shall furnish to the National Office of FMCA a list of its membership, a list of incumbent chapter officers, and certify that the chapter held the required meeting in the chapter's previous fiscal period. Additionally, the Secretary shall indicate whether the chapter will change its status:
2. Within thirty days of election, each Chapter Secretary shall furnish the National Office of FMCA a list of newly elected officers or change in status of chapter officers. This report shall include the addresses and telephone numbers of each person so elected.
3. Prior to each Governing Board meeting, the Chapter Secretary shall complete and return the Governing Board roll call sheet verifying the National Director, Alternate National Director, or Temporary Delegate for the chapter. (NOTE: Not applicable to associate chapters)
4. The Chapter Secretary may complete the Rally Calendar submission form if the chapter wants its rallies listed in the FMCA Events section of the appropriate issue of *Family RVing* magazine.
5. The Chapter Secretary is expected to keep a formal record -- usually called minutes -- of the proceedings of all meetings of the chapter's membership. This record shall be read and approved at the next meeting, unless said reading is waived by majority vote. A formal record of all meetings is to be kept available in the event a member of the chapter desires to read them.

Within 30 days of election, each chapter secretary shall furnish the national office of FMCA with a list of newly elected officers.

For certification purposes, each chapter secretary shall furnish to the national office of FMCA the required records for certification as cited in the FMCA Policies and Procedures.

### Treasurers Responsibilities

1. The chapter treasurer keeps accurate accounts of all chapter funds and renders reports on same at each business meeting of the chapter's membership.
2. The chapter treasurer disburses chapter funds only for authorized chapter purposes, and only in accordance with the chapter bylaws and/or standing rules.
3. The chapter treasurer is responsible for obtaining and maintaining the chapter EIN (Employer Identification Number).
4. The chapter treasurer is responsible for filing an electronic IRS form 990-N e-Postcard, which is required for all chapters with gross receipts under \$50,000. Chapters/Areas with more than \$50,000 in gross receipts should consult their tax advisor regarding their filing obligation.
5. The chapter treasurer should ensure that an annual audit of the chapter's financial books and records shall be undertaken and reported to the membership.

### National Directors Responsibilities

1. Each chapter shall elect a member as National Director to serve on the *Governing Board of FMCA* and may elect a member as *Alternate National Director* to serve on the *Governing Board* if the national director is unable or unwilling to serve.
2. The term of office of a newly elected national director or alternate national director begins after the national office receives written notice of said election and has verified that the person is qualified. The term extends for the period specified in the chapter bylaws, or until his or her successor is duly elected and qualified.
3. If a vacancy occurs in the office of the National director, the *Alternate National Director*, if one has been elected, shall immediately assume this office, and this shall be promptly reported in writing to the national office. If the incumbent alternate national director is unable to fill this vacancy, the chapter is to promptly elect (not appoint) a member to fill the vacancy in the office of national director and notify the national office.
4. If the National Director cannot attend the *Governing Board* meeting, the *Alternate National Director* may serve in his/her place. In the event that neither the National Director nor the *Alternate National Director* can attend, a member of that chapter may be elected as a temporary delegate to represent the chapter for the next *Governing Board* meeting only.

If an event occurs after the 21-day notice requirement has passed that prevents the National Director, *Alternate National Director*, or temporary delegate from attending the *Governing Board* meeting, the chapter president may appoint a member of the chapter as a temporary delegate to represent the chapter for the next *Governing Board* meeting only. Notice of the chapter president's appointment of a temporary delegate shall be received by *FMCA* at least seven working days prior to the *Governing Board* meeting to be valid. Notice must be in writing (fax or e-mail acceptable).

5. A chapter voting member of the *Governing Board* is entitled to represent only one chapter.

**I do hope this information helped you to see we need volunteers badly to fill the officers position.**



## SECRETARY'S CORNER

*Ready? Set? Go? Our Tri-State Rallies begin this April. I'm sure those of you who have been out of your recreational vehicles since November, are excited to go 'glamping.' Glamping may become an official word in Webster's Dictionary soon. Camping with an element of glamour. Never did I imagine years ago that my husband Jerry and I would spend winters in Florida living in a motor coach. This was our fourth winter spent in warmer weather and we stayed away from home one hundred days. It will be fun when we gather at TST rallies to share our winter experiences.*

*I would like to again show appreciation to the Kinnett's who hosted our Christmas party; and the Betz' and Rice' for organizing not one, but three, well-attended winter events in our Cincinnati hub area. Personally, seeing photos on Facebook kept the connection alive.*

*Unfortunately, we lost a fun loving Traveler, Joe White. For those who are not on Facebook, I posted on FB that I personally sent a donation from our group to the charity his wife requested in Joe's obituary. I would like for us to start a small Memorial Fund in our Treasury so we can send a donation to honor a member's life upon passing. Of course, this needs to be discussed at an official meeting. There may be reasons some feel this is not a good idea. Think about it. Whatever the majority rules, will be the hereafter.*

*My secretarial duties were light as usual from January through April. I did notify FMCA of a new member that joined us mid-March and our welcome email was sent. Kay Dunning, Membership, will give you more information about our new members.*

*Our TST Directory has had several changes from December to March 31<sup>st</sup> due to members being deleted and added. You should receive an email copy of our updated TST Directory soon. I plan to complete the revisions by March 31<sup>st</sup>, a couple of days after Jerry and I return home to Kentucky.*

*Well friends, I know we plan to attend 3 or more TST rallies this year and I hope you do too. I'm looking forward to seeing you soon. In the meantime, start your generators. We're rollin in 2024!*

**My generator quit!!!**

**But I'm still here folks.**



*Connie Baynum, Secretary*

## TRI-STATE TRAVELIERS 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#





## TRI-STATE TRAVELIERS 2025 NOMINATIONS

**\*PRESIDENT** \_\_\_\_\_

**\*1<sup>ST</sup> VP Activities** \_\_\_\_\_

**2<sup>ND</sup> VP Food** \_\_\_\_\_ **Optional**

**\*SECRETARY** \_\_\_\_\_

**\*TREASURER** \_\_\_\_\_

**\*NATIONAL DIRECTOR** \_\_\_\_\_

The 2<sup>nd</sup> VP position is optional and the Secretary/Treasurer can be combined. These positions need to be filled by Septembers Election to comply with FMCA'S regulations.

Please step up to help your Chapter. The deadline is June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

\*These positions need to be filled to remain a Chapter.



**RALLY REGISTRATION FORM**  
**NATURAL SPRINGS RV RESORT**  
**REGISTRATION DEADLINE APRIL 5<sup>TH</sup>**  
**APRIL 17<sup>TH</sup> – 20<sup>TH</sup> 2024**

Members Name \_\_\_\_\_ Co-Pilot \_\_\_\_\_  
 FMCA# \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_  
 Coach/Towable Make \_\_\_\_\_ Length \_\_\_\_\_ 50amp \_\_\_\_\_ 30amp \_\_\_\_\_  
 Slide Out? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ How Many? \_\_\_\_\_ Towing a Car? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_  
 Arrive: AM \_\_\_\_\_ PM \_\_\_\_\_

Please circle the day you will arrive and add your total payment below.

Wed, Thu, Fri & Sat Full Hook Up Sites \$50.00 per night \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Rally Fee (per person @ \$5.00) Count \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please Make Check Payable to: Tri-State Travelers

Please Mail Check and Completed Form To: Chuck Marshall  
 469 Bending Branch Lane  
 Miamisburg, Ohio 45342

Location Address: 500 S. Washington St., New Paris, Ohio 45347



## RALLY REGISTRATION FORM

### SAUDER VILLAGE

MAY 15<sup>TH</sup> – 19<sup>TH</sup>, 2024

To make your reservation please call  
(800)590-9755. The booking ID number is  
10204. We do have 1 handicap site reserved  
for anyone who may need it.

You pay the campground on your own.

Rally Fee (per person @ \$5.00)    Count \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please Make Check Payable to:    Tri-State Traveliers

Please Mail Check and Completed form to:

Chuck Marshall

469 Bending Branch Lane

Miamisburg, Ohio 45342

Location Address: 22611 OH-2 Archbold, OH 43502







**RALLY REGISTRATION FORM**  
**2 RIVERS CAMPGROUND**  
**REGISTRATION DEADLINE JULY 1<sup>ST</sup>**  
**JULY 10<sup>TH</sup>- 13<sup>TH</sup> 2024**

Members Name \_\_\_\_\_ Co-Pilot \_\_\_\_\_

FMCA# \_\_\_\_\_ Phone# \_\_\_\_\_

Coach/Towable Make \_\_\_\_\_ Length \_\_\_ 50amp \_\_\_ 30amp \_\_\_

Slide Out? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ How Many? \_\_\_ Towing a Car? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Arrive: AM \_\_\_\_\_ PM \_\_\_\_\_

Pull Through Site \_\_\_\_\_ Back In Site \_\_\_\_\_

Please circle the day you will arrive and add your total payment.

Wed, Thu, Fri & Sat Full Hook Ups \$45.00 per night \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Rally Fee (per person @ \$5.00) Count \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please Make Check payable to: Tri-State Travelers

Please Mail Check and Completed Form To: Chuck Marshall

469 Bending Branch Ln

Miamisburg, OH 45342

Location Address: 200 2<sup>nd</sup> St. Carrollton, KY 41008



**RALLY REGISTRATION FORM**  
**ARTILLERY RIDGE CAMPGROUND**  
**AUGUST 5<sup>TH</sup> -11<sup>TH</sup>, 2024**  
610 TANEYTOWN ROAD, GETTYSBURG, PA 17325  
WEBSITE: Artilleryridge.com

Members Name \_\_\_\_\_ Co-Pilot \_\_\_\_\_

HOSTS: Brenda & Larry Kinnett

November 1<sup>st</sup> 2023 was the deadline to reserve your spot. A deposit was required to reserve. You may try calling to see if any spots are open. The phone # is 717-334-1288. You can find the site map on their website. There is a 10% discount for the TST group, Military or Good Sam members.

Cancellation Policy: up to 10 days prior, you get all but \$15.00. After that you lose one nights deposit. Check in any time, check out at 1:00.

RALLY FEE (per person @ \$10.00)      Count\_\_\_\_      \$\_\_\_\_\_

Please Make Check Payable to: Tri-State Travelers  
Please Mail Check & Completed Form to: Chuck Marshall  
469 Bending Branch Lane  
Miamisburg, Ohio 45342

**October 9 - 11, 2024**

**RALLY REGISTRATION FORM**

**TIMBERCREST CAMP & RV PARK**

**YOU MUST CALL TO RESERVE YOUR SITE**

**330-893-2720**

**THIS IS LOCATED IN AMISH COUNTRY**

**HOSTED BY KEN LEWIS & TONY DELSORBO**

**ADDRESS: 5552 ST RT 515, MILLERSBURG**

**OHIO . 44654**

Rally Fee (per person @ &10.00)    Count\_\_\_\_\_ \$\_\_\_\_\_

Please Make Check Payable To:    Tri-State Traveliers

Please Mail Check & Completed Form To: Chuck Marshall

469 Bending Branch Ln

Miamisburg, OH 45342

**TO FIND INFORMATION ABOUT THIS RALLY, REFER TO KEN'S**

**EMAIL DATED 07/24/2023**



### Tri-State Traveliers 2024 Rally/Event Schedule

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





## **National Director:**

We enjoyed ourselves at Kreimer's Bier Haus and hope everyone had a fun time. We will miss our April rally but know everyone will enjoy themselves there.

Remember, we will not be going to the FMAC Rally in Washington State, and if anyone is planning to go and would like to represent TST, please let Cindy know. We will notify FMCA you are representing TST at the Rally. It is really an educating experience to see how FMCA organization works. Until next month, Safe Travels.

**Bob Tucker, National Director**

Get a baby gate they said, it'll  
keep them safe it said.... 🙄 😂



*A man asked me for a dollar. I told him I only carry big bills. He said, "Give me one of those." So, I gave him my electric bill.*



## EDITOR'S CORNER

About Nurses: Somebody asked: "you're a nurse?!?" That's cool, I wanted to do that when I was a kid. How much do you make? "The Nurse Replied: "HOW MUCH DO I Make?" I can make holding your hand seem like the most important thing in the world when you're scared. I can make your child breathe when they stop. .... I can help your father survive a heart attack. I can make myself get up at 5AM to make sure your mother has the medicine she needs to live. I work all day to save the lives of strangers. I make my family wait for dinner until I know your family member is taken care of. I make myself skip lunch so that I can make sure that everything I did for your wife today is charted. I make myself work weekends and holidays because people don't just get sick Monday through Friday. Today, I might save your life. How much do I make? All I know is, I make a difference.

Lois Tucker, Editor [lpt1@seidata.com](mailto:lpt1@seidata.com)



## MEMBERSHIP'S CORNER

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

<b>April Birthdays</b>	<b>April Anniversaries</b>
04/01 Michael Longanecker	04/12 Gary and Estelle Bush
04/06 Dave Honeyman	04/26 Kerry Clifton and Karen Gadzala
04/11 Vickie Smith	
04/16 Joseph Molter	
04/22 John Cole	
04/23 Janet Hansen	

**We have one new member.**

**Jeff and Brenda O'Connor from Indiana**

**Members are friends also!**

*Kay Dudding, Membership*



**Before you speak,  
let your words pass  
through three gates:**

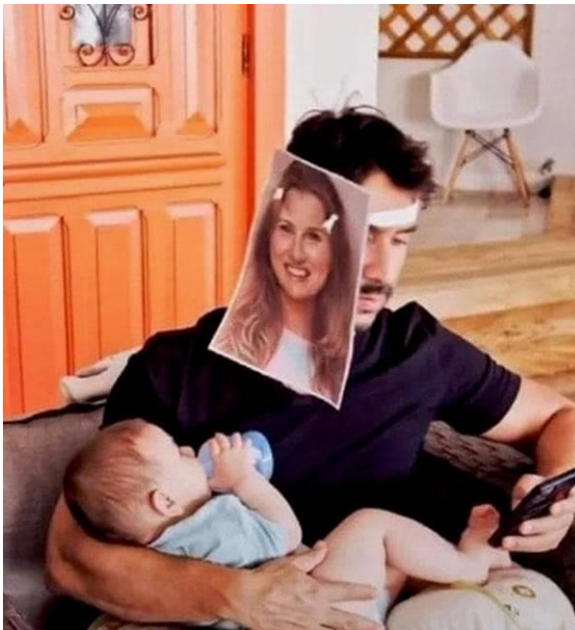
Is it true?

Is it necessary?

Is it kind?



Exercise is a dirty word. Every time I hear it,  
I wash my mouth out with chocolate.



Father feeding baby.



Jay-Walking Ticket.





# Messenger

Monthly Newsletter of  
Tri-State Travelers  
A Chapter of Family Motor Coach Association

March 2024  
Volume 24, Issue 4

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

Shirt A



Shirt B



Shirt C



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## ***Facts Can be just Facts at Times:***

The Noisy Drone of Airplanes At Amsterdam's Schiphol Airport Is Cleverly Controlled With?

A Large Public Park

Southwest of downtown Amsterdam there is a lovely 80-acre public park known as the Buitenschot Land Art Park. The most prominent feature of the park is the enormous trenches and ridges that create crisscrossing bike paths, frame sport fields, and otherwise give the park a distinct and interesting geometric appearance.

The park isn't art for the sake of art though (however cool the end result might be). The site was carefully selected and groomed by the Schiphol Group, the controlling interest behind the very busy Schiphol Airport that serves as a major transit hub in the region and averages 1,600 flights a day. Why invest the money in a massive public park when your primary business is air travel? Because the quieter you can keep your airport, the more planes you can pump through it without raising the ire of all the people living around the airport. The cleverly designed park is actually an enormous acoustic baffle that decreases the sound of low-drone engine noise by 50 percent, radically cutting down on the noise pollution generated by the airport.

What's even more fascinating is how they came up with the idea in the first place. The Schiphol Group brought in a team of researchers to study the airport and surrounding area to determine feasible noise mitigation solutions. The researchers found that in the fall, after farmers on the numerous farms in the area around the airport had harvested their crops and plowed their fields, the noise levels decreased significantly around the airport. Further study found that the ridged patterns across the plowed fields were acting as deflectors for the soundwaves and both absorbing and reflecting the sound up and away from the people on the ground.

Building on that finding, they commissioned a team of landscape artists and an artist to design a sprawling public park that featured enormous ridges to absorb and deflect the sound. The park proved to be quite a success and local residents not only got relief from the noise, but a beautiful outdoor space in the process.



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