

# February 2024 Wagon Tracks

Twentieth Century Wagontrainers, A Chapter of FMCA

2024 TCW Schedule						
Start Day	Dates	Rally Name	Location	Host	Co-host	Sponsor
Monday	March 18-22	Silver Palms	Silver Palms Re- sort, Okeechobee FL	Matt and Ellen Hoelzel	None	TCW
Thurs	April 25-28	Lancaster	Gordonville, PA (Country Acres Campground)	Lydia and Joe Veri	Mary and Bill Burdge	TCW
Thurs	June 6-9	Seaside #1	Seaside Heights, NJ (Bay Front Piers and Park)	Nick and Naomi Theisz	Frank Winter	TCW
Thurs	Septem- ber 5-8	Seaside #2	Seaside Heights, NJ (Bay Front Piers and Park)	Mary & Bill Burdge	Lydia & Joe Veri	TCW
Wednes- day	Sept 25- Oct 2	Pocono Rally	Long Pond, PA	Michael & Mary Ravert	Sue & Gary Cipa	Penn Coachman
Wednes- day	Oct 23-27	GEAR	Fletcher, NC (Western North Carolina Agricul- tural Center)	FMCA	FMCA	FMCA

Legend: ■ Too Late ■ Register Now, ■ Non-TCW Rally  Register Later

## TCW President's Letter

Matt Hoelzel

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Happy New Year all members, friends. Hoping everyone is where they want to be. February can be rough and cold. Ellen and I have made it south for the next few months. It may be warmer, and no rallies yet, but still been doing "stuff."

Your executive board voted unanimously to build a new website with a new domain name. Dennis Lawyer has been working with FMCA to have our new website look professional and efficient. The cost will be \$500. The FMCA has agreed to put the \$125 that is normally used to help with recruiting new members towards the cost of the website. I had spoken to FMCA reps and let them know that I felt a new website, that was more professional, was needed and would help with bringing in new members. Many people want to see a website before actually

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becoming members. Dennis will speak more about it. I have also been involved with a few zoom meetings with members of the Eastern Area regarding recruitment fairs and the Eastern Area rally. Plans are in the works already for Oct 23rd to Oct 27th, 2024 near Asheville NC. I have been to this rally a few times and have had great times. Hope others join me this year.

Rallies will be starting before you know it. March 18 to 22, 2024 starts it off with the rally Ellen and I are hosting at Silver Palms RV Resort in Okeechobee Fl. Negotiated a great price again at \$75/night. Make those reservations NOW. We have Lancaster, PA and Seaside Heights, NJ in the schedule again for 2024. Have spoken to Joe Warner of the Jersey Gems and I have invited this group to join us for Seaside Heights. The Jersey Gems, like us, and many other chapters, have challenges with hosts volunteering to run the rallies. TCW is now hosting the June rally at Seaside, previously hosted by Jersey Gems. Joe Warner will have the June rally put on his schedule. I am hoping many members from Jersey Gems register and enjoy this rally again with us. Penn Coachmen have invited us to the Pocono Raceway Rally for Sept 25 to Oct 2nd. There will be full hookups. We park where the Nascar drivers park with their coaches. For more information, log into FMCA and go to chapters and click on Penn Coachmen and see their schedule and write up for this rally. ([Pocono – Penn Coachmen](#)) Many other chapters will be attending this rally. Promises to be a big showing.

Our rally master is asking for hosts/co-hosts to step up and book some additional rallies. Anyone live in New Jersey? Simply get in touch with a campground in your area and see if they are interested in a chapter supporting their campground. If yes, let Rich or me know. Along with the Eastern Area rally, the NE Area rally is happening in NY. I know many TCW members attend that rally. If anyone is willing to put just 2 hours into representing TCW at the Chapter Fair, let me know. I will get the information needed to you to promote our chapter. I will be promoting TCW at the Eastern Area rally at their chapter fair.

One more item. Your executive board includes a National Director. I want to thank Nick Thiesz for volunteering for that position. According to by-laws, if a chapter is without a National Director and President, a chapter is not certified. With that being said, Nick had volunteered for too many board positions according to FMCA. Hence he had to step down from the National Director position. Our alternate Director, Charlotte Lawyer then automatically becomes National Director. I did speak with Charlotte, and she was very willing to step into that position. That position is very important to our chapter as it is our connection to the FMCA corporation and Charlotte is our voice for votes that affect our chapter for decisions that FMCA may make. Thank you Charlotte. I also want to thank all those that were voted into positions on the Executive Board at our business meeting in Sept., 2023 and are willing to volunteer their time to keep all that needs to get done, to keep TCW going and certified. So until the next time we are together, remember, Be safe and.....

It's All About Fun, Matt Hoelzel (President-TCW)

#### **VP Rallies Message**

**Rich Russo**

It's cold and rainy today but it's time to plan for the 2024 rally season.

We have a few rallies planned but not enough. At this point we have the following events.

Lancaster hosted by Lydia and Joe Veri and Co-Host Bill and Mary Burge.

Seaside in June hosted by Nick and Naomi Theisz. Co-host is Frank Winter.

Seaside in September hosted by Bill and Mary Burge. Co-host is Lydia and Joe Veri.

We lost Miller due to the cost increase to \$500 and too low attendance to justify it, but I'm going to try to get the cost lowered. I contacted the commissioner in charge of the park and they won't lower the price. My personal opinion is that the cost is not worth what we get. Last year we only had 7 coaches.

Matt was going to organize a holiday luncheon but there weren't enough people signed up so it was cancelled. I think we should have it the Saturday after Thanksgiving like in the past. We need someone to find a location, preferably in central Jersey.

I was going to look into Cowtown, but it's a two hour drive and I haven't done it yet. It would be great if someone would do a rally in Cape May or anywhere we haven't been to. We need more involvement by the members if we want to survive as one of the oldest chapters in FMCA.

I'm looking forward to the coming year and I hope everyone has a good and safe winter.

## Sunshine VP Report and Other News

Helen Caserta

Hope everyone had a great holiday season, now let's hope for a great spring.

In December I sent a get well card to Bob Pittenger who was in the hospital. From what I see on the media, he's now home and on the road to recovery. I also sent two sympathy cards. One to Mo Magliocchino upon hearing of Pat's passing. Almost the same day I got an email from Hy Solof's daughter that he'd passed - at the ripe age of 102!

Thanks folks for keeping me in the loop. You know you can reach me via email or phone.

## Country Acres Campground Rally, 20 Leven Road, Gordonville, PA 17529 866-675-4745

We have reserved 10 sites for the Lancaster rally. Rally dates are Thursday April 25th - April 28th, however, you may choose to arrive earlier and/or stay later. Please contact the campground by March 15 to reserve a site. There is a fee to reserve the site of \$60.30. Balance due when you arrive. If there are no more sites available the campground will put you on a waiting list. Tell them you're with TCW and they will try to put you close by. Please call Lydia when you register.



### THURSDAY

3:30PM - Happy Hour. Please bring your own beverage and a light snack to share.

This is a good night to go out to dinner as there are many fine restaurants in the area.

### FRIDAY

5:30PM - BBQ Dinner with sides. Feel Free to bring a dessert

### SATURDAY

8:30 AM – French Toast and Sausage

5:30PM - Covered Dish. (Pot Luck)

### SUNDAY

Continental Breakfast at 8:30. Regular Coffee will be served, please bring your own cups. Checkout is 2 PM

There will be a fee for the cost of the food.

Directions from New Jersey: Take I 276 NJ Tpke West. Take Exit 326 for I-76 E toward Valley Forge/US 202/I-476/Philadelphia.

Continue onto I-76 E. Take Exit 328 A for US-202 S/US-422 W/ Swedesford Rd toward W Chester/Pottstown.

Keep left at the fork, follow signs for US 202 S. Merge onto US 202 S.

Take US-30 W exit toward Downingtown/Coatesville. Continue onto U.S. 30 W. Follow US 30 W.



Turn right onto Leven Rd. Slight left to stay on Leven Rd.

For landmarks from Route 30 the turn onto Leven Rd. is less than 1 mile from the Revere Tavern. While traveling on Rte. 30 you'll pass the Revere Tavern. **Address is 20 Leven Rd., Gordonville, PA 17529.** If you see Motel 6, you've gone too far.

**Seaside Sunset Beach Rally #1**

June 6-9, 2024

Seaside Bay Beach, Seaside Heights, NJ

Host Nick & Naomi Theisz

Co-host Frank Winter

We are happy to INVITE YOU to join the TCW chapter at our June rally at SUNSET Beach in Seaside Heights, NJ.

Our rally will begin on Thursday after 9:00AM.

There are many things to do and see in the area during the day.

THURSDAY. We will have a pizza dinner followed by a campfire.

FRIDAY, breakfast will be quiches and bagels. Bring your own coffee. Dinner is spaghetti and meat balls

SATURDAY Pancake and fixings. Dinner Chinese assorted entrees



SUNDAY BREAKFAST. BAGELS AND DONUTS HAVE A GOOD TRIP HOME

PLEASE SEND REGISTRATION TO  
NICK THEISZ

Estimated cost is \$75.00 please remit check payable to TCW

Call Nick if any questions.

This is dry camping so arrive with empty holding tanks and full water tank. Generator stacks are required!

If you want to park together then please arrive together.

If you need to run your generator outside the 7AM-11 PM hours let me know and we'll park you away from others

**Register by May 23.**

DIRECTIONS: Garden State Parkway Exit 82 – Route 37 East. Follow Route 37 East all the way over the bay bridge. Once over the bridge, follow Route 35 North for Seaside Heights. On your left you will see the RV's parked in the lot. Get in the left lane and make a legal U-turn across from the Acme Supermarket. (N39°56.814, W74°4.731)



**Treasurer's Report**

**Nick Theisz**

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**June Seaside Registration Form:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ St: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ FMCA# \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Coach Length: \_\_\_\_\_ # Slides \_\_\_\_\_

Is this your first TCW Rally? \_\_\_\_\_ Y/N Do you need Handicap Parking? \_\_\_\_\_ Y/N

Total # of people in RV \_\_\_\_\_

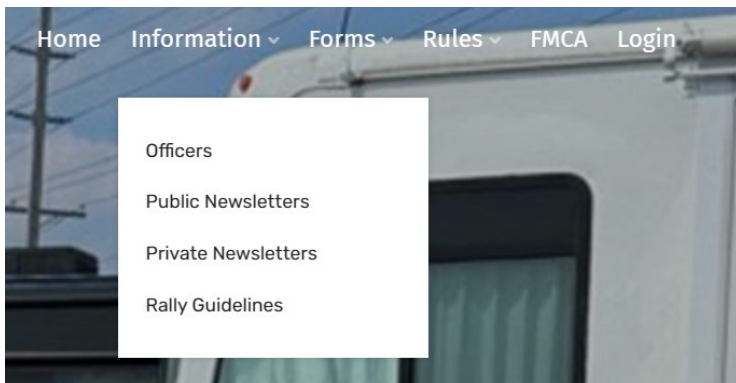
Do you need 24 hour generator? \_\_\_\_\_  
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Some exciting news about the new TCW website. Matt discussed it in his message. I expect that it will go live around March 25th. The URL will be tcw-fmca.org.

Here is a screen shot of how it will look:



Here are some menu options:



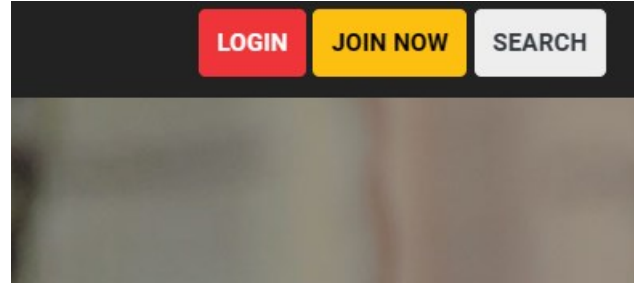
This will be just the start of the website. One of the great things about this website is that it will work within the FMCA system and use your profile in FMCA. We will have a "members only" section. This will allow me to place the full newsletter on the website. Only TCW members will have access to this site. Future additions could include our membership list and contact information. We even could create a membership list with pictures of members and have something like what Karen and Jack published, but keep it current on-line.

I recommend everyone to go to your FMCA profile (Each person has their own profile) and check to see if your profile is accurate. The important thing is to ensure you have a user name and password and that you are listed as being a TCW member.

To do this, go to FMCA.com.

In the upper right hand corner click the red log in :

Then add your user ID and password



### Sign In

Username

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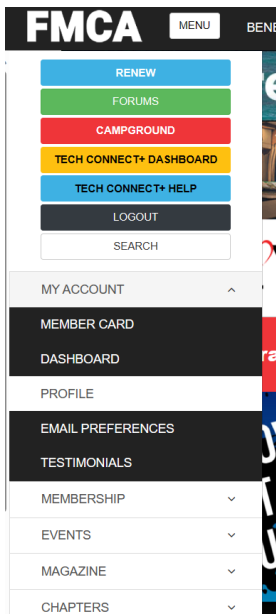
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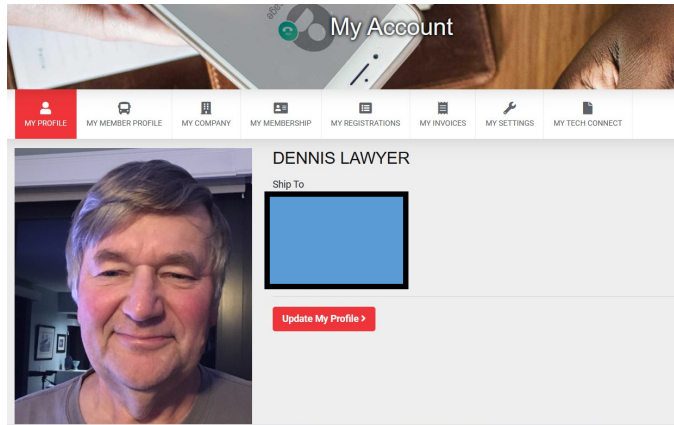
Keep me signed in if I close the browser

Sign In

Then click sign in



In the upper left, click Menu, My account, then Profile.

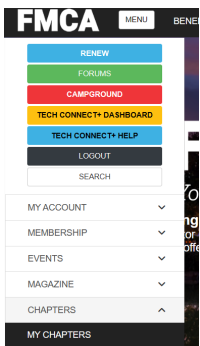


Here is where you can update your profile and add a picture. I see that I need to update my telephone number!

There is also a lot of other information about your membership in the top menu.

Now please check to see you are listed as a TCW member.

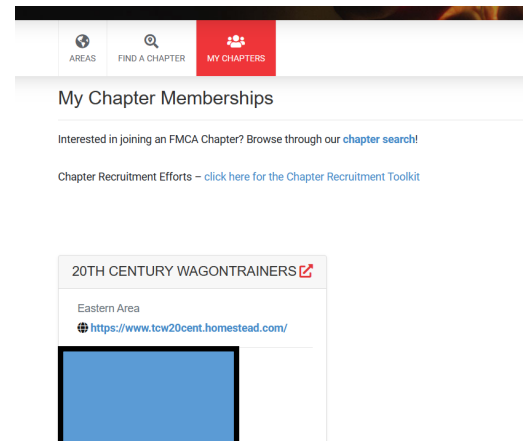
Go back to FMCA.com. Click menu, chapters, my chapters.



Make sure it lists 20th Century Wagontrainers. If it does not, email me at [yorklawyer@comcast.net](mailto:yorklawyer@comcast.net) and I will start a list of people to correct. Please give me your name and FMCA number.

I am looking forward to this new website and I hope you are also. Keeping your information current on FMCA will help.

If you have ideas on what you would like to see on the website email me at [yorklawyer@comcast.net](mailto:yorklawyer@comcast.net).



**Silver Palms RV Resort Okeechobee FL March 18 to March 22, 2023 (Registration Deadline Extended to February 28!)**

<https://www.silverpalmsrv.com/> 4143 Highway 441S Okeechobee Fl 34974

(Take Rt 70 to Okeechobee and turn south on Rt 441, then right onto a feeder road just before McDonald's to Silver Palms entrance).

The winter snow bird season is coming to an end so why not start the 2024 rally season a bit early for those that are in FL. Or even those who want to travel south. Join Ellen and I at Silver Palms RV Resort. It is only a 1/2 mile from Lake Okeechobee. The resort is full of amenities starting with E/W/S. They have a beautiful pool that can be enjoyed while listening to music from a band or having lunch from the kitchen at the pool. Walk around on the black top roads and enjoy the beautiful landscaping of the resort and all the sites before heading north. If you like to stay busy, we have cornhole, shuffle board, horseshoes, organized card games, and a billiard room.

The menu is not put together yet, but we are looking at happy hours and ice cream social. Cost is #75/night. It is regularly \$105, so I was able to negotiate a decent discount considering it is prime time. Cost for meals will be forth coming. Be prepared, for some, the resort will ask how old your coach is. If over 10yrs old, they may ask for a picture of the coach to verify it is presentable, which I don't think anyone in the chapter should have a challenge with.



PLEASE call the resort at 888-323-4967 to make your reservation and pay for the number of nights you will be staying. Absolutely mention you are with 20th Century Wagontrainers so you will be placed in the correct area of the resort, BEFORE February 28, 2024. I have 6 sites, not

counting mine, reserved. If we have over 6, I will talk to the resort and attempt to get more. After making the reservation,

please call me, the host, at (Matt) to let me know that you are attending. Again please reserve before February 28th. See y'all soon.

**TCW Badges**

To order TCW badges, you need to call Debbie of Lasered Effects at 732-377-9344 to order them. They are \$18 each. Shipping is extra and Debbie will determine the cost on shipping after getting your mailing address.

The company name is Lasered Effects, LLC 15 Hastings Court, Bridgewater, NJ 08807.

You need your name, hometown, state, and your FMCA number on your badge.



## 20th Century Wagontrainers, Chapter of FMCA

### Membership Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ FMCA #: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Apt. \_\_\_\_\_  
City/Town: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone (    ) \_\_\_\_\_  
Cell Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ His    Cell Phone: (    ) \_\_\_\_\_ Hers  
E-Mail address(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
Year First Joined TCW Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_  
Motorhome Information: Manufacturer: \_\_\_\_\_  
Model: \_\_\_\_\_  
Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Length in Feet: \_\_\_\_\_ No. of Slideouts: \_\_\_\_\_

The above info will be included in our annual membership directory sent to members only.

Are you an FMCA member? Yes No

Only those who are FMCA members in good standing may belong to this chapter.

TCW welcomes all FMCA members who own a self contained wheeled vehicle that includes permanently installed cooking, sleeping, and sanitary facilities.

Dues are \$15.00\* per year

If you are sending your dues, please attach your check payable to: Twentieth Century Wagontrainers.

If you are an existing member, please enter your F number and any changes you would like made to your membership information

Mail to:

Nick Theisz

74 Salem Rd.

Township of Washington, NJ 07676-4529

Questions? Contact: Debby Osborn, Membership VP. Phone 609-802-2480 .

Email: debbyosborn@yahoo.com