

July 2024 Wagon Tracks

Twentieth Century Wagontrainers, A Chapter of FMCA

2024 TCW Schedule						
Start Day	Dates	Rally Name	Location	Host	Co-host	Sponsor
Thurs	September 5-8	Seaside #2	Seaside Heights, NJ (Bay Front Piers and Park)	Mary & Bill Burdge	Lydia & Joe Veri	TCW
Wednesday	Sept 25-Oct 2	Pocono Rally	Long Pond, PA	Michael & Mary Ravert	Sue & Gary Cipa	Penn Coachman
Wednesday	Oct 23-27	GEAR	Fletcher, NC (Western North Carolina Agricultural Center)	FMCA	FMCA	FMCA
			2025 Rallies			
Thursday	April 24-27, 2025	Lancaster (See Page 6 for Registration Details)	White Oak Campground, Quarryville, PA	Mary and Bill Burdge	Lydia & Joe Veri	TCW
Monday	May 5-8, 2025	Brewery Rally	Readington Brewery and Hop Farm, Neshanic Station, NJ	Matt and Ellen Hoelzel	Co-host needed	TCW, KFBO, Jersey Gems

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

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TCW President's Letter

Matt Hoelzel

Hello everyone, how y'all doing? It was just a few short weeks, that so many TCW members enjoyed the Jersey Shore, sunsets, and fellowship with other FMCA chapters. The Jersey Gems and Knot For Busses Only participated also. Thank you Jersey Gems for supplying coffee every morning. Thank you Lydia V from KFBO and TCW for all your help. Our host, the Theisz's and F. Winter was our co-host. Food was great and all the work was much appreciated.

Our next rally on the schedule is GEAR. It will take place Oct 23-27, 2024. The place is a fairground in Fletcher NC. That is in the area of the Biltmore Hotel. I will be volunteering with the parking committee for GEAR. Get your reservations in. As a side note, bring extra leveling blocks, extension cords and extra water hoses if you are at-

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tending, they may be needed. Ellen and I will also be working the Chapter Fair. Stop by and say hello and bring a friend. Always promoting and welcoming new members.

I am sure our Rally Master, Rich Russo, would love to hear from anyone that a host has found a location for the Holiday rally/luncheon sometime in November. I know Rich would be happy to hear of some new hosts and even new locations to have a rally. Call Rich. I have found a new place in Neshanic Station NJ, just off of Rt 202 called the "Readington Brewery and Hop Farm". I am hosting a rally May 5-8, 2025, a Monday to Thurs (something new for TCW). Look for a write up in a future newsletter. This will be a team effort with Jersey Gems and KFBO joining us.

Ellen and I spent a few days in Cape May, "checking out," a campground called "Spacious Skys". Many of you are familiar with it. It used to be known as "Holly Shores". It has been cleaned up, trees trimmed, and is a nice place. Has a pavilion so indoor get togethers can happen away from the weather elements. The reason I spent the time there is that for many years, TCW had rallies there and it could be a great place for our 60th Anniversary Rally. Negotiating rates now for 2026. There was also discussion about Miller Air Park for the anniversary location. Again, looking at a Monday to Thurs rally to keep rates down.

I unfortunately have to mention some sad news. A long time TCW member, Gerry Dowgin, has passed away. From Ellen and I and our TCW family, I want to express our deepest condolences to his wife Karin and their families. Though they have just recently gotten out of rv'ing, they were very active members. Gerry will be missed.

Until we see y'all again, remember,

It is All About Fun,

Matt Hoelzel (President-TCW)

Rally VP Message

Rich Russo

The only rally remaining is Seaside in September, unless someone arranges a holiday lunch. We usually have it the Saturday after Thanksgiving somewhere in Central Jersey.

Looking forward to next year, we need people to step up and host and co-host rallies. We need host and co-host for both Seaside rallies and we need to look at some more events.

Sunshine VP Report and Other News

Helen Caserta

Greetings from Birchwood, Tennessee. John and I moved into our home here a couple weeks ago and just love it.

Sunshine News

In May, George Hicks had a knee replacement. I heard he is doing well and will hopefully be back to TCW rallies soon. On June 1st, I was advised that Gerry Dowgin was quite ill and sent a get well card. Beginning of July Karin posted on facebook that he had passed. Sincere condolences to Karin and her family.

Anyone hearing of a member (or former member) being in need of some "sunshine", please let me know and I will get a card out to them. My email is Louie158@gmail.com.



Newsletter Editor/Webmaster Comments

Dennis Lawyer yorklawyer@comcast.net

I hope you all have had a chance to look at the new TCW Website www.tcw-fmca.org. Please email me your comments and suggestions that will make the website something that you will use. I expect to publish the next newsletter in early November.

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National Director News

Charlotte Lawyer

I will not be able to attend the FMCA's International Convention in Redmond, Oregon, August 14-17 due to previous commitments made before being elected as Alternate National Director, and then appointed as National Director. If you are attending the Convention in Redmond, Oregon, and you would be willing to serve as TCW National Director, please email Charlottelawyer@comcast.net.

TCW Business Meeting Lancaster, PA

April 27, 2024

President Matt Hoelzel called the meeting to order at 9:45 AM

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence for members who passed: Pat Magliocchino, Richard Newman, and Jack Peters.

Secretary's Report: (Mary Burdge) The minutes from the last business meeting held Lancaster, PA on April 29, 2023 were published in the November 2023 edition of the TCW Wagon Tracks. There were no corrections and/or additions to be made and all were in favor of accepting the minutes as reported.

Sunshine Report : (Helen Caserta) A Get Well card was sent to Bob Pittenger.

Treasurer's Report: (Nick Theisz) There is a balance of \$6824.74 in the treasury.

Membership Report: We have 33 members. Welcome to new members Hank and Judie Blatt.

Unfinished Business: Matt suggested that hosts or co-hosts post rallies on the FMCA website. Notify Tim Kepplar, the webmaster @ FMCA to list rallies.

New Business

Matt thanked Dennis Lawyer for his time in putting together the new website. Matt had asked for and received \$100 from FMCA to help defray the cost of setting up this website. The newsletter will be posted in the members only section and only TCW members will have access. Dennis recommended that everyone go to their profile and check for accuracy. The URL is tcw-fmca.org.

Matt suggested that TCW donate \$75.00 to the Jersey Gems for their 25th Anniversary. A discussion followed and everyone agreed that due to declining membership in most clubs and fewer rallies being held it would be beneficial to foster relationships with other clubs and combine rallies.

Next year's rally in Lancaster will be April 24-27, 2025. We asked Kathy at Country Acres if we could have a later date as April has been cold for the past couple of years, however, she said that they are booked solid for May. It was suggested that we try to find a venue with a building so that we could have meals and activities indoors in the event of inclement weather.

The eastern area rally (GEAR) is 10/23/24- 10/27/24, 2024 in Fletcher NC. The 2025 rally may be held in Myrtle Beach, SC.

The Northeast Area rally is July 10-13, 2024 in Herkimer County Fairgrounds, Frankfort, NY.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting and all were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 AM.

Respectively submitted by Mary Burdge, Secretary

Seaside Sunset Beach Rally #2

September 5-8 2024
Bayfront Piers Park
Seaside, NJ
Host: Mary and Bill Burdge
Co-host- Lydia and Joe Veri

The rally begins on Thursday after 9 AM
Thursday
4 PM Welcome Party. We'll be serving wine and light appetizers

Friday
9 AM- Bagel breakfast
3 PM- Informal Happy Hour on the bay. Bring something light to share and a beverage.
6 PM- Pizza and Caesar Salad

Saturday
9 AM- Stewart's breakfast sandwiches
3 PM- Informal Happy Hour. Bring something to share and a beverage.
6 PM- Dinner- Chicken Piccata, Penne Vodka, Garden Salad and Bread

Sunday
9 AM- Breakfast- ObCos Donuts

Notes:
Generator stacks required.
If you wish to park together, please arrive together.
If you have any questions, call Mary at 732-239-4830

Please send registration to:
Lydia Veri

Cost is \$85.00. Please remit check payable to TCW.

Directions: Garden State Parkway Exit 82- Rt 37 East. Follow Rt 37 E over the bay bridge. Once over the bridge, follow Rt 35 North to Seaside Heights. You will see RVs parked in the lot on the left. Get in the left lane and make a legal U-turn across from the Acme Supermarket.

Registration is on the next page



Silver Palms Wrap UP

March 18-22

Silver Palms RV Resort is a beautiful campground to enjoy a few days, weeks, or months. For the second year, Ellen and I hosted



a rally where we spend the winter. Again two couples joined us. Among the palm trees and sunny days, Dennis and Charlotte Lawyer as well as

Tom and Carol Horner enjoyed the Monday to Thursday get together.

Meals prepared by Ellen on the new Blackstone grill had mouths watering for breakfast and dinner. Lasagna and meatballs were a surprise meal. So Ellen



breakfast filled our stomachs and dinner one night was enjoyed the time spent with members/friends. We had plenty of time at the pool and under the tiki with a few drinks. Looking forward to doing it again for 2025.

was not cooking all meals, rips to the restaurant at the Okeechobee Airport for



Wrap-Up TCW Rally-Lancaster, PA

April 25, 2024 - April 28, 2024

We had a great turnout with ten coaches (21 people) - Marissa and George Hicks, Lydia and Joe Veri, Wendy and Steve Acropolis, Mary and Bill Burdge, Eileen and Bob Tittle, Matt and Ellen Hoelzel, Helen Caserta/ John Reynolds, Owen and Barbara Tidwell and their son, Barry, Mike and Anna Zamorski, and guests Hank and Judie Blatt.



Due to very cold weather, our bonfire at Lydia's and Joe's site burned almost continually. The early risers would start the fire by 7AM and it burned until we all turned in for the night. A big "Thanks" to everyone who contributed firewood and kept the fire burning.

Thursday afternoon started with a Happy Hour with light snacks then many of us went out for dinner. There's never a shortage of great restaurants in the area.

Friday evening, we enjoyed a BBQ dinner (brisket) with sides from a local restaurant. A very enjoyable evening was spent sitting around the campfire. Some of us played

Rummikub- a new game to some and a lot of fun.

Saturday morning, Lydia made a delicious breakfast with French Toast and sausage. Our annual business meeting followed as we all sat close to the fire.

Sunday morning, we had a Continental breakfast and said our "good-byes" till we meet again.

Seaside Rally Report

We had 19 coaches show up from TCW, Not for Busses and Jersey Gems. We had some great times hanging out with some good food. We had quiche, waffles, bagels and donuts for breakfast. For dinner we had pizza, spaghetti and Chinese. Everyone enjoyed themselves and had plenty to eat. We had a few impromptu happy hours in the afternoons enjoyed by all.





Did you know there was an impromptu TCW Outing in Calgary, Alberta?

Rich and Debby Osborn and Dennis and Charlotte Lawyer joined a Fantasy Tour Rally in Calgary to attend the Calgary Stampede! A few days before the rally, while doing some club business, we discovered that we were attending the same rally.

Here are some picture we took.



While attending the Rodeo



Breakfast at the Calgary Skytower



During the opening Parade

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

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.