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**October 2011 President's Message**

Sometimes I just sit on my patio and think. People go by and believe I'm sleeping, which I do admit to on occasion, but sometimes I'm just lost in thought. Today, I'm sitting and thinking how lucky I am to be alive given my deplorable condition; how wonderful it is to be at Penn Wood surrounded by the beautiful

colors of early Fall. We'll likely have our last campfire tonight and in a couple days be headed to Florida. Oh, the joys of retirement!

The 2011 camping season ended on a high note with the Fall Colors Forum Rally. A record turnout was treated to great food, lively Happy Hours, superb weather, fun activities, and good friends – old and new. This 3<sup>rd</sup> edition of the PWCA rally was again ably hosted by the Deitrich's, Fagan's, and Smithley's. With several members and visitors pitching in, the Fall Colors Forum Rally was a definite success.

The coming months will be filled with several holidays: Halloween, Thanksgiving, Hanukkah, Christmas, Kwanza, New Years; and the one that deserves a little extra attention - Veterans Day, 11-11-11. Every generation has its war. Mine is Vietnam. The above photo is the traveling Vietnam Memorial. I've been to the real Memorial in Washington, DC, and it was a very emotional experience to find the years when, except for the hand of fate, my name could have been on that wall. As I put my fingers on the names of soldiers who gave their lives for all of us, I wondered what dreams they had, who they would have been today, how they might have left a mark on our world. As is often said, Freedom Is Not Free. With thousands of our military men and women putting their lives on the line all over the globe, this Veterans Day we should give more than just a few minutes pause. ALL day we need to remember those who have served to give us the freedom we hold dear.

If you haven't renewed your membership yet, please do so today. Send your check and the coupon from this issue of *The Itchy Hitch* to John Coldren. Then you can plan your traveling adventures for 2012. Where ever you are this Winter, please travel safely, stay healthy, and do at least one thing for the very first time. Come to the May rally and tell us all about it.

Keep those wheels rolling and we'll.....*see ya down the road.*

**Ron**

## campground corner

Another season has passed; the campground has been put to rest with a lot of help from so many people. This past season has been a busy one with many visitors enjoying the camp and several new leasees. It has given us all the opportunity to make new friend as we gather for Happy Hour and of course the Rallies have been super with very good to excellent attendance. The food, Oh the food, has been served up by excellent chefs and what a variety. Every host and helpers did an excellent job of feeding rather large groups. The Fall Colors Rally which has taken the place of the Autumn Leaf Rally was a big hit. There were over 100 people attending from many parts of the country. Carl and Elaine Deitrich planned the event with the help of Dave and Rory Fagan and Scott and Erin Smithley.

Many people volunteered to help with the rally which made it a real success. Just imagine over 100 people sitting down for a pot luck dinner in our pavilion. It was a sight to behold. The Pig Roast, Buddy Rally hosted by Ron and Jan Mapley held in August was also a success with many Al mon o members joining in the fun.

We were sorry to see Wes and Carol leave camp after so many years but they felt it was time to give up their trailer. Fortunately, their son and daughter in law have decided to join the unit and campground so, we will still see the Winkles here. Hopefully Wes and Carol will stop in to say hello and reminisce about some of the old time gatherings as only Carol can tell them. We are looking forward to another good 2012 season with some new leasees, returning leasees, and a few groups coming in to hold their rallies at Penn Wood Campground. Leslie and I wish you all a pleasant winter and a happy holiday season.

Ken Williams

## Special Note:

To all lease holders,

**All water was shut off this year including the outside spigot at the pump house.** Next year we hope to be able to have the outside spigot on for those of you who like to be there over the winter months. Sorry for any inconvenience it may cause you.

Ken Williams

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### Best Wishes to Our Members

<b>Anniversaries</b>	<b>Dates</b>
Victor & Joyce Picardi	December 17
John & Shirley Krahn	December 27
Dennis & Kathleen Fritz	January 2
Dave & Lori Martin	January 17

### Birthday Date    Birthday Date    Birthday Date    Birthday Date

Jim Rooks	Dec 2	Elaine Dietrich	Dec 29	Eleanor Winterburn	Jan 7	Darlene Van Horn	Jan 26
Howard Hays	Dec 6	Carol Winkle	Dec 31	J.R. Freeman	Jan 8	Sandra Johnjulio	Jan 27
Jan Maple	Dec 8	Don Perry	Jan 1	Ron Mapley	Jan 22		
Robert Winkle	Dec 13	Audrey Speirs	Jan 7	Erin Smithley	Jan 26		



## Veterans Day Trivia:

Veteran's Day is here, so test your knowledge of the November 11 holiday with some historical trivia:

1. Veteran's Day honors \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. Those who have died in war
  - B. Those who have survived war
  - C. All who have served in the U.S. armed forces during times of peace and war
  - D. None of the above
  
2. World War I ended on November 11 at 11:11 am in \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. 1918    C. 1938
  - B. 1921    D. 1954
  
3. Veteran's Day is observed in other countries as \_\_\_\_\_ Day.
  - A. Remembrance
  - B. Armistice
  - C. Veteran's
  - D. Both A & B
  
4. In \_\_\_\_\_, Congress changed the holiday Armistice Day to Veteran's Day to honor those who served in World War II and the Korean War.  
(Answers next page)
  - A. 1954
  - B. 1950
  - C. 1957
  - D. 1952



Childhood memories, made during the fun filled days at Penn Wood, will help “grow” the next generation of Airstreamers.....

### **ODDS and ENDS:**

Just a reminder for all of you to put on your thinking caps and give Ken Williams ideas of WHAT should be done with the cottage, preferably before it falls apart. I want to thank all of you for the wonderful season. Send me anything you’d like to share for the next Itchy Hitch. Safe travels to all.

Answers to Trivia: 1. C, 2. A, 3. D, 4. A (The war to end all wars),

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### **YUMMIES TO SHARE.....**

**Peanut Butter Pie** (Special thanks to Missi for bringing it to the Autumn Rally and to Leslie for sending it to share.)

8 oz. Cream cheese

3/4 cup powdered sugar

1/2 cup peanut butter (I use creamy Jif)

2 T milk

8 oz. Cool whip

Chocolate pie crust (Oreo)

Mix first two ingredients until fluffy, Add second two ingredients until smooth

Fold in cool whip, Pour into crust, Chill 5-6 hours in fridge or freeze for 2 hours.

Well friends, I now know why Ron had the biggest smile on his face the day Denny volunteered me (which really means 'us') to take over the production of the "Itchy Hitch." Ron assures me that after the third or fourth edition, it won't be so torturous. (And that is being polite.) This first edition will be a little shorter than normal, since we just found out it has to be no more than 10 MB to send via email (our first edition was 30MB, too many photos), but we will be up to speed soon.

"We" apologize for it being a little late, and are planning to start very early for the next edition. Perhaps tomorrow wouldn't be too soon.

For those on the road, we wish you safe and happy travels. For those who are sticking close to PA as we are, keep your shovels handy and the salt at the door. Keep us posted of any news you want to share. Kathy and Denny Fritz

## Autumn Leaf Rally 2011



## IMPORTANT MESSAGE

Time is running out for renewing your membership in the WBCCI International, Pennsylvania Unit, and Penn Wood Airstream Park. The deadline to be listed in the International Directory is *November 10, 2010*. If not paid by *December 31, 2010*, membership is terminated. Please send your renewal to John Coldren, 103 York Ave., Towanda, PA 18848.

### MEMBERSHIP DUES PENNSYLVANIA UNIT/# 091

WBCCI MEMBERSHIP #/YEAR  
No. \_\_\_\_\_/2012

If you are transferring from another unit,  
enter former unit name and # here \_\_\_\_\_

#### STATUS

#### MEMBERSHIP

Life member Yes / No \_\_\_\_\_  
New member Yes / No \_\_\_\_\_  
Renewal Yes / No \_\_\_\_\_  
Transfer Yes / No \_\_\_\_\_

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

2<sup>nd</sup> PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdays \_\_\_\_\_ Anniversary \_\_\_\_\_

(If you have not already submitted this information)

Make check payable to: **PA Unit W.B.C.C.I.**

2012 dues must be paid by December 31, 2011.

#### DUES:.

International \$65

PA Unit \$15

Penn Wood \$15

Affiliate \$15

Alumni \$10

Total Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_