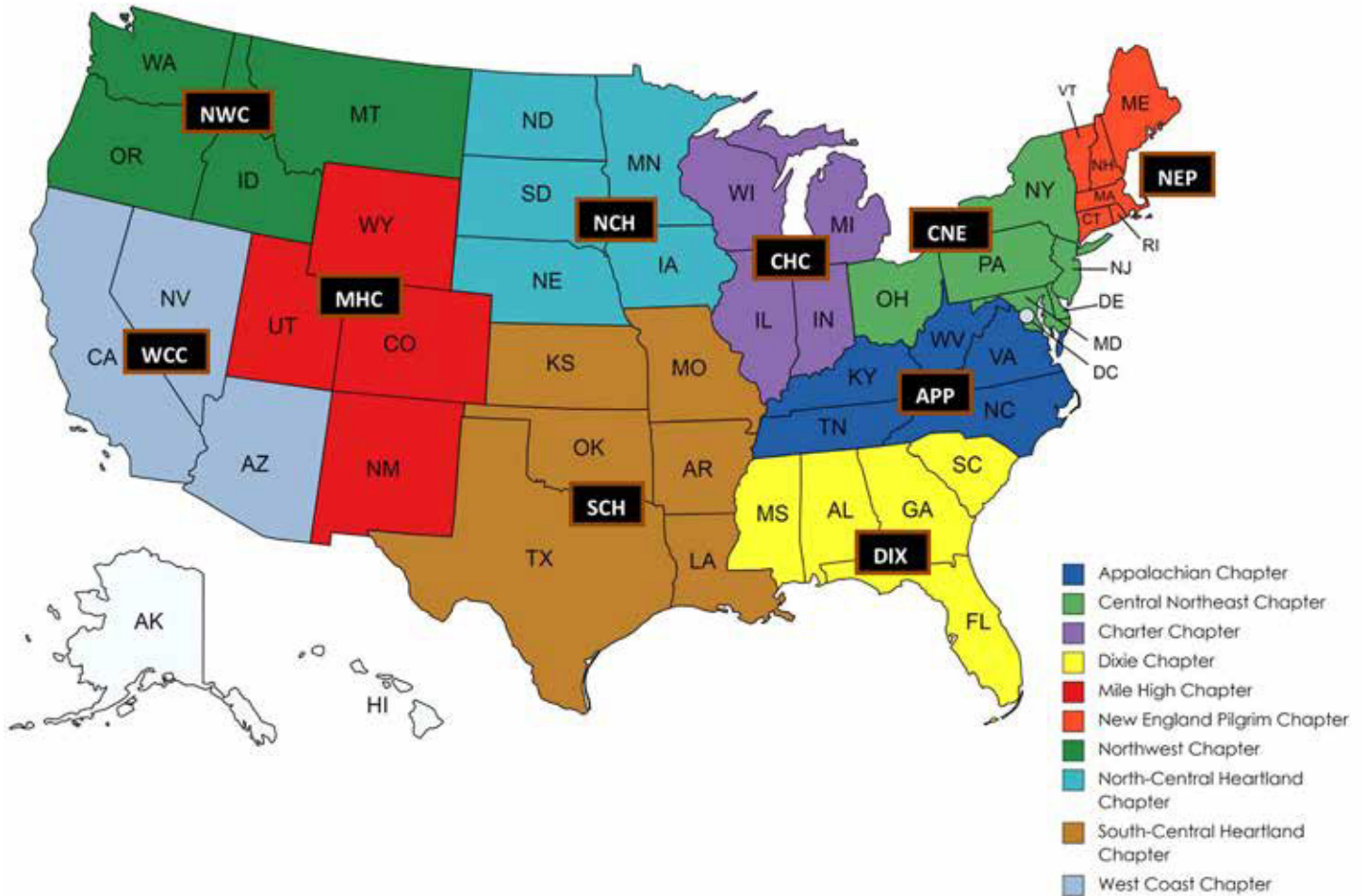


TrailManor TrailBlazers Chapters



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From the Editors:

The Tidings welcomes rally reports and content of general interest to our TrailBlazers camping members. The Tidings is published three times a year: January, May, and September. Please submit rally report in Word separate from photo JPG files (or Google Photos Album link) for inclusion and submit by December 10th, April 10th, and August 10th. Please email content to TMTBTidings@gmail.com, putting Rally Name and Date in Subject or non-rally specific subject description. Send rally announcements to our webmaster, Rick Newcomb (RNewcomb@comcast.net) so they will get included on the TrailBlazers web page (<http://tmtrailblazers.org>) and linked into The Tidings before being published.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR PRIVACY

There have been concerns about publishing member information on websites. In particular, the concern was that listing the names and other address information of rally contacts, directors, etc. might expose those people to harassment or other unwanted contact. The member information published in The Tidings is in a 'controlled' distribution. That is, The Tidings is only sent to members. Many times rally announcements in The Tidings have been copied to public internet web sites as a means of getting broader coverage for our events. However, when publishing rally information to those public internet, please don't copy personal information (name, address, phone or email address) along with the rally announcement. Just provide the generic TMTBTidings@gmail.com email address for interested parties to respond to if interested in attending. As Tidings Editor, I will forward or do whatever is appropriate to handle incoming requests, which may start with new membership and adherence to our rules for membership.

Message from the President – Amy Chrisman

Hello Members. On June 21, 2025 our membership lost Larry Fennern. Larry was the current Treasurer and Tidings Editor, and he served as the prior President of our club. He was instrumental in developing our current Constitution of the TrailManor TrailBlazers Club. Larry spent many years traveling the country in his TrailManor, "Suite Suzie," and always joining him was his cousin, Joni Page. You would also find his sister, Anita Fager, and her husband, Mike Fager, traveling in their travel trailer alongside Larry. I will remember Larry for his kindness and welcoming heart, and his enthusiasm for our club. For me, Larry was my role-model when it came to this club. He is the reason I became the North Central Heartland Chapter Director, and he played a large part in why I am the current President. His guidance will always be remembered, and his reassurance to me in my roles will forever be appreciated. Larry will be greatly missed by myself, our membership, friends, and family. Please keep his family in your thoughts and prayers during this time.

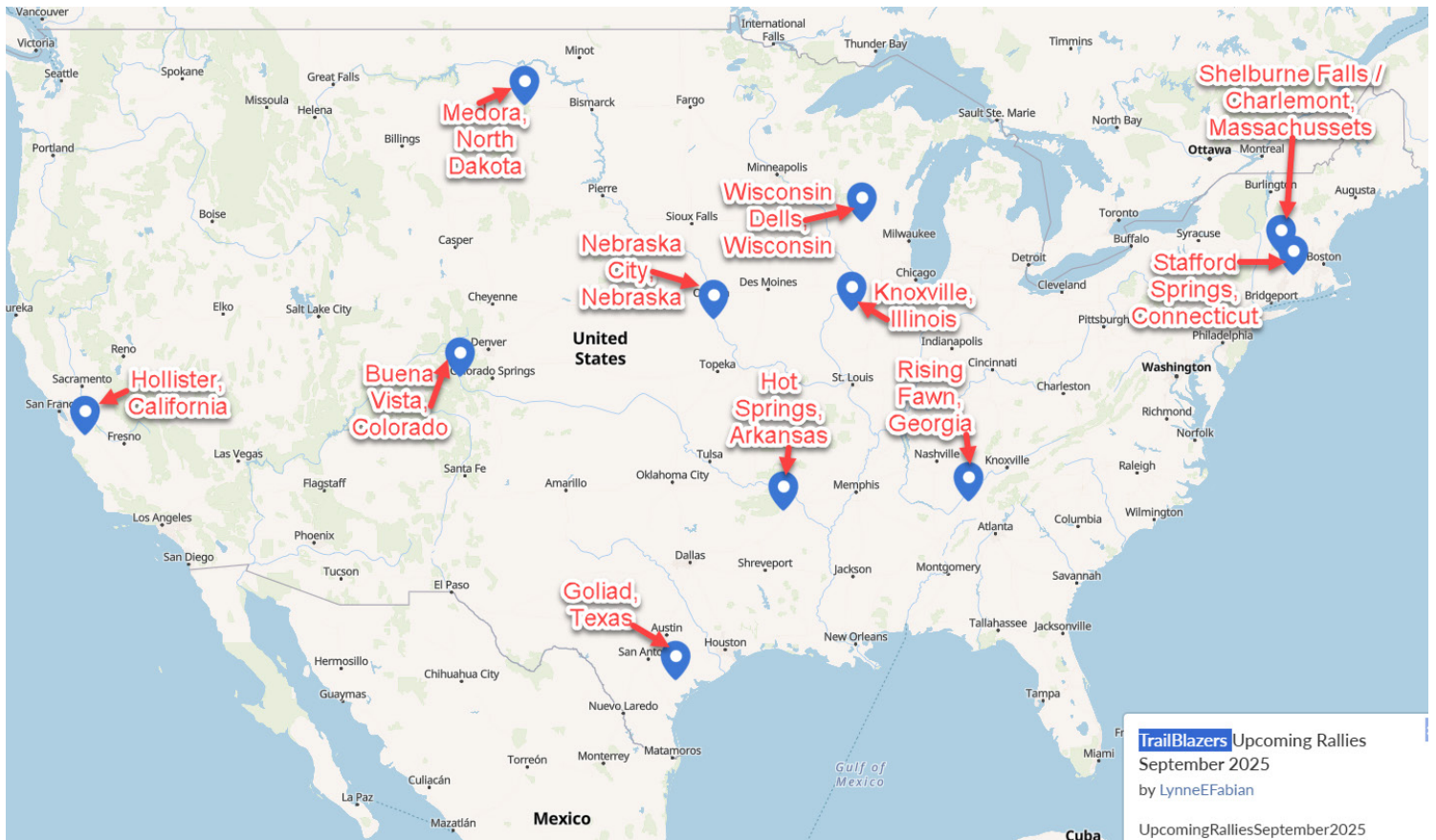
I want to also take this time to speak about vacancies within our membership, in the National Level and the Chapter Level. Randy Samson has graciously accepted taking over the role of Treasurer, Lynne Fabian has accepted taking over the role as Tidings Editor, and Susan Luckhurst has taken over for the Membership Coordinator, as Joni Page has decided to step down from this position. If you have an interest in filling any of our Vacant positions, please reach out to my email, TMTBPresident@gmail.com. We have two chapters without a Director and these positions need to be filled. Anyone interested, please reach out.

With this September Tidings, we begin to close on summer fun and activities, and welcome fall. My family especially enjoyed some off-roading adventures this summer. Fall always reminds me of the beautiful foliage, sweaters, bonfires, and warm ciders. I look forward to seeing some of you at rally's in September and October, and making more memories, but until we meet again, warm wishes TrailBlazers.



Upcoming Rally Map

Rally announcements are also posted on www.tmtrailblazers.org



[View Zoomable Map of Upcoming Rallies to see what is around the Rally site](http://www.tmtrailblazers.org/)

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UPCOMING RALLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chapter	Rally Dates	Clickable PDF Link
<i>Appalachian Chapter:</i>	None Scheduled	
<i>Central Northeast Chapter:</i>	None Scheduled	
<i>Charter Chapter:</i>	September 4-7, 2025	<u>KOA in Galesburg East/Knoxville, IL</u>
	May 28-31, 2026	<u>Country Roads Moter Home & RV Park in Wisconsin Dells, WI</u>
<i>Dixie Chapter:</i>	April 17-19, 2026	<u>Cloudland Canyon State Park in Rising Fawn, GA</u>
<i>Mile High Chapter:</i>	September 12-14, 2025	<u>Snowy Peaks RV Park in Buena Vista, CO</u>
	September 12-14, 2025	<u>Mineral Springs Family Campground in Stafford Springs, CT</u>
<i>New England Pilgrim Chapter:</i>	May 29-31, 2026	<u>Country Aire Campground in Charlemont, MA</u>
	September 11-13, 2026	<u>Mineral Springs Family Campground in Stafford Springs, CT</u>
<i>North Central Heartland Chapter:</i>	September 18-21, 2025	<u>Victorian Acres RV Park in Nebraska City, NE</u>
	June 2026	<u>Medora, ND</u>
<i>Northwest Chapter:</i>	None Scheduled	
<i>South Central Heartland Chapter:</i>	October 9-12, 2025	<u>J & J RV Park in Hot Springs, AR</u>
	May 13-16, 2026	<u>Goliad State Park in Goliad, TX</u>
<i>West Coast Chapter:</i>	April 23-26, 2026	<u>Casa de Fruta RV Orchard Resort in Hollister, CA</u>

RALLY REPORTS

Chapter

Rally Dates

Rally Location

Appalachian Chapter:

No Rallies to Report

Central Northeast Chapter:

No Rallies to Report

Charter Chapter:

June 13-15, 2025

**Shipshewana North Campground in
Shipshewana, IN**

Dixie Chapter:

No Rallies to Report

Mile High Chapter:

June 6-8, 2025

Ridgway State Park in Ridgway, CO

July 11-13, 2025

Mueller State Park in Divide, CO

August 12-14, 2025

**Steamboat Springs KOA in Steamboat
Springs, CO**

New England Pilgrim Chapter:

June 20-22, 2025

**Northstar Campground in Newport,
NH**

North Central Heartland Chapter:

No Rallies to Report

Northwest Chapter:

July 17-20, 2025

**Port of Siuslaw Campground &
Marina in Florence, OR**

South Central Heartland Chapter:

No Rallies to Report

West Coast Chapter:

No Rallies to Report

Rally Reports

CHARTER CHAPTER SPRING RALLY June 2025 in Shipshewana, IN

The spring rally was held in Shipshewana IN, which is the third largest Amish and Mennonite community in the US. The Amish are a Christian religious denomination characterized by simple dress and lifestyle. Hailed as “the heart of northern Indiana Amish country,” Shipshewana lies in the core of the state.

There were lots of early arrivals, most on Thursday, when we were able to meet around a group campfire, catch up and make s’mores! The weather on Friday was questionable, but held out for a group bike ride on the Pumpkinvine Trail. It is a lovely trail through Amish farm land and the six riders covered a total of 14 miles. Later in the day, there was a potluck dinner at the camp’s pavilion, where we enjoyed pulled pork sandwiches, mac ‘n cheese, along with many delicious side dishes.

On Saturday morning, we had Omelets in a Bag! This old tradition was re-introduced and was well received. It is not only fun and tasty, but also allows everyone to choose their own omelet ingredients. Late afternoon, nearly everyone attended an Amish dinner at Yoder’s Homestyle Cooking. It was a delicious meal and a wonderful opportunity to socialize with others. After returning to the campground, many enjoyed conversation around the campfire.

Before closing out the rally on Sunday morning, there was a continental breakfast, which included delicious donuts and pastries from a local Amish bakery.

Overall, there were 32 attendees at the rally, which included home states of IL, IN, MI, MN, MO, OH, PA, SD, and WI. It was wonderful to reconnect with old friends and meet a few new friends too!

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Rally Reports

MILE HIGH CHAPTER SPRING RALLY June 2025 in Ridgway, CO

The first MHTB Rally of 2025 was held at the Po Ko Chu Puk Loop G campground in the Ridgway State Park which provides wonderful views of the San Juan mountains. This loop is the northern most loop and overlooks the Uncompahgre River with several trails and Park facilities nearby. While our group had several cancellations, we still had a lively total of eight rigs arrive by Friday afternoon. The Thursday and earlier arrivals were greeted by cold rainy weather and even our Friday evening Meet & Greet was called at 7:15 p.m. due to a rain shower. The Friday Meet & Greet was attended by all campers at the hosts' campsite with lively conversations occurring before the group had to disband.

The weather then cleared for the remainder of the weekend and we had a beautiful warm and sunny remaining two days of camping. The group enjoyed individual outings to the nearby towns of Ridgway, Montrose, Ouray and Telluride with activities including hot tub endeavors (Ouray), trail hiking, museum visits (Museum of the Mountain West and the Ute Indian Museum) and scenic drives through the San Juan Mountains and surrounding area.

Our Potluck Dinner on Saturday was held at a nearby open air Park facility that provided a cover and picnic tables for use. We had plenty of wonderful dishes (as always!) to choose from. After dessert, the MHTB Bingo game was setup and five games of Bingo variants were played with prizes (and an ad hoc description of each prize and potential use) awarded to the winners. As the evening cooled and the sun set, we also had our campfire in a nearby fire ring at that facility.

The group decided not to do a Sunday Haul-out and instead a subset of Trailmanor owners chose to go to the True Grit Restaurant in Ridgway for an evening meal and (as usual) Trailmanor maintenance and repair discussions (in addition to many other topics as well)!

Overall, the rally was well attended, enjoyed by all (after the initial cold weather ended) and provided a great start to our 2025 rally schedule.

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Five couples (all with Trailmanors!) met to share camping life together at Mueller State Park. Although there was some rain almost daily, we were all able to participate in a variety of activities. Some of those included spending time in Cripple Creek and Victor and learning some of the mining history of the area. Several members enjoyed lunches and treats at their favorite restaurants, bakeries, etc. Mueller is a great park, and the visitor center offers educational programs at times. When we were there, they did a presentation on the history of railroads in Colorado, which was well done and very informative. There are also numerous hikes throughout the park, which allowed viewing of some wild turkeys which are plentiful in the park, and an abundance of wild flowers which are beautiful this year due to lots of rain.

We were able to enjoy the Meet and Greet as well as the potluck in the Camper Service building, so as to stay dry and warm. That worked out very well. As always, we enjoyed a variety of food along with great conversation and laughter.

Our last evening was time spent at a campfire. All in all, it was a great rally and time together.

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MILE HIGH CHAPTER SUMMER RALLY August 2025 in Steamboat Springs, CO

The Steamboat Springs rally convened at Eagle Soaring RV Campground (a few miles west of Steamboat Springs) on Monday, August 11, 2025 with seven member units and one guest couple attending. It was different than previous rally's, in that it was mid-week (Mon-Thurs) rather than weekend. Some of the activities for the week included (but not limited to) the Routt County Fair and Museum, walking tours of downtown Steamboat Springs, Howelsen Ski Area and Ski Jump, hot springs, Steamboat Springs Botanical Gardens, a drive to Steamboat Lake State Park. No one could complain of being bored. All attending thought that the mid-week rally was great and they would all like to do it again.

On Monday, August 11th, we all gathered for the usual meet/greet at the campground fire pit with wine and snacks and with no fire, FIRE BAN, to get acquainted and were provided a list of activities available for the week by Ron & Linda Rak. They had done substantial research on the various activities (koodoos to them). The list provided ample possibilities for the campers to occupy their time.

Tuesday, August 12th some of the group did a guided tour of Howelson Hill and the Olympic Ski Jumps, and the Steamboat Hall of Flags of over 100 winter Olympians from Steamboat. For those of you who are not aware, it is Colorado's oldest continuously operated ski area, since 1915, and has the largest and most complete natural ski jumping complex in North America. Several of us went to the Hayden Heritage Center Museum. The museum was very interesting because of the diversity of items on display. It included a saddle collection, information about families that had a hand in starting the AQHA. The building itself was once the depot for the Denver & Rio Grande Railroad

Wednesday 13th: Guided tour by the Yampatika Organization from the historic Art Depot, of Steamboat's remaining six accessible natural springs (not hot springs), of 150 originally in the 1870's. Some also went to the Yampa River Botanic Park, which featured 6 acres with 50 different themed gardens of flowers and plants. There was a group of us that went to the Haden County Fair. The exhibits were first rate and two of us, Gary Maelzer and Harry Martin, received a blue-ribbon award for Judges Choice. (The question is, what was the judge's choice based on???)

The TrailBlazer potluck was held at the Maelzer's and Sweet's shady campsites at 4:30 pm in order to give many of us time to get to a free Summer Concert Event at 6:30. The outdoor concert at the Sno Bowl featured the "Low Down Brass Band" from Chicago. Afterwards, many of us retired to play cards in Gary's screened gazebo until 10:30 pm!

Thursday 14th: Several of us attended a guided tour by the Tread of Pioneers Museum of the historical buildings in the center of town, followed by brunch at the Yampa Valley Kitchen restaurant. This was one of the best walking tours because we not only found out about the town but learned more about the architecture and the history of Steamboat Springs.

That afternoon, Eileen Maelzer led four others in a paper crafting project. The last Tidbits has a picture of the book with the valentine. Three of the ladies, Dianna Martin, Sandy Thimmig, and Linda Rak. Eileen made a dog's footprint paper craft.

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NEW ENGLAND PILGRIM SPRING RALLY June 2025 in Newport, NH

On Thursday, June 19th, units started arriving at Northstar Campground in Newport, NH. The weather was very hot and humid with the threat of severe thunderstorms. We were fortunate that the thunder storms passed north and south of the campground. Thursday evening, some of us went to dinner at the Salt Hill Pub, an Irish restaurant and pub. Friday afternoon, we got our licks in at Balthazar's Ice Shack with some delicious ice cream treats. The last of the 9 units arrived at the campground. We had two additional TrailBlazers couples staying off-site. They participated in our weekend activities. Friday evening, we all gathered around the campfire.

Saturday morning, we headed out to the Sugar River Trail for our morning workout of hiking to burn some calories in preparation for the evening potluck. By Saturday evening everyone was ready to sample the many culinary creations at our potluck supper. After the potluck, Dick Hamel conducted the business meeting which started with his traditional jokes and humor.

Jeanne and Doug Swanson organized the Sunday morning breakfast of pastries and coffee. Because of the rain, they recruited the help of some of our members to move the breakfast to the pavilion. Thanks to everyone who helped with the breakfast. On Sunday afternoon, some of us cruised on Lake Sunapee. We enjoyed beautiful weather and scenery on the cruise. Since the day was very hot, some in the group decided to visit Sanctuary Dairy Farm and Ice Cream to enjoy ice cream and pet some farm animals.

On Monday morning, most of the group packed up, said their good-byes and headed home. We are all looking forward to the Fall rally.

“Friendship is unnecessary, like philosophy, like art.... It has no survival value; rather it is one of those things which give value to survival.” - C. S. Lewis

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NORTHWEST CHAPTER SUMMER RALLY July 2025 in Florence,OR

On July 17 to 20, 2025, the group met at Port of Siuslaw Campground & Marina in Florence, Oregon. The plan was to check out the lighthouses and walk the shore line. Also, the plan was to see Sea Lion Caves at a viewing location near Florence, see sand dunes and maybe stop by The Florence Casino.

The group had a Friday Night "Cookie Night" around the campfire and held a Potluck meal on Saturday night.

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SOUTH CENTRAL HEARTLAND CHAPTER celebrates memory of Debra Rumfield

In Loving Memory of Debra "Debbie" Susan Rumfield

With deep love and sorrow, we announce the passing of Debra "Debbie" Susan Rumfield, who departed this life on 8/31/2025 at the age of 72. She passed peacefully, surrounded by her family.

Debbie was a devoted wife to her husband, Lance, and a caring soul whose warmth and creativity touched everyone she met. Her life was a beautiful patchwork of passions, adventures, and quiet joys that she generously shared with others.

She found happiness in the little things-freshly baked goods shared from her kitchen, the peaceful stillness of fishing, the magic of Disney World, and the open sea on her many beloved cruises. Her sweet tooth for adventure was matched only by her sweet nature.

A lifelong learner and maker, Debbie had a deep love for bees and beekeeping, a curiosity that blossomed into a cherished hobby. She also had a flair for amateur radio (N5DSR), connecting with people near and far through the airwaves, always ready with a friendly voice and a warm laugh. Her hands were rarely still, whether stitching together beautiful quilts, baking something delicious or lending help where needed.

She brought beauty, warmth, and joy into the lives of everyone she touched, and her legacy lives on in the love she gave and the passions she shared.

Debbie is survived by her loving husband, Lance, sons Danny and Timmy and Sister Sherry Box and many extended family members and friends who will miss her dearly.

Her life was a joyful journey, stitched together with love, laughter, and adventure. She will be forever loved and remembered.

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Quarter 2 Board Meeting Minutes for July 14, 2025

This meeting is held quarterly with the TrailManor TrailBlazers National Officers and Chapter Directors. This meeting is held following each quarter on the second Monday.

Quarter Details:

1. First Quarter: January - March
2. Second Quarter: April - June
3. Third Quarter: July - September
4. Fourth Quarter: October - December

(Note: this was the first quarterly meeting held within the TrailManor TrailBlazers Club)

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by President Amy Chrisman at 7:06 pm Central.
2. **Roll Call:** Attendance was taken with these representatives.

Quarterly Meeting Attendance for 2025												
Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
P = Present E = Excused / A = Absent												
1 President							P					
2 Vice President							E					
3 Treasurer							P					
4 Secreatary							A					
5 Membership Coordinator							A					
6 Auditor							P					
7 Tidings Editor							A					
8 Webmaster							P					
9												
10 Appalachian							A					
11 Central Northeast							P					
12 Charter							P					
13 Dixie							P					
14 Mile High							P					
15 New England							P					
16 North Central Heartland							P					
17 Northwest							P					
18 South Central Heatland							P					
19 West Coast							P					

3. **Presentation of Excuses:** Excuses were presented (see above diagram). A motion to accept the excuses was made; 1st by Allen Kliethermes, 2nd by Beth Lasley-Gilbertson. Motion passed.
4. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting:** NA
5. **Treasurers Report:** This was read by Randy Samson. A motion was made to accept the treasurers report; 1st by Allen Kliethermes, 2nd by Richard Hamel. Motion passed.

Quarter 2 Board Meeting Minutes for July 14, 2025 (cont.)

6. **Old Business/Past Rally Reports:** NA
7. **New Business/Upcoming Rally Reports:**
 - Northwest Chapter: Beth Lasley-Gilbertson reported their rally will be this weekend located in Florence, Oregon.
8. **Committee Updates:**
 - Web Design: Carl Wisler reported the committee has been meeting monthly. The new web design will have an option to sign up for membership online, and payment options online. There will be a director level, administrator level, and public level on the new website. These levels will limit what each category can do on the website. For example, the director level will allow a director to enter a rally announcement. Carl reported that the interface is still being worked on and then it will be introduced to current club members.
 - 2027 Jubilee: Nancy Jones reported they have chosen the Mission Bay Campground in San Diego, California. She reported that this is a great location for activities and the cost is good at approximately \$67 per night. No other details have been determined, but looking at off-season for lower prices. Archie Stagg reported that he is not happy with the lack of responses from the national officers during this planning period.
9. **Business for the Good of the Membership:**
 - Amy Chrisman announced the passing of Larry Fennern on June 21 , 2025. Larry served as past club president, and he was the current Treasurer and Tidings Editor. A motion was made to send flowers to the family on behalf of the club; 1st by Archie Stagg, 2nd by Allen Kliethermes. Motion Passed.
 - Amy Chrisman advised that there are various open positions that will need to be filled before the end of the year:
 - Treasurer-this has been filled by Randy Samson prior to Larry passing.
 - Tidings Editor- Lynne Fabian expressed interest, and Amy will connect her with a past editor, Val Sherer
 - Membership Coordinator—Joni Page is stepping down in September and this position will need to be filled prior.
 - West Coast Director- currently vacant.
 - Amy Chrisman advised she will create a new email that is directly related to the TMTB Club. All TMTB correspondence that Amy is attached to will go through this email moving forward: TMTBpresident@gmail.com
10. **Membership:** NA
11. **Adjournment:** The meeting was closed by President Amy Chrisman at 8:09 pm (central time).

The Tidings is distributed via E-mail. Be sure to keep us advised of any changes to your e-mail address. Send any changes of your membership information to **Susan Luckhurst, 601 N. E. Poplar Drive, Kansas City, Missouri 64118, TMTBMembership@gmail.com**

Welcome New Members

<i>First Name</i>	<i>Last Name</i>	<i>Street Address</i>	<i>City, State Zip</i>	<i>"TM Yr/ Associate"</i>	<i>Type Of TM</i>	<i>Email Address</i>	<i>Phone Number</i>

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Check one: ☐ New Member ☐ Renewing Member ☐ Friends & Family membership application

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Please send all information listed on the form for renewals to confirm that the information we have in our records is current. If alternate phone or email addresses are provided, the member's first name and/or type of phone (e.g., home, cell) may be indicated. Information provided on an application will be printed in the next newsletter and the club directory. Please indicate information you do not want printed. Information is not provided to other sources.