



Trail Blazing Sams
February Campout 2020
14th – 16th,
Early Bird, 13rd
Little Willies, Arcadia, Fl.,
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Pete & Eileen Colón

Our February Campout was hosted by Pete & Eileen Colón. Arrangements were made for a caterer but something fell through the cracks, the caterer backed out so the Colóns ended up providing the meals. It was more work for them but so enjoyable for us. They did a fantastic job.

Regarding Little Willies, they proclaim their fees are reasonable at \$48.00 per night which includes all service except cable TV, very limited Wi-Fi and no air conditioning in the non-resident section of the club house. We were also informed that we were not welcome back unless we could guarantee them a minimum of 10 units. At this campout we only had 7 units. I guess they were not happy with us. Interesting to note their normal daily rate is \$52.00 and if you have Passport America you get a 50% discount. That wasn't extended to us since we got the rally rate. I guess the message is very clear, in the future Little Willies should be considered a campground of last resort. For future hosts you should try and make your campground reservations well in advance of your scheduled hosting date. Finding a spot is getting tougher and tougher.

We all arrived Thursday. Being early birds there were no activities other than our informal games and relaxation.

... For dinner we all went to Chili's for some very good food.

Everything was fine until it came time to pay our bill. One on one I guess the Ziosk system works very well but with a larger group things got really screwed up.

This was my one and only Ziosk experience but nevertheless the dessert are so good.... especially the Molten Chocolate cake (as per Jeannette Ormsby)

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Friday 14th

Friday we all went to Solomon’s Castle in Ona, Fl. A very interesting place tucked away in a very remote area approximately 25 minutes from Arcadia. This Castle was built by Mr. Howard Salomon out of recycled junk. A very interesting place to visit. We had a very nice lunch and they offered tours of the castle and grounds but none of us decided to take them. You may want to go on line, “Solomon’s Castle” and check it out. People come from all over to visit this unique tourist attraction..Thank you Pete and Eileen for taking us there.



L.toR.: Eileen Colón, Linda Kuiken, Joan Russano, Richard Ormsby, Ken Kuiken. Linda Voyton, Frank Cosentino, Jean Potter, Pete Colón, Chuck Potter, John Russano



L.toR.: Frank Cosentino, Linda Voyton, Ken Kuiken, Jeannette & Richard Ormsby

Stones on the road?
I save every single one and one
day I'll build a castle
-Fernando Pessos-



L.to. R.: Ken Kuiken, Chuck Potter. Richard Ormsby
Pete Colón, John Russano, Frank Cosentino.

In the afternoon we played a new game “ladder golf” provided by our hosts Pete & Eileen. It took us a little while to play as per the rules but we had so much fun. Were there winners? Not sure but lots of jokes and laughs..

Jeannette Ormsby, Eileen Colón
Linda Kuiken, Jean Potter,
Joan Russano



After happy hour we had a very nice pot-luck dinner. Plenty of food and some very nice desserts. Someone made the comment that all we seem to do is eat. That is very true but the food is so good.

After that delicious meal we ended up playing “Crowns” It’s an easy card game and almost everyone participated. Then after a long day time to get to our “home on wheels.”

Saturday

We started the day with our Chapter’s Business Meeting. We did not have a quorum so no action could be taken on any new or unfinished business. Everything that was to be discussed was moved to March. Consequently we had a very short meeting.. The weather was nice so we stayed outside and played Holy Board till lunch.

After lunch we attempted to have a Shuffleboard Contest. A game where we made up our own rules and somehow ended up with a first place and second place winner. My partner Linda Kuiken and I ended up in fourth place. Since there were only four teams fourth place sounds better than last. Regardless of where one finished we all had fun.

Our winners: Joan& John Russano (1st place) →
Jean & Chuck Potter (2nd place)



Later on we had our favorite guys against the girls bean bag baseball game. I guess the proof is in the pudding. Can we say baseball is a man's game? But ladies "kudos" to you for keeping on playing and trying. The score is unimportant as long as you have fun and that we had. We were playing 4 against 4 and our turns were coming up rapidly. Tired but lots of laughs.

Chuck Potter, John Russano
Richard Ormsby, Frank Cosentino



"We are never more fully alive, more completely ourselves, or more deeply engrossed in anything than when we are playing."
-Charles Schaefer

Looking forward to future campouts

**March 26-29 Paradise Oaks, Bushnell, Fl.,
Hosts: Bill & Nancy Carter**

**April 22-26 Okeechobee KOA
Spring Rally Okeechobee, Fl.,
Early Bird, April 21st
Contest: Table decorations
Theme: Pirates**

**May 21-25 Travelers Rest, Dade City, Fl.,
Host: Juliet Dudinsky**

No campouts June, July, August

**September 24-27 ??????????????????
Hosts: Ken & Linda Kuiken**

**October 22-25 ??????????????????
Hosts: Chuck & Jean Potter**

**November 18-22 Southern Palms
Fall Rally , Eustis Fl.,
Early Bird, Nov. 17th
Contest : Parade
Theme: Get your kicks on Route 66**

**December 17-20 Paradise Oaks, Bushnell Fl.,
Hosts: Steve & Livia Popovich**

After a short happy hour we settled around the dinner table and was provided a wonderful dinner consisting of Chicken-Cordon-Bleu, Sausage with pepper and onions, rice, salad and dessert. Eileen cooked everything and we all commented on the fact that if the caterer had shown up, it would have been hard to top what Eileen prepared. Pete & Eileen made it special in decorating the table with Valentine's day in mind.



Sitting around the table L.toR: Jean Potter, Linda Voyton, Frank Cosentino, John & Joan Russano, Ken & Linda Kuiken, Richard Ormsby & Chuck Potter. (In the kitchen at the back Pete & Eileen putting the final touch on dinner)

After dinner it was time to play the Potter's favorite game. Left, right and center.

It is labeled the Potter's game since they have won 4 of the last 6 times. It has been suggested that they be banned from the next game. We don't want to ban them so the next time we play we just give them our money and save all the moaning and groaning. **Chuck Potter with his winnings** →

After L, R, C we all played the game of crowns. Another fun game that everyone could play.



Sunday it was Coffee and Donuts and time to say goodbye until the March Campout scheduled for Paradise Oak in Bushnell on March 26th to 29th. The Carter's will be our hosts.



February

- 4th Roy Pulaski
- 23rd Livia Popovich
- 27th John Henning Jr.

March

- 8th Mike Abrams
- 9th Caroline Johnson
- 22nd Frank Cosentino
- 22nd Brenda Gollihue

April

- 28th Jill Perry



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No anniversary

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"May the road rise up to meet you, may the wind be ever at your back. May the sun shine warm upon your face and the rain fall softly on your fields. And until we meet again, may God hold you in the hollow of his hand." – Irish Blessing