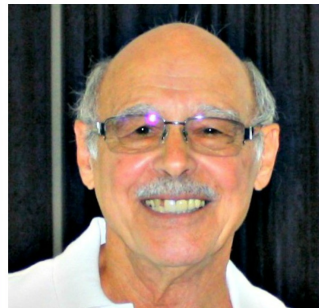




## Trail Blazing Sams May Campout, Memorial Day Weekend 27th - 30th. Early Bird 26th Hide-A-Way RV Resort , Ruskin, FL.



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Our Memorial Day Campout was held at Hide-A-Way RV Resort in Ruskin, FL., on May 27<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>, 2016. (Early Bird 26th) What a wonderful weekend our Host and Hostess Robin and Mary Murray provided for us. The prevailing theme of the weekend was "Meet and Greet". Not much of any planned activities but Rob and Mary wanted everyone to spend time socializing and discussing what plans everyone has for the summer. It was truly a laid -back very relaxing weekend. We had 14 rigs and 2 drive-ins (Abrams & Voyton) with most everyone arriving on Thursday for early bird.

Robin & Mary Murray , our Hosts



Once everyone got settled most everyone headed for our favorite restaurant, the Anna Maria Oyster Bar in Ellington, FL. One of the popular attractions at Anna Maria in addition to great seafood is their fantastic Margaritas. Makes them even better if you have a free Margarita coupon. After dinner it was back to the Hide-A-Way for one's favorite card game.



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**As America celebrates Memorial Day, we pay tribute to those who have given their lives in our nation's wars.      John M. McHugh**

Friday was one of those do nothing day. Rest and relaxation was in order until mid-afternoon when we had our hors d'oeuvres, beverages and socializing time. After our Host and Hostess treated us to a very delicious spaghetti dinner complete with salad, garlic bread and homemade cookies. Had to be pretty darn good because many were seen having second and even third helpings. After dinner many retired early.



Robin and Mary were getting an early start (0630) with a few of us to head to Sarasota National Cemetery to place flags on the Veterans' grave sites. A beautiful final resting place for our veterans and qualifying family members. Those that went had a very memorable experience. Many of those that didn't go wished they had after listening to the ones that did go.

### Memorial Day

Each little flag means someone  
brave lost a life and with it  
gave breath to freedom.  
Watch them wave

### Remember

Soldiers died to save  
your right to vote, to learn, to  
pray to speak your mind.

### Don't look away.

Read each name carved cold  
and deep. Touch each flag and  
if you weep let the salty tears  
you taste remind you what our  
soldiers faced.

One sacrifice from every grave.

Feel their breath  
The flags still wave



L. to r.: Jeannette Ormsby, Albert & Lynne Morneau, Joan & Bill Conway, Ken & Linda Kuiken, Robin & Mary Murray Juliet Dudinsky



So beautiful with all the flags lined up.



In early afternoon we had our monthly business meeting. Our Secretary has posted the minutes on our web site, [tbsams.weebly.com](http://tbsams.weebly.com) so please read them to keep up with what is going on in your chapter.

Following the meeting Robin gave a personal and emotional Memorial Day presentation. He thanked everyone that made the trip to Sarasota and told the rest of us just how beautiful and well organized the placing of the flags was. Everyone was deeply touched by Robin's presentation. We all enjoyed the video by Red Skelton where he paid tribute to this great country of ours.



A table was set as a tribute to our TBS Veterans.

Thank you for your service!



Sunday we had for many of us our first post luck breakfast. Plenty of very delicious food. Matter of fact too much food. It was so appealing that you want to try everything and end up stuffing yourself. Following breakfast some were off to church and some took the opportunity to relax.



Bill Carter, John Russano and Mike Lima cook pancakes for the pot luck breakfast

The planned activity for the day was our traditional Memorial Day Cookout. The menu consisted of wieners, burgers (cheese), chips, pickles and all the dressings. Everyone cooked their own wieners while Bill Carter and Richard cooked the burgers. A good old time was had by all in spite of the pesty tiny no-see-ums. After Parris Island I was hoping never to encounter them again but for sure Hide -a -Way has their share.

Food for the body is not enough. There must be food for the soul.

" Dorothy Day"

## Trail Blazing Sam's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration March 23-26, 2017

Under the leadership of Joanne Lima planning is progressing very nicely. She has had several meetings with her committees and have come up with some great ideas. Sure looks like we are going to have a great time. Joanne has sent everyone a proposed agenda laying out the 40<sup>th</sup> program. Sounds like this should be a lot of fun.

### Sunshine Club

Many of our members are experiencing some health issues. Some are more serious than others but please keep them all in your thoughts and prayers.

**Chuck Potter** – Issues with his feet and back-treatment pending

**Mike Lima** – Carpal Tunnel Surgery- recovering nicely

**John and Ceres Henning** – Long Term Rehab – Nursing Home

**Caroline Johnson** – Hip Operation – pending

**Harold Johnson – Heart and Respiratory**

**We have been informed by Caroline that Harold's condition is very grave. He is under Hospice Care.**

Our next campout will be in September at Bay Bayou

23rd–25th Early Bird 22nd

Host : Serge Frechette

October Campout Paradise Oaks, Bushnell, Fl.

28th-30th Early Bird 27th

Host: Richard & Jeannette Ormsby

Fall Rally Southern Palms RV Resort in Eustis

November 9th–13th Early Bird 8th

Host: State Staff

Some of you will be travelling this summer so we say

**"Happy Trails To You until we meet again."**

Whatever you chose to do **Stay Safe** and may good health be with you.

Have a Wonderful summer.

Yours truly , your

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### Birthday Wishes

#### June

12th—Joanne Lima

23rd—Dennis LaPerle

#### July

16th - Ray Turner

17th—Jeannette Ormsby

19th—Joan Conway

23rd—Bill Carter

#### August

9th—John Perry

12th—Bill Hemphill

28th—Jean Potter

#### September

1st—Joan Russano

2nd—John Russano

5th— Ruth Hemphill

8th - Cotton Deal

11th— Myron Magedanz

19th—Judy Magedanz

19th - Rita Turner

25th—Richard Ormsby

29th—Chuck Potter

30th—Joanne Greseth

### Anniversary Wishes

#### June

11th—Abrams

11th—Limas

18th—Potters

20th—Carters

#### July

11th—Russanos

28th—Popovichs

#### August

9th—Kuikens

13th DuBoses

19th—Hemphills

26th—Hennings

#### September

3rd—Conways