

**2012 FALL SAMBOREE  
SOUTHERN PALMS RV RESORT  
EUSTIS, FLORIDA  
NOVEMBER 13-18, 2012**



We had a total of 10 member rigs and 2 State Staff member rigs for the SAMBOREE.

The Fall SAMBOREE theme was pirates and we had a total of 381 rigs. As usual, the five days were full of activities. Our weather was cooler than typical for this time of the year, so our water sales didn't do as well as it did last year. It was so cool one evening at SAMGO that we sold hot chocolate! We still made a net profit of \$115.20 after contributing our 10% to the State. We thank Jeannette Ormsby for our new signs showing that the money is going to Dogs for the Deaf and Florida Guide Dogs.



Jeanie Potter

This was the last SAMBOREE for our State Director, Bob Ward, and his lovely wife, Reba, and many tributes were provided to them as well as to the State Staff. The only problem with the tributes was our evening programs extended much longer than the scheduled times. This made our evening programs on Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday extend until around 10:00 p.m. The majority of people left prior to the end of the programs as it was way past their bed time! I know this made the days very long for us and it had to be extremely long for the State Staff since most of them are up working by 7:00 a.m. This is just one example of the amount of work our State Staff endures during a SAMBOREE. It takes a lot of dedication and motivation to be one of the Staff members and we definitely salute all their hard work in putting on such great SAMBOREES. Thanks to all for your dedication.

Some of the hard working State Staff!



Don & Lorraine Smith, Mike & Liz Abrams, Joe & Debbie Weston

For the opening ceremonies on Wednesday evening, we were honored to have the Eustis ROTC Color Guard. They not only presented the colors, but did a reading on the significance of a table set for one which was to honor POWs and Fallen Soldiers, and they also did a presentation on the significance of each fold of the flag during

various ceremonies, such as military funerals, etc. Both of these presentations were very poignant and Bill and I had the privilege of seeing this ceremony first performed by them during a ceremony held at Southern Palms on Veteran's Day. This was a great tribute from these young men and women.



Eustis ROTC Color Guard



Tribute to POWs & Fallen Soldiers



Significance of each fold in the Flag

Our indoor card games were held on Wednesday and Friday. There were a total of 170 people to play the games. On Wednesday the games were Euchre (16), Chicken Foot Dominos (11), Hand and Foot (44) and Wizard (10). On Friday the games were Mexican Train Dominos (47), Pinochle (8) Cribbage (6) and Skip Bo (28). Thanks to Caroline Johnson and Liz Abrams for all their hard work in organizing the indoor games.



The first outdoor game to be played was Beanbag Baseball and that was held on Thursday morning. There were a total of 25 teams and TBS had one team of nine players. They managed to make it through two games, but lost out in the third game.



Lorraine & Ralph Zecher, Lynne & Albert Morneault, Jeannette & Richard Ormsby, Jill & John Perry, and John Russano



Friday morning's outdoor game was Holey Board. There were a total of 68 teams and TBS had several teams that entered, but we didn't bring any plastic home this time!



Chuck Potter

During the time that holey board was taking place, the Doggie Costume Walk was held. As usual quite a few dogs were dressed for the theme – this time as pirates. They were so cute. Peanut participated and his sponsors gave \$28 towards Florida Guide Dogs. Peanut was definitely happy when this walk was over! Because of the other activities taking place at the same time, we did not get pictures of the other dogs that participated. The first place winner received a very nice gift bag that included a gift certificate from Alliance RV in the amount of \$100. Peanut did not win.



Peanut says, "I'm too old for this"!

Friday afternoon we had our business meeting followed by a cookout. As usual we had a lot of good food. The minutes from the business meeting are posted on the web.



Prior to the evening program, **Manateean Sams'** President, Jean Mennega, and Mary Ellen, presented us with two boxes and a shopping bag full of plastic bottle caps. They said they would continue to save the caps for us which helps for dialysis treatments. We had others at the Samboree saving bottle caps as well. Bill thanked Manateean Sams during the State Committee meeting for their efforts in assisting with our collection. He also solicited other chapters to help if they wanted to save caps for TBS, or if they wanted to save them for their own chapter, he would get the information of the contact organization.



Joan & Bill Conway, Mary Ellen, Jean Mennega

Friday evening's program included the memorial service of "Lost Loved Ones" and Bob Roy and Dea Wiseley were remembered. The program was to start at 7:30 p.m.; however, due to the lengthy introduction of State Staff members and VIP's, it did not begin until 8:30 p.m. Jean Roy and her daughter, Debbie, attended the service, and we were so happy to see them again. As usual, Sharon Bundy did a fabulous job with the memorial service.



TBS members, Jean Roy and daughter Debbie

As usual, Saturday seems to be the day when all the activities are crammed in. We had Bocci Ball, with 38 teams competing, starting at 9:00; the flea market at 10:00; duck races began at 11:00; the dirtiest T-Shirt contest began at 1:00; the pirates parade began at 2:30; catered meal began at 4:00; and finally the evening program at 6:30 p.m. What a day to put it mildly!!



Bocci Ball Referees Ray Turner & Richard Ormsby



Jeannette Ormsby helping Ray Turner to get his T-shirt dirty



Pirates: Richard Ormsby, Mary Cosentino, Caroline Johnson, Bill Conway, Joan Russano, Ralph Zecher

During the evening program our new State Director, Joe Weston, and his wife, Debbie were sworn in. Joe will take office January 2013 and his first Samboree will be at Palatka. Linda Voyton was also sworn in as the State Treasurer.





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During the evening program we learned that Golden Triangle Sams won Chapter of the Year. We CONGRATULATE all of them. Our thanks to Albert Moneault for all his efforts in submitting the information for the COY book. Also a high light of the evening was that Trail Blazing Sams took first place in the parade. Our thanks to Frank Cosentino for all his efforts in creating our pirate ship.



1<sup>st</sup> Place Winners of the Parade

The entertainment for the evening did not begin until about 8:40 p.m. The group that performed was Honkey Tonk Hitmen and they do an excellent job at entertaining. Since this was such a jammed packed day and our people were tired, many left as the band was setting up. A few of us were troopers and stayed for their great performance.

The Samboree ended on Sunday and found a few of our members with some sort of bug. Thankfully they were well enough to leave before noon.

Bill and I want to thank all our TBS members attending the SAMBOREE for their hard work while volunteering at the many activities for which we are responsible. As you can tell from this newsletter, it takes everyone's participation for the commitments we make. Each year Bill asks if we want to continue participating

in all the activities we have the previous year, and the answer is always YES. I would like everyone to consider this when the question is asked again. In order for us to continue volunteering for everything, we need more participation at the SAMBOREES.

Our next campout will be held at Paradise Oaks Golf & RV Resort, 4628 SR 475, Bushnell, FL 33513 (352) 793-1823 from December 14-16, 2012 (early bird December 13). This campout is our Christmas Party where we exchange gifts and also bring toys for The Angel Tree. We look forward to seeing everyone and have a safe trip coming to the campout.

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