

TRAILBLAZING SAMS NEWSLETTER

December, 2013



OUR HOSTS:
JOHN & CERESE HENNING
LITTLE WILLIES RV RESORT
ARCADIA, FLORIDA
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For our December campout weekend, we had a total of 16 member rigs.

The majority of our members arrived on Thursday afternoon and we spent the afternoon visiting with one another and then going to dinner at Chilis in Arcadia.

Friday there were no planned activities but various groups spent the beautiful, sunny day either playing holey board or just talking about plans for Christmas. This all came to a halt however, when Jean Potter fell coming out of Linda Voyton's coach and an ambulance had to be called to take her to the emergency room. She said she was actually out of the coach and her foot went into a hole in the ground causing her to loose her balance and fall. During Friday night's dinner, we were all impatiently awaiting to hear the news from Chuck about Jeanie's condition. When we finally got the news it wasn't good because Jeanie had managed to break both of her ankles during this bad fall. Her left ankle was

worse than the right, but they were both broken. She was a real tropper during all this and came back to the campground that evening. Since the hospital wouldn't be able to do any surgery until Monday, they opted to stay at the campground and just see their doctor on Monday morning. (Their daughter, Pam, had already been in touch with the doctor so that's why they were waiting to see him.) We were all so very happy to see Jeanie come in after our Saturday morning meeting.



As you can see from this picture, Jeanie was in very good spirits despite not being able to get around. Fortunately the hospital sent her home with pain pills. We all wish Jean and Chuck the very best during this most difficult time.

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We had our meeting on Saturday morning and had a lot of topics to cover (see the minutes that have been posted on the web). It was nice having the large room where we could put the tables and chairs in horseshoe fashion making it easier for everyone to hear and see.



During the meeting, our President, Bill Conway, passed a card around that Mrs. Furman's kindergarten class had all signed thanking us for the seat covers (chair pockets) we made during our October campout. Prior to passing out this card he was reminding everyone that all the Board positions are volunteers and the majority of the time it is a thankless job. He stated, however, receiving something like this makes the job an easier task.



This year we collected toys and gift cards for the Salvation Army Christmas Angel Tree. Along with the various toys shown below, we also collected a total of 14 gift cards for the children.



After Happy Hour the hosts played a game where the couples were to place an arm around each other and only use one hand each to wrap a gift. Of course this created a lot of laughs and perhaps a little cheating with some??



Dave & Pat Smith and Mike & Pam Keller
Notice Dave's hand with the scotch tape!

Dinner that our hosts prepared was delicious as well as plentiful. We had Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, broccoli with cheese, rolls and

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butter and various deserts that members provided.



After dinner we played the “Candy Game” where a melted chocolate kiss had to be unwrapped while wearing oven mits and fed to your partner.



Mike & Pam Keller and Joanne & Mike Lima



Mike & Liz Abrams



Bill & Joan Conway and Ken & Linda Kuiken

Our gift exchange this year was done to the story of “Twas the Night Before Christmas”. Prior to the story being read, we all drew a word which was in the story. When that word was read you selected a gift (from the man or woman pile) or you could steal a gift.



After all the gifts were opened, we sang Christmas carols. We didn’t have any music to start us out on the right notes and some of our songs weren’t the most pleasing to the ear (an understatement I believe); however, the spirit and fellowship as well as some of the laughter made it a very joyous time. By the end of the evening we were sounding pretty good.

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Bill and I wish you all a healthy and prosperous 2014.

As usual Sunday morning comes all too soon and it is time to say our farewells. We thank John and Ceresse for another great Christmas campout. (I believe they said this is the fourth time they have had the month of December to host.)

Our next campout will be hosted by Albert and Lynne Morneault from January 23 – 26, 2014 and will be held at **The Springs RV Resort, 2950 N.E. 52nd Court, Silver Springs, FL 34488, 352-236-5250**. Have a safe trip getting there.

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