

**2012 WINTER SAMBOREE  
RODEHEAVER BOYS RANCH  
PALATKA, FLORIDA  
FEBRUARY 29-MARCH 4, 2012**



We had a total of 9 member rigs and 2 State Staff member rigs for the SAMBOREE.

This SAMBOREE was quite different from last year as we had beautiful weather. Of course winter in Florida is very unpredictable, but we couldn't have asked for better weather. Our last day, however, we had a reminder of last year as a cold front moved in early Sunday morning and we had rain, wind, and a big temperature drop. The floor in the Rodeheaver community building was now concrete where it had been a dirt floor last year. Overall I would say the SAMBOREE was a huge success and as usual, full of events. As you read the newsletter you will see I have highlighted some of the events that went on.

The majority of our members arrived as early birds on [Tuesday](#). At registration we were told we would be having a free pizza party at 5:30 that evening which was provided by America Choice RV dealership. The pizza was very good and everyone thought this was a welcome surprise at a SAMBOREE. After dinner, SAMGO (Bingo) was held and we sold water and Pine Tree Sams sold popcorn.

[Wednesday](#) morning we were provided with coffee & sausage biscuits and then signups for the various games was manned. At 2:00 the indoor card games were held. We had a total of 68 playing Chicken Foot, Wizard, Euchre, and Hand and Foot. Thanks to Carolyn Johnson & Liz Abrams, the card games always run smoothly.

Opening ceremonies began at 6:30 p.m with invocation provided by Tom Leonard, in absense of Sharon Bundy, the Pledge of Allegiance, and presentation of chapter flags. Rita Turner won the 50/50 State raffle that evening. After the program we were provided with entertainment from a gospel group that sang for us at the Winter SAMBOREE in Dunnelon. The problem was they forgot their computer with all their music on it. What a disaster! They did sing acappella, but it got quite screechy at times. This group was very good when they sang for us before, but leaving your music behind when you are doing a performance is quite absurd.



[Thursday](#) morning we had bean bag baseball with a total of 17 teams competing. Well Trail Blazing Sams took first place with the team consisting of Albert & Lynne Morneault, Serge Frechette, Myron & Judy Magedanz, Ray & Rita Turner, and Ralph & Lorraine Zecher. Way to go team!! Golden Triangle Sams was second place and looked mighty good in their gold T-shirts.



1<sup>st</sup> Place Winners – Trail Blazing Sams



2<sup>nd</sup> Place Winners – Golden Triangle Sams

During the period from 11:30 – 12:30 we had three things going on: The Boom Bah's were playing on stage, there was a bake walk and we had free lunch which was soup. Below is Carolyn Johnson standing in the "soup line" which I do believe is a first for her as well as the rest of us!



At 1:00 we had card games with a total of 53 participating in Mexican Train Dominoes, Pinochle, Cribbage, and Skip-Bo. Thanks to all our workers for card games: Judy Magedanz, Lynn Frechette, Liz Abrams, Carolyn Johnson, Jean Potter, Joan Conway, Lorraine Zecher, & Albert Morneault.



That evening SAMGO was held once again.

Friday morning we were provided with sausage gravy & biscuits and then Holey Board began at 9:00. There were 62 teams that participated in Holey Board and Trail Blazing Sams had the first place winning team consisting of Serge Frechette and Ralph Zecher. Way to GO TBS!



Friday afternoon the Flea Market was held and as usual we had a lot of "treasures" to sell. After paying \$15 for the tables, we netted \$183.00. Thanks to all that helped



and especially to Lynne Morneault for getting everything together.



Chuck Potter, Myron Magedanz, Lynne Frechette, Judy Magedanz, Carolyn Johnson, Serge Frechette, Jean Potter, Ralph Zecher, Albert Morneault, Frank Cosentino, Mary Cosentino, Lorraine Zecher, Rita Turner, and Lynne Morneault.

**Friday** afternoon we held our business meeting (see the minutes on the web for further details) and immediately following we had a cookout with everyone bringing a dish to share. No matter how many people we have at a function, we always manage to have a ton of good food. Judy won a decadent chocolate cake at the cake walk which she brought for us to share.



The evening program began at 6:30 with announcements of game winners and the announcement of Trail Blazing Sams winning runner-up in International Chapter

of the Year. Bob Ward also presented certificates to various chapters having anniversaries. Bill Conway, President TBS, receiving 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary certificate.



Our entertainment **Friday** evening was one of the best we have had since Bill and I have been members. (I should say second to Trail Blazing Sams' entertainment!) The group was called Honkeytonk Hitmen and they played a variety of music from the 50s, 60s, and 70s as well as country hits. The group consisted of a drummer and three guitarists. They performed for two straight hours and the audience was extremely receptive of all the music. The music had most toe tapping and clapping, many dancing, and a couple of women on stage manhandling (we won't mention names, Linda & Jody!).



**Saturday** morning bocce ball began at 9:00 with 34 teams signed up. During the game we had to stop for a short time as we had a

high wind advisory and some people had to go back to their units to bring in their awnings. Thanks to our referees: Chuck Potter, Ray Turner, Bill Conway, Frank Cosentino and Serge Frechette.



Lorraine Zecher and I helped with the signup and check in. We were short one person on Team #33 so I asked Mary Cosentino if she would fill in for this missing person. Mary stated she would play but also stated she had never played Bocce Ball. We told her that was ok because many people play for the first time at a SAMBOREE. Well lo and behold Mary was a natural at Bocce Ball and her team came in second place thanks mainly to Mary scoring most of the points! Palm Coast Traveling Sams won first place.



This team was definitely unusual in that Mary Cosentino never played, Eve Carswell was a first timer, and Marsha & Arnie Cohen were also first timers, but were made honorary members of Manateean Sams.

Saturday afternoon various chapters participated in the Garbage Bag & Duct Tape parade. It was amazing to see some of the projects that the chapters created. One chapter, Getaway Sams, had a theme of Mardi Gras and each of the participants had outfits, some to include shoes, made from plastic bags and duct tape. They won first place in chapter participation. Other chapters participating had a rescued manatee, Moby Dork the whale, Bride & Groom, pregnant bride, cat in a tree, and others. All the chapters participating did a great job with their projects.



During the Saturday evening program additional chapters participated in the Garbage Bag Duct Tape theme by performing various skits or by talking about their project. Due to the number of chapters that participated (I believe it was 10) this became rather lengthy and at times boring. The winning chapter was Palm Coast Traveling Sams and they had a very funny skit regarding having a rectal operation on one of their members who was all swollen in the abdomen due to having constipation problems. NOW use your imagination to figure out this skit!!! There was a lot of work put in to most of the projects and we were very thankful we DID NOT participate because we just didn't have the time with everything else we had going on. Other projects not previously mentioned were a shotgun wedding, angels, sheep, and the pig



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on the zip line going WEE WEE WEE WEE!



Sunday morning arrived with a big change in the weather with rain, wind, and much cooler temperature. It was time to say good bye to everyone. We want to give a big thanks to all the state staff for their hard work in making the SAMBOREE

successful. Bill and I also want to thank everyone for all that you do in making Trail Blazing Sams such a great chapter.

During the SAMBOREE we had water sales netting \$133.00 with 24.5 volunteer hours. We sold water at all of the events listed other than the evening programs.



Our next campout will be held at Paradise Oaks Golf & RV Resort, 4628 SR 475, Bushnell, FL 33513 (352) 793-1823 from March 23-25, 2012 (early bird March 22). This will be a big celebration of our 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary and we look forward to seeing everyone. Have a safe trip coming to the campout.

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