

**OUR HOSTS:
ROBIN & MARY MURRAY
HIDEAWAY RV RESORT
RUSKIN, FL
SEPTEMBER 28-30, 2012**



For our September campout weekend, we had a total of 17 member rigs and one guest rig (Jim and Annette VonDeylen-2nd meeting).

The majority of our members arrived as early birds on **Thursday**, and we spent the afternoon visiting and telling about the travels and adventures we had over the summer months. After happy hour, 16 of us enjoyed dinner at Anna Marie Oyster Bar in Ellenton. There were plans to play cards once we returned to the campground, but a thunderstorm altered those plans.

Friday everyone continued to catch up on what they did since our April or May

meeting and some played cards while others played holey board.



Richard Ormsby, Bill Conway, Jill Perry Rita Turner
Jeannette Ormsby Nancy Carter and Cotton Deal

After happy hour, our hosts arranged for us to go to dinner at Sandpiper Grille in Sun City. This was a very nice restaurant on the golf course and we ordered off the menu. Most of us had a scrumptious meal, but unfortunately one table had problems with everything that was ordered. Of course our hosts felt terrible about this, but it was something that was definitely out of their control. This is a very popular restaurant with very good reviews, so it was surprising that an entire table would have problems.

When we returned from dinner, our hosts set up a Bingo game where we played five different games. The cards were sold for \$2.00 per set and there were cash prizes and bags from Lazy Days for each game. Below are all the winners from the games. We had a good turn out for the Bingo and those that won enjoyed the cash prize. Of course with our group there were definitely some laughs along the way.



Ken Kuiken, Ray Turner, Mike Abrams, Linda Voyton, Jeannette Ormsby, Caroline Johnson

Saturday morning breakfast was on your own and then we had our business meeting at 9:30 (check the minutes once they are posted on the web). Comments were again made that it was enjoyable not having to rush with breakfast before our meeting.



During the month of September we collect items for some of our charities. This picture was taken prior to our business meeting showing some of the items that were collected: school supplies for Echo, afgans for nursing facilities, tabs for Shriners, etc.

Lunch was on your own and at 1:00 we caravanned to the Hydro Harvest Farms where we were provided with a tour and information on hydroponic farming. This was extremely interesting and the majority of us were unfamiliar with this type of farming. Our guide encouraged everyone to

sign up for their email newsletter as it gave information on when various vegetables, herbs, or other items were in season and when they were ready to be picked or sold as well as details on hydroponics. Most of us bought vegetables or fruits that were raised at the farm. The unique feature with hydroponic farming is no soil is used in the pots to grow the items. This type of farming takes less land as well as less water because of the way the pots are lined up and the medium used for planting. Our guide stated it only takes about $\frac{3}{4}$ of a cup of water a day for each pot. Another unique feature is there are less bugs because of not using soil. Although there may have been less bugs around, they managed to find Jeannette Ormsby to munch on!!



Rita Turner and John Russano



Joan Russano, John Russano, Frank Cosentino, Ken Kuiken, Judy Magedanz, Mary Cosentino, Jill Perry, Liz Abrams,

When we returned to the campground, many enjoyed various card games followed by happy hour. Our hosts then provided us with a great fish fry including all the trimmings (cole slaw, baked beans, hush puppies, and dessert). Robin Murray and Bill Conway cooked the fish to perfection even though they were cooking outside while it was very hot and humid.



Our hosts provided all the items for our campout this weekend and Lazy Days paid for everything. The Murrays received brochures, coozies, literature, etc. from Lazy Days advertising their products and everyone really enjoyed these benefits. After dinner, various card games were played causing a lot of laughter at some of the tables. It's amazing when playing "Shoot the Moon" how it can bring some to tears because of laughing so hard. Too bad my camera wasn't handy at this time!!

Sunday morning came all too soon and it was time to say our farewells. We look forward to our next campout which Lynn and Serge Frechette will be hosting October 26-28 at Bay Bayou in Tampa. Please let Lynn or Serge know if you will be attending.



Hugs saying Good Bye!



Sandy Mercer & Jeannette Ormsby

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