

TRAILBLAZING SAMS NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER, 2014



OUR HOSTS:
Juliet Dudinsky & Cotton Deal
Hide-A-Way RV Resort
2206 Chaney Drive
Ruskin, FL 33570
October 23-26, 2014



For our October campout weekend, we had a total of 16 member rigs. We started the weekend with one more rig, but sadly the Potters received a call Friday morning that Chuck's brother had a massive stroke and they had to leave. Chuck had a flight to MO that afternoon, but unfortunately his brother passed away an hour prior to his arrival. Our deepest condolences go out to the family.

The weather for the entire weekend was picture perfect. We decided that Juliet and Cotton should order the weather for all future campouts since this weekend was so beautiful. Although Hide-A-Way RV Resort is an older park, they are able to accommodate bigger rigs, they have a big kitchen and recreation hall, and the setting on the river is beautiful. Because they book quickly during snow bird season, we had to call our reservations in back in August for the October campout.

One of the group's favorite restaurants in this area is Anna Marie Oyster Bar, and most everyone that arrived on Thursday went there for dinner. I'm not sure if it is the food or the free margaritas or both, but everyone seems to enjoy going there. Obviously all of us that take pictures were looking forward to the free margaritas, as no one remembered to bring their camera for a group picture! I'm sure most everyone was happy about that since we are always told "enough pictures already"!

Friday afternoon we had friendly holey board competitions with many just sitting around enjoying the beautiful weather.



Next we played Bean Bag Baseball with the men versus the women. We actually had names for the teams with the men being Chippen Dogs and the women being Happy Hookers (this was a name the men gave us). The competition was intense but the men won with a score of 5 - 2. Since January 2013, the ratings now have the men with 3 wins and the women with 2. OK Ladies, we need to step up our next game and get a win!

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WINNERS – Mike Keller, Bill Carter, Mike Lima, John Russano, Richard Ormsby Serge Frechette, Ken Kuiken, Myron Magedanz, & John Perry



Ken & Linda Kuiken, Mike Lima, Cotton Deal, Juliet Dudinsky, Joanne Lima, Richard Ormsby



Jeannette Ormsby, Joan Conway, Jill Perry, Juliet Dudinsky, Mary Murray, Joanne Lima, Lynn Frechette, Judy Magedanz, Linda Kuiken & Liz Abrams



Cerese Henning, John & Joan Russano, Ray & Rita Turner, John Henning

We had Happy Hour and then went to dinner at BubbaQue's Restaurant in Sun City Center. The food was very good and plentiful. This time I had my camera with me and was able to get a picture of everyone.



Albert & Lynne Morneault, Myron & Judy Magedanz, Serge & Lynn Frechette

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Bill Carter, Bill Conway, John & Jill Perry, and Nancy Carter



Pam Keller, Robin & Mary Murray, Liz & Mike Abrams, Mike Keller, Jeannette Ormsby standing in background

Saturday morning we had our business meeting. There were quite a few items discussed during the meeting, so please see the minutes once they are posted on the web site. One of the items I will mention in the Newsletter is the election of new officers. The following slate of officers will be sworn in during the November meeting and take office as of December 2014:

President – John Russano
Vice President – Richard Ormsby
Treasurer – Myron Magedanz
Secretary – Joan Conway



Nice picture of members saying the Pledge of Allegiance at the start of our business meeting

Once again this month we had donations for our various charities. Our hostess asked that we bring 5 spell search magazines for the Veteran's Hospital (a special donation request).



Other donations included hand made baby items, tab tops, box tops, cell phones, etc. During the meeting we also voted for the various charities that would receive monetary donations.

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Linka Kuiken, Lynne Morneault, Linda Voyton, & Rita Turner with baby donations collected this month

After the meeting, we took an updated picture of TBS members holding the Good Sam 2013 Chapter of the Year sign.



Our hosts' theme this month was Oktoberfest. In keeping with that theme, they asked members to bring in their favorite beer stein for judging. There were 11 steins brought in for the competition with the majority of them being from Germany. Individual votes were cast and Serge Frechette was the winner with a Marine stein. Our hosts went through a lot of work preparing beer cheese soup, chicken, meatballs, noodles, red cabbage, rolls, and two different types of gravy. Thank you for all the hard work.



A special treat we had for the Oktoberfest theme were cookies made by Joanne Lima and her daughter. The cookies were not only beautiful but extremely tasty.



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Sunday morning arrives with another glorious day. Sadly the time has gone too quickly and we must say goodbye until next month. We thank our hosts, Juliet and Cotton, for a great weekend.

Our next campout will be the Fall SAMBOREE, November 18-23, 2014, Southern Palms RV Resort, One Avocado Lane, Eustis, FL 3276, Phone 352-357-8882 with the theme being "A Country Fair". Have safe travels getting there.

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Thought for the day:

When life gives you a hundred reasons to cry, show life that you have a thousand reasons to smile.