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2015 Fall Rally at Southern Palms RV Resort, Eustis, Florida Nov.18th-Nov. 22nd Early Bird Nov. 17th

Our Hosts this month was the Florida State Staff and what a fantastic job they did. With 409 rigs in attendance plus vendors and guests Joe and Debbie Weston, our State Directors, pulled their team of volunteers together to provide another flawless Rally.

We were all disappointed when Joe and Debbie announced that they would not seek re-election for another term. Tributes will be forthcoming because Joe and Debbie did a great job promoting Good Sams and especially Good Sams of Florida. They deserve all of our gratitude and thanks. At this point one couple has entered the contest to become our next State Directors.

At this Rally Trail Blazing Sams had 11 rigs, I drive-in (Perrys) and 3 guests in attendance. The week was very busy with our members pitching in to do the many things we do at Rallies. Our members with the help of a few others spent many hours spread among indoor games, Bocci Ball, craft competition, the Flea Market and selling water throughout the week. We raised \$439.00 for our chapter which part is allocated to the Dogs for the Deaf and Florida Dog Guides FTD. Money raised for the Florida Dog Guides is being reserved until such time as the State decides if they will continue to support them.

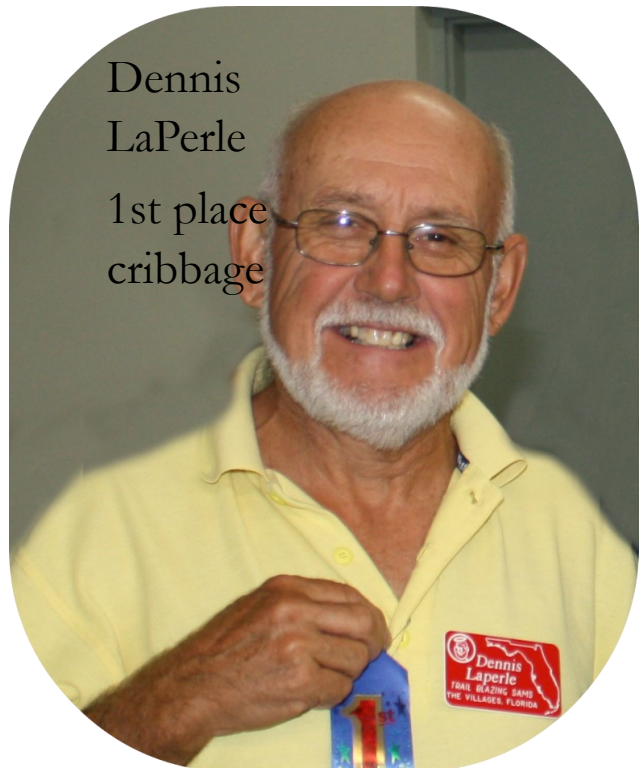


Joe & Debbie Weston

It all started with most of the rigs arriving Tuesday, early bird. Many found their way to the Sun Hall to play Samgo Wednesday was sign-up for the indoor and outdoor games followed by our Chapter running the card games in the afternoon. We played Hand and Foot, Euchre, Wizard and Chicken Foot Dominoes.

That evening was the Opening Ceremony at Lake County fairgrounds located within a short walking distance from most sites

Thursday we played Mexica Train Dominoes, Pinochle, Cribbage and Skip-Bo.



John Russano, Liz Abrams, Joan Conway, Jeannette Ormsby, Mary Murray, Dennis LaPerle, Joanne Lima, Juliet Dudinski.

(workers to the indoor games)

Thursday morning it was time to begin the outdoor game of Bean Bag Baseball. TBS had two teams with one of them moving on to the semi-finals only to lose 3-2 the Rolling Sams the eventual winner of the competition.

Friday the outdoor games continued with Holly Board being the big game of the day. Once again TBS was well represented with two teams advancing to the semi-finals. Also going on was Crafts on display, the Doggie Custom Dog Walk and the Flea Market. The highlight of the evening program was the Memorial Service of the Lost Loved Ones.



John Russano



Mike Lima



Jeannette Ormsby



Richard Ormsby

Team Russano & Lima (Holey Board) Team Jeannette & Richard Ormsby
Score 18 to 18 Winner Victory to Team Russano & Lima

Saturday the last of the outdoor games, Bocci Ball, got underway followed by the "Memories of Christmas Past" and "The Ugly Christmas Sweater Contest". The evening program was packed full of activities. Donation to Charities, Chapter of the Year announcement, Newsletter Award, Chapter Raffles and game winners. See the Good Sams of Florida website for the winners of different activities.

MEMORIES OF CHRISTMAS PAST

This was the theme of this years Rally. There was a few Chapter participating. Ideas were just great.



The Ugly Christmas Sweater Contest



Joan Conway and "Charlie" Lynne Morneault
In their ugly sweater

UPCOMING EVENTS

Trail Blazing Sams Christmas Campout

Date: December 10th – 12th, 2015

Place: Paradise Oaks Campground,
Bushnell, FL.

Hosts: Mike and Joanne Lima

Trail Blazing Sams January 2016 Campout

Date: January 22nd-24th, 2016

Place: Winter Quarters, Lutz, FL.

Hostess: Linda Voyton

Good Sams of Florida Winter "Rally" in Tallahassee

Dates: Feb. 3rd-7th, 2016

Place: North Florida Fairgrounds
441 East Paul Russell Road,
Tallahassee, FL.

Hosts: State Directors

Joe & Debbie Weston &
Good Sams of Florida State Staff

FLORIDA GOOD SAMS CHAPTER OF THE YEAR

The highlight of the Rally for us was when we were announced as the *Chapter of the Year* in Florida. A very unexpected and pleasant honor which caught most of us totally by surprise. Our members work hard all year long and especially at Rallies because we want to contribute to the overall success of TBS and Good Sams of Florida. It's very nice to be recognized for our efforts and we want to thank all who contributed

We want to especially thank Al Morneault and Jeannette Ormsby who spent many hours putting a very impressive COY (Chapter of the Year) book together.

SUNSHINE CORNER

Rita reports that Lynn Frechette and Cerece Henning are still in different stages of recovery. John Perry is recovering nicely from shoulder replacement and should be back with us soon. Just heard that Myron Magedanz was in the hospital with heart related issues. He's home now but under Judy's strict discipline.

MEMBERSHIP

There is good and bad news. Our membership has dropped to 18 rigs with the recent resignation of John and Cerece Henning. John and Cerece have been long time members of TBS. They will be missed and we wish them well as they go through Cerece's recovery.

The good news is that at this time we have four (4) potential new members. We hope they join our very fine Chapter.

CAMPGROUND RATINGS

Previously at the suggestion of our then Vice-President John Perry each Host and Hostess was asked to rate the campground we just visited. We are reactivating that rating system. In this issue we will rate Blueberry Hills RV Resort in Bushnell, Florida and Southern Palm RV Resort in Eustis, Florida. Each category will be rated on a 1-10 scale with 1 being the lowest.

Blueberry Hills RV Resort

Administrative (Campground office Staff)	4
Sites and Site services	10
Facilities (Recreation Hall, Kitchen)	3
Rates	6

Judy and Myron gave Blue Berry Hills RV Resort an Overall Rating 5.8

Southern Palms @ Eustis Fall Rally

Administrative (Campground and office staff)	10
Sites and Site Services	10
Facilities (Recreation Hall, Kitchen)	8
Rates	10

Overall Rating 9.5

FINAL THOUGHTS

Sunday arrived and it was time to pack up and head back home to rest and relax, it was a very busy week for our Chapter. For the State Staff it must have been a very exhausting eight days which for most of them began before the sun came up and ended after most of us had retired for the evening. Throughout the week many commented about what a great Rally Good Sams of Florida puts on. We are all very proud of our State Staff and thank them for all they do to make our Rallies so much fun.

SEE YOU ALL IN TALLAHASSEE

Safe travels and to everyone A **VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR.**

Please visit our web site at www:tbsams.weebly.com for more pictures of the activities at the Rally. Joanne our historian puts lots on the web . Don't miss it..



December 1st Bill Conway
 December 6th Colin Greseth
 December 8th Gail DuBose
 December 8th Serge Frechette
 December 13th Liz Abrams
 December 17th Lynn Frechette



December 24th Deals
 December 27th Magedanzs



SANTA CLAUS came to Rally



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