

TRAIL BLAZING SAMs



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BAY BAYOU

RV RESORT, TAMPA,
FL.,

The October 2011 camp-out was held October 28-30th at Bay Bayou RV Resort in Tampa, Florida. Our host and hostess, Mike and Liz Abrams, welcomed us to the "Oktoberfest" they had prepared for us. 16 member rigs, 2 drive ins and 2 guests attended.

Bay Bayou is one of the top campgrounds in the Good Sams' campground listings and it's always a pleasure to have our campout there.



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Our guests included Jean and Bob Roy's daughter, Debbie Busby who came in with her mother Jean. Our other guests which joined us for the weekend was Frank and Mary Cosentino who currently resides in Wimauma, Florida. Originally from White Plains, N.Y., they recently purchased a motor home and look forward to camping and joining a Good Sam Chapter like ours. Frank is a retired fireman having spent 31 years with the Valhalla, N. Y. fire district. Mary previously worked for a chemical company for 26 years. Frank and Mary's hobby is building street rods. This was their first meeting with our chapter and they plan to join us at the Fall Samboree in Eustis. Everyone enjoyed meeting them and look forward to seeing them again.



Thursday being early bird arrival day was a day of preparation.

Not much by way of organized activities but as usual with our group we quickly became engrossed in games, happy hour and making early dinner plans. In the evening the games resumed while some decided to watch the World Series.

Friday's scheduled South Mobley road cleanup was cancelled due to inclement weather so it became a day of indoor activity. This gave everyone an opportunity to bring in their Veteran's as well as other items given to the many charities we support. While some of us missed that opportunity you can bring them to the December meeting and they will be distributed at that time. Shopping, lunch and games took us to happy hour where we enjoyed many hors-d'oeuvres. After we all went to dinner at Cracker Barrel where many selected their entrees from the dinner menu while others chose breakfast items. Kind of nice to have a wide range of selections, everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. It was back to Bay Bayou to resume the games of the evening.

Saturday began with a pot luck breakfast consisting of many varied and delicious dishes. Must have been good because I went back for seconds only to find most everything was gone. After breakfast our monthly business meeting was held. Please note there were many issues discussed and acted upon so please read your minutes carefully since most of what was on the agenda will affect each one of you. Of particular interest was the nomination of Frank and Evelyn Ciampaglia to become our chapter's newest Honorary Members. Frank and Evelyn are to many "Trail Blazing Sams". They have been members for 31 of the 35 years of TBS's history. Between the two of them they have served our chapter faithfully as officers, good will ambassadors and leaders in every sense. Surely, (Frank says, don't call me Shirley) both will be missed very much



In addition to Frank and Evelyn we also received a letter of resignation from Larry and Joan Buback. Both Larry and Joan served us well and will be missed not only as loyal TBS members but friends as well.



"Don't be dismayed at good-byes. A farewell is necessary before you can meet again. And meeting again, after moments or lifetimes, is certain for those who are friends."
- Richard Bach

Congratulations to our newest Officers. Sworn in by our ASD's Liz and Mike Abrams were Joan Russano, Treasurer and Lorraine Zecher, Secretary. In Lorraine's absence Joan Conway, Acting Secretary stood in for her. Our present Secretary, Jean Roy had to resign in light of Bob's long term rehabilitation. Joan Buback's term of office ended this year. We thank both of them for their past services to our chapter.



Can you believe it's already that time of the year when we make decisions about giving money to charities and planning our Christmas gifts. This year, as in the past, four charities were selected from a list presented to us by our Charitable Contribution Chairwomen Jill Perry. The amount of the distributions will be decided at the November meeting. The organizations selected this year are as follows: (1) **Fisher House**, (2) **Joshua House**, (3) **Association of Hole in the Wall Camps**, and (4) **Hospice Foundation of America**



Christmas is always a wonderful time of the year. To many it's a time when we get together with family and friends to share love and fellowship. It's a season to reflect on your religious beliefs whatever they may be and it's also a time to think of the joy Christmas brings to children. So many have nothing, won't get anything and will go through this holiday alone. Trail Blazing Sams has always tried to make sure some youngsters will get a least a small present so this year our gifts will go to an organization called **Guardian ad Litem** (toy closet.) An advocacy organization appointed by the courts to provide for abused and abandoned children. The same guidelines apply as in the past. One boy's and one girl's unwrapped gift around the \$10.00 value each. These gifts should be brought to the Christmas campout which will be held December 9th -11th at Rally Park in Seffner.

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at:

www.tbsams.webs.com

During the meeting it was announced that South Mobley Road Cleanup would be on for early afternoon. So off we went to perform our duty. There was a very good turnout with 18 members and 2 guests participating. 27 bags of trash was collected with each bag weighing approximately 15 pounds. Can you believe 405 pounds of trash littering the highway. Shame on those litterbugs. Congratulations to Liz and Mike for conducting a very successful project.



After a late lunch for many it was time for our happy hour with Beer and Pretzels provided by our hosts. Many watched the Gators go down in defeat while others played cards. Our host and hostess changed roles from conducting a road cleanup to preparing our evening meal. With the help of others, Mike did the grilling and Liz organized the food and beverage line. After the blessing by our Chaplin, Harold Johnson, dinner was served. In true "Oktoberfest" tradition we were treated to Brats, Burger and Beer all provided by our hosts. A good time was had by all. Depending on how much beer one had some had more fun than others. We thank Mike and Liz for being great host and hostess.

THANKSGIVING AT SOUTHERN PALMS RV RESORT

Thanksgiving is the theme for the **Fall Samboree** scheduled for **November 17-20th at Eustis, Florida**. At last count we will have 13 couples plus 1 guest couple in attendance. For those going please make sure you arrive unhooked. Its so much quicker and easier for the staff to do their job especially with around 360 rigs arriving.

Also remember we (TBS) will be participating in the "Macy Parade". We will be wearing our red shirts and black pants. Please, bring with you your musical instrument which will be a pot or pan and a wooden spoon or whatever other gadget you may have.. The kitchen band which you are part of will play some Christmas tunes. No point in telling you which ones they will be because you won't recognize any of them anyways. Sounds from a Kitchen Band carries a different tune. It's assuring to know, according to our Musical Director Caroline Johnson, we will have fun. Due to complete lack of musical talent I volunteered to carry the TBS Banner.

Health & Welfare

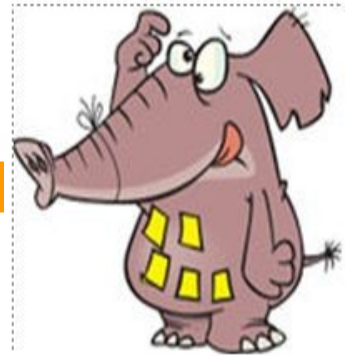
Once again Joan Conway did a great job of keeping us posted with our members that are going through some medical problems.. Let's keep them in our prayers.

Get well soon...

**A bright and cheerful get-well wish
especially meant to say,
That many warm and friendly
thoughts**

2011 Fall Samboree
Theme: Thanksgiving
Southern Palms RV Resort
One Avocado Lane-Eustis , Fl.,
Nov.16th -20 , 2011
Early bird Nov. 15th, 2011

You can check Good Sams of Florida web
site for more details.



*Our next campout will be December 9th—11th
Rally Park, Seffner Fl.
Early bird Thursday December 8th
Our Host and Hostess
John & Gail DuBose*

November 5th - Ralph Zecher
November 13th - Juliette Dudinsky
November 20th - Robin Murray
November 25th - Mike Lima
November 27th - Linda Voyton

