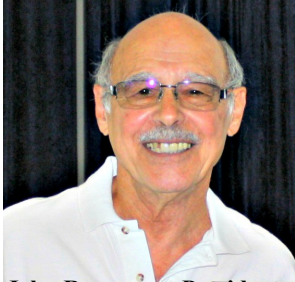




# Trail Blazing Sams

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September Rally was held at  
from the 25th to the 27th



Early Birds on the 24th. We had 11 rigs and 3 drive-ins (Limas, Johnsons & Voyton)

#### **WELCOME BACK the fun begins**

The summer is over and most of our members have returned home from their summer travels.

Our Host and Hostess for the week-end was Mike & Liz Abrams. They greeted us as we arrived and directed us to our designated sites.

While there was no activities scheduled for Thursday we spent a good part of the day exchanging stories of our summer travels until it was time to head to Cody's Restaurant, a favorite among all of us.



#### **Fall Rally**

*Southern Palms RV Resort in Eustis  
November 18-22, 2015*

*Early Bird November 17th  
Contest: Decorations & Craft*

*2015 Theme*

*"Memories of Christmas Past"*

*Special Events:*

*50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration,  
and the Memorial Ceremony*

#### **Winter Rally**

*North Florida Fairgrounds  
Tallahassee, Florida  
February 3rd - 7th, 2016  
Early Bird February 2nd*



#### **Spring Samboree**

*Okeechobee KOA in Okeechobee  
April 15 - April 19, 2015  
Early bird April 14th  
Theme-MADD HATTERS  
Contest: Madd Hatters*

#### **TBS Campout**

*October 23rd - 25th Early Birds 22nd  
Blueberry Hill RV Resort  
6233 Lowery St. Bushnell, Fl. 33513  
(352) 793-4112  
Hosts: Myron & Judy Magedanz*



Mike and Liz got us all up early Friday morning and we all headed out to Mobley Road which is our Adopted Road for clean up. This year there was 14 hardy souls who took on the task of picking up other peoples' nasty habit of throwing trash as they drive down the highway. Twice each year we spend between 70 and 80 man hours doing our good deed. As we get older it appears the enthusiasm for this project is dwindling however in addition to this being one of our designated projects, what we all look forward to is going to Chili's for some good food, favorite beverages, dessert and most importantly good fellowship.



L-R. Mike Abrams, Myron Magedanz, Ken Kuiken, Serge Frechette  
Linda Kuiken, Bill & Joan Conway, Richard & Jeannette Ormsby  
Robin & Mary Murray, Liz Abrams, Lynne Morneault.

Robin Murray, Lynne Morneault, Jeannette Ormsby,  
Serge Frechette, Myron Magedanz



A Certificate of Recognition for 5 years of service to keep Tampa Bay Beautiful was awarded to Trail Blazing Sams.  
Our President John Russano presented it to Liz Abrams who is the coordinator for that project. Congrats Liz for a job well done.



*In this world*

*It is not what we take up*

*But what we give up*

*That makes us rich*

*“Henry Ward Beecher”*





Around 4 PM it was time for Happy Hour. Heavy hors d'oeuvres were brought in by everybody and we just continued hearing more summer adventures



L-R: Liz Abrams, Albert Morneau, Myron Magedanz, Mike Lima, Serge Frechette, John Perry, Joan Russano, Mary Murray, John Russano, Judy Magedanz

Later Mike and Liz introduced us to a game called, for the lack of a better name, left, right and center, a very interesting game of chance. The price of entering this game was \$3.00. Each player rolled three dice, each die was marked L, R, and C. When you rolled the dice if a L came up you gave a dollar to the player on your left, if a R the player on your right got the dollar. However if a C came up you put a dollar in the bowl never to be returned to you. Round and round it goes until you have no money left. The one left with any money wins the pot. Joan Conway survived and walked away with everyone's loot. A game that kept everyone interested until the end. Then we all booed and hissed, all in fun of course.



L-R: Liz Abrams, Bill Conway, Albert Morneau, Myron Magedanz, Mike Lima, Serge Frechette, John Perry



Joan Conway



**Saturday** was a day of some outdoor games but not as many as we normally have. Around mid morning we had a very nice surprise visit when Serge brought his wife Lynn over to see us. We were all so glad to spend some time with her. Lynn has been very sick and is undergoing treatment for liver cancer. Some good news to pass on is that according to the latest report the lesions are getting smaller. We all pray for her and wish her continued improvement. Joan Conway presented her with a beautiful bouquet of flowers. Liz had everybody sign a very nice get well card.



Lynn & Serge Frechette

Our business meeting was held at 3:00 PM due to a scheduling conflict in the clubhouse. No big deal it just meant that we went from our meeting to Happy Hour. Our President exempted us from the normal uniform of the day requirement which made everybody happy. Several subjects were discussed. The most important had to do with our declining membership. As we age sickness and disability makes it more difficult to support our commitment to the activities we've undertaken, mainly supporting our involvement in the State Samborees. Recently we lost two members and we know we will be losing a couple more before much longer. Unfortunately without new, younger members to fortify our ranks and take an active part in continuing our involvement in Samborees we will have to seriously look at just how much our Chapter will be able to commit to. We all hope we will gain new blood so that the tradition of Trail Blazing Sams as a leader can continue. We seem to be okay for the fall Samboree at Eustis but beyond that its just too early to tell.

After the meeting it was Happy Hour and dinner time. Mike and Liz hired a caterer who prepared a wonderful dinner called "Tampa Cuban Cuisine". This meal consisted of yellow rice, black beans, pulled chicken (my favorite) and a pork dish called, pulled marinated pork mojo, ( I hope I got that right), tossed salad, rolls and a wonderful rice pudding dessert. A very wonderful dinner choice which Liz came across while attending a house party. We have to encourage Liz and Mike to go to more parties. Maybe we can get them to do another meal for us soon.



L-R: Joan Russano Judy Magedanz, Joan Conway, John Russano  
Serge Frechette, Caroline Johnson, Liz Abrams.



Sunday morning arrived and we were all treated to fresh donuts and coffee. After saying our goodbyes everyone headed to their units to pack up and hit the road.



**If you cannot hear the sound of the genuine in you, you will all your life spend your days on the ends of stings that somebody else pulls.**

**"Howard Thurman"**





No, No Serge Frechette did not win the Lotto ; he won the 50-50— drawing that we have in our group. Linda Kuiken is a happy as he is. “Don’t spend it all at once Serge”



**Last but not least**



A small part of the school supplies that TBS donate.  
L-R: Jill Perry, Albert Morneau, Jeannette Ormsby, Chuck Potter, Judy Magedanz  
Ken Kuiken, Joan Russano.



Let’s not forget Lynn Frechette and Cerese Henning that still need our thoughts and prayers. May each day bring both closer to a full recovery.

We love you and we can’t wait to see you back with your extended family .

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