



Newsletter Campout September 23rd-25th, 2011



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The long hot summer has ended or at least the calendar tells us so. Another season of fellowship begins for Trail Blazing Sams, Chapter # 47 of Good Sams Club. Our September campout was held at **Paradise Oaks RV Resort in Bushnell, Fl.**, on September 23-25th with **Mike and Joanna Lima our Host and Hostess.**

Several of us arrived Thursday the 22nd with the rest of our crew coming in Friday. We had 12 rigs and 1 drive-in in attendance with Frank and Evelyn Ciampaglia joining us Saturday afternoon for a while. Even considering the Samborees this was the lowest turnout at our campouts in a very long time. Many of our members are recuperating from sickness and or operations while

others have extended their summer travels with some not coming back until mid October. It was nice to see everyone again and we look forward to future campouts when we will all be together again.



Early Birds Thursday

For those arriving Thursday we had a very informal afternoon ending with an early dinner at everyone's favorite Howie's Family Restaurant. It was there that we met up with some Good Sams friends. Members of Sampipers, Chapter #81 who was also having their September campout at Paradise Oaks. After dinner we returned to the recreation hall for games old people play. No No....No insult to anybody but according to the UN the definition of old people is anyone over 60 years of age. I guess we all qualify, **don't we??**

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Friday

Friday's activities began for many by going back to Howie's for 2-2-2 or a breakfast of one's choice. Everyone would love to have a little restaurant like Howie's in their neighborhood, excellent food and very friendly service.

After breakfast a few of us brave souls ventured out to the cow pasture to participate in a Golf Tournament arranged by our host, Mike. For those of you that weren't there, let me tell you, you missed the fun. The course was not in the best of condition, matter of fact I don't think the greens had been mowed since we were there last. The humidity, heat, bugs and trying to putt the greens made for a very interesting day. We had two teams and our host/hostess presented the winners with some golf balls while the losers were given three plastic practice balls. John Russano should have gotten a special award for being most the consistent. Consistent that is in hitting campers that lined the golf course. He certainly brought a lot of attention to his game. Win or lose we had fun and I'm sure we will be back on the course the next time we visit Paradise Oaks.



The winners, with 2 under par, were Richard Ormsby, Bill Carter, John Russano and Chuck Potter



In the afternoon while we were sitting around in the clubhouse we were visited by our State Director Bob and Reba Ward. They spent some time with us and then they visited with Sampipers

Soon it was time for our Happy Hour followed by a Western Dinner of pulled pork, baked beans and coleslaw which our Host's provided for us. Closing out the menu was a make your own sundae with choice of toppings. Mike and Joanne did a super job and their efforts were appreciated by all.

Saturday our hosts treated us to a very nice coffee, orange juice, eggs, sausage and pancake breakfast. Plenty of food and as usual several of our crew took advantage of the surplus.

The **business meeting** followed breakfast and here are a few items that were discussed. Looks like October is going to be a busy month. The dues of \$20.00 per rig will be collected by Jean Roy so plan on that, in addition make sure you bring your Good Sams' membership card because Bill Carter will be verifying your expiration date since this information has to be sent to the State. Al Morneault brought us up to date regarding *COY.* book He has asked that if anyone has anything to be included in this year's submission book to call him so it can be accounted for. To get the whole story, make sure you read the minutes in order to keep pace.

At the conclusion of the meeting the 60/40 drawing was held with Myron and Judy Magadanz the lucky winners. Maybe I should clarify that, Myron bought the tickets and Judy took the money. So much for the share and share alike.

* Chapter of the Year*



Christmas Toys for Children

Traditionally at each Christmas campout we all bring a \$10.00 toy for a boy and one for a girl to be given to an organization or charity .The last three years the recipients were the following:

2008 – Shriners Hospital

2009- St Joseph’s Children Hospital

2010 - Toys for Tots

In light of the tough economic times these and other organizations are going through I am sure the above or any other charity would gladly welcome our gifts in any form. To a child receiving a gift at Christmas is priceless . Presents instead of money takes on a whole different meaning .

Breaking news from the Nominating Committee. Ceres Henning Jr. has thrown her name into the hat so to speak and is running for Secretary. At this point she is unopposed so, if there is any other candidate for this office, now is the time to let your nominating committee know. Joan Buback’s term ends this year and she is not seeking reelection . All other officers are entering the 2nd year of a two year term.



Immediately following the meeting a special 35th Anniversary meeting was held. Chaired by Joanne Lima this committee is putting together plans for TBS’s 35th Anniversary which will be held at the March 2012 campout. Everyone of us is on the committee so bring any ideas, pictures, etc. that you think might be of interest to the October campout. Plans are well underway to make this an exciting and fun celebration.

Health and Welfare

“Golden Years Are Here At Last.”

Can’t hear, can’t see, can’t p.!! but the Golden Years are here!

Wow, how true. Just look at the list of members who are recuperating from recent illness or surgeries. Joan Conway has done an excellent job of trying to keep everyone informed of the health issues effecting our extended family members. A copy of her recent e-mail will be attached :



We wish them all continued success with their recovery and we will keep them all in our thoughts and prayers .



October 5th
John DuBose

“Laugh as much as you breathe and love as long as you live.”

Fall 2011 Samboree

November

16th-25th

(Early Birds)

November 15th

Southern Palms

RV Resort

One Avocado Lane

Eustis, FL

32726

Mark your calendar

This event is right around the corner and is approaching very fast. During his visit with us Bob Ward indicated they already have approximately 300 applications from Good Sam members. Linda Voyton reported our chapter has only five (5) members who are part of that 300. We know there will be more, so if you are planning on going please get your applications in as soon as possible. This year's theme is "Thanksgiving" and our chapter's plan is to participate in the parade which is being coordinated by Caroline Johnson.



Next Campout

Oct. 28th—30th

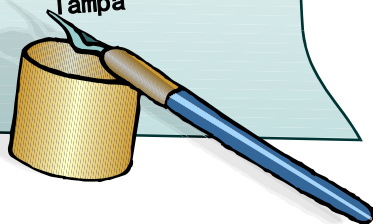
Hosts

Mike & Liz Abrams

Bay Bayou

12622 Memorial Hwy

Tampa



Liz and Mike have scheduled
Mobley Road Cleanup
on Friday 28th.
More details to follow...

Bob and Reba Ward visited us again Saturday and brought ASD's Joe and Debbie Weston with them. As you know Bob and Reba are serving their last year as our State Director. Joe has announced his interest in running for that position. At this point they are the only candidate so he and Debbie are out introducing themselves to the Chapters. Joe and Debbie are very active in the Good Sams of Florida.



"School Days, School Days Dear Old Golden Rule Days"

Each September as the school season gets underway our chapter puts special emphasis on the needs of children so through the generosity of our members, Myron and Judy have delivered a large assortment of school supplies to the Hillsborough County School System.



(Back) Part of Sandy... & Ron Mercer, Myron & Judy Magedanz, Lynn Frechette

(L to R) John Dubose, Joanne Lima, Joan Conway, Gail DuBose, Jean Potter
Charlie Voyton, Joan Russano, Linda Voyton.

Some friends come, some friends go.

We are all saddened to learn that Patricia Coman has resigned from TBS.

We all wish her well and hope she will stop by to see us at some future campout.
Good Luck, Pat....



Health & Welfare

CIAMPAGLIA - Frank is doing very well considering all he went through. He has lost weight and had developed a cough, but the doctor has given him some medicine for the cough and Evelyn is trying to fatten him up! Evelyn had been having some problems with her hip and then she became dehydrated. The doctor gave her some medicine which she will be on for two weeks and she said so far this is helping her and she is starting to feel better.

CONWAY - Bill had arthroscopy surgery to his right knee yesterday and the doctor found that he had a torn meniscus and repaired it. The surgery was done as out patient and was very quick. He was put to sleep, operated on, and awake and ready to go just after two and a half hours! The marvels of modern medicine! He naturally has some pain and is able to walk around with the aid of a cane. The doctor previously told him that this knee should be good for a couple more years before he would require knee replacement, so hopefully he will have good results.

DEAL/DUDINSKY - Cotton & Juliet went up north for a family reunion and picked up a bad bronchial infection. Evidently Cotton was worse and had a lot of trouble breathing. They have been to the doctor several times and have medicine which is now helping them to feel better.

HENNING - Cerese had five stints put in to help with artery problems on September 20. While having this procedure done (normally as an out patient) she had very irregular heart beat (14) and blood pressure. They kept her in the hospital until Wednesday evening, Sep 21. They put her on some medication and her blood pressure and heart beat rate is now stabilized. She also went to the oncologist that was treating her for the bladder cancer and he gave her a clean bill of health. She will have to be tested for the cancer every three months since the type she had was a very aggressive one.

JOHNSON - Harold and Caroline are still traveling and I have been unable to reach them. I have been told that Harold is doing fairly well since having his stroke but still has some difficulties getting in and out of their coach and walking.

MORNEAULT - Albert reported at our meeting that he has been experiencing a problem with a pulled groin muscle, making it difficult for him to walk. I spoke with him today and the doctor has prescribed physical therapy treatments for two weeks and hopefully this will take care of his problem.

ORMSBY - Richard's grandson, Alex, has been in and out of the hospital about 5 times since our May campout. He is still on a liquid diet and has lost a considerable amount of weight. The latest thing they have done is put a stint in the esophagus to help with some of his problems. He had a scholarship to go to college, but this is all on hold at the present time.

POTTER - As many of you may know, Chuck & Jean's daughter was in the hospital off and on during the spring and they were unable to diagnose exactly what was wrong with her. They finally discovered she has a very debilitating disease which attacks all the organs. Although this is not cancer, she has been getting chemo treatments to help control the disease. She had her last chemo treatment yesterday, and they have definitely

helped her. This disease has put her in a wheel chair and she will be unable to work the rest of her life, so she is also getting disability. Her daughter, Jessica, who has been disabled since birth, also was having some difficulties with her bowels during the same time this spring. They were finally able to give her some sort of shot which saved her life. She is now doing very well.

ROY - An email was sent out to everyone that Bob was having back surgery on September 22. I spoke to Jean on Friday, Sep 23, and she reported that the doctor was pleased with the surgery, and Bob had screws put in disks 2 thru 7 and would have to wear a neck brace for about six weeks. He is now in a rehabilitation center and starting his physical therapy. He is expected to be in rehab for about two weeks if all goes well.

ZECHER - Lorraine has had some anxiety issues over the last few years, and over the summer months had some stress which was causing her to have heart palpitations/fluttering and just not feeling well. After finally visiting her doctor she learned that these anxiety attacks and stress have caused damage to the muscle of her heart. They now have her on some medication which she hopes will allow them to travel back to FL in a few weeks. She also had a small skin cancer removed from her neck and leg.

Well as someone put it during our meeting on Saturday, it looks like the members of TBS are all falling apart!!! The good thing about writing all of this for you is that when I finally got to the bottom, the final results were that most everyone was improving - which is GREAT news! The other thing about reporting about the various ailments - I think I might apply for a medical transcript job (just kidding for sure)!! We do ask that you continue to keep all our TBS family in your thoughts and prayers and to keep those that are still traveling safe. Please let us know if I forgot to mention anyone or if there is someone you would like to add to the list.

Joan & Bill

Every person's Life is a fairytale written by God's fingers