



# The Trail Blazer

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**February Campout February 14—19, 2017**

**Florida Good Sams Winter Rally**

**North Florida Fairgrounds, Tallahassee, FL**



**Good Sam Club**

The Monday before the Rally, ten TBS rigs caravanned to the Suwannee River Rendezvous Resort in Mayo.

The pull through sites were nice and wide. We played Holey Board and enjoyed a relaxing Happy Hour.



**Good Friends. Good Times**  
**Braving the gnats to have a delicious**  
**pot luck and a lot of laughs**

## PARKING AT THE RALLY

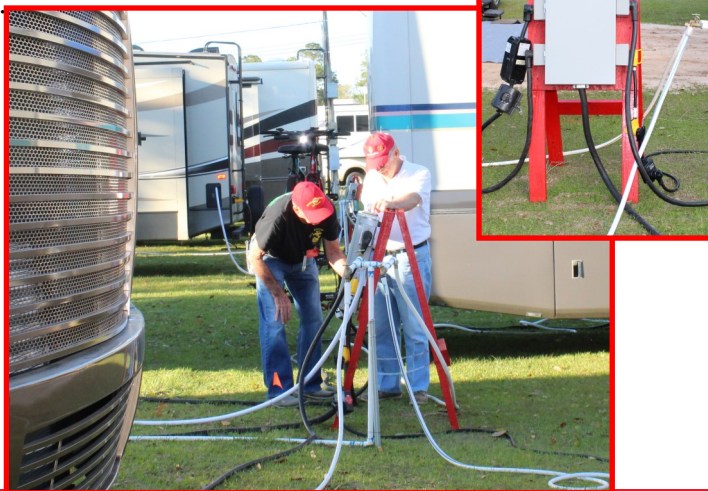
We arrived Tuesday morning and started setting up. With a little help, everyone got connected to electric and water.. We had some nice shade under the oak trees to play holey board and just sit around and visit.

### WHAT DO YOU DO WHEN YOU GET LOCKED OUT OF YOUR COACH?

While the rest of us sat in our chairs watching the show, Ray Turner just hoisted John Russano up and through the window. No ladder needed. The only thing missing at this show was the popcorn.



### Serge and Richard



Great Spot to Park

### Locked Out—No Ladder Needed



Up and In  
(Better Lock Your Windows)

## OPENING CEREMONIES

Fifteen TBS rigs including two guests and 3 members who are on the State Staff attended the Winter Rally in Tallahassee. Food, games, fellowship, mostly nice weather and some memorable moments made this yet another great Rally.

TBS hosts the Indoor Games, Bocce Ball and the Flea Market so we stay very busy.

**Flag bearers Vice President Ray Turner and President John Russano**



**Great picture of Serge Frechette**



**Waiting for the  
Parade of Colors**

**Ken and Linda Kuiken  
With State Staff in the  
background**



**We all wear our uniforms on Opening Night**

## INDOOR GAMES

For many years, TBS has been the Chapter host for all the Indoor Games—Cribbage, Euchre, Pinochle, Hand & Foot, Skip-Bo, Wizard, Chicken Foot and Mexican Train Dominoes.

TBS modified the rules for each game to fit within the allotted time window, so the games go smoothly. We also designed the score sheets and everyone has a great time.

This year we had an added challenge—verify all the Hand & Foot card boxes (4 decks of cards in each box). Many hands make light work and we all enjoyed the camaraderie.

**Standing Left to Right:**

Joanne Lima, Carolyn Rilling, Linda Kuiken, Juliet Dudinsky (our fearless leader), Jeannette Ormsby, Ruth Hemphill, John Russano

**Seated:**

Joan Russano and Rita Turner



**TBS Workers At The Indoor Games**

**Juliet and Jeannette showing off their winning Cribbage badges**



**Jeannette won First Place in Euchre  
Joanne tied for Second Place**

## BEAN BAG BASEBALL

TBS had two teams competing. The girls' team was eliminated in the first round. The guys made it all the way to Round 3 before they were beaten in an exciting two extra innings game.

Congratulations to Serge Frechette, Chuck Potter and Linda Kuiken for their home runs.



Juliet is lining up  
her shot



The Girls Team. Love the  
orange shoes



It's A Home Run For Serge

Chuck's Home Run



## HOLEY BOARD

At Eustis, Robin Murray and Cotton Deal won the Holey Board competition. At this Rally, TBS has quite a few teams competing. Jeanette and Richard Ormsby made it to the semi-finals. We will all have to practice between now and Okeechobee. We all sure did have a good time playing.

**Right: Two competing TBS teams checking out the score.**



**Cotton Just Scored A 5**



**Just Look At the Concentration**



**Chuck Always Has A Good Time**



**Serge Is A High Scoring Player**



**Dennis Is Focused**

## CHAPTER MEETING

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Since we wear full uniforms Wednesday and Saturday nights, our dress code for Rally meetings is casual. The highlight of our short meeting was the swearing in of new members by ASD Robin Murray, followed by a delicious potluck.



### SWEARING IN NEW MEMBERS



New members Dave & Carolyn Rilling



Brenda Gollihue  
New Member

**TBS ASSISTANT  
STATE DIRECTORS**  
Robin & Mary Murray



Left: President John  
& Secretary Mike

Above  
Pot Luck. Yum!

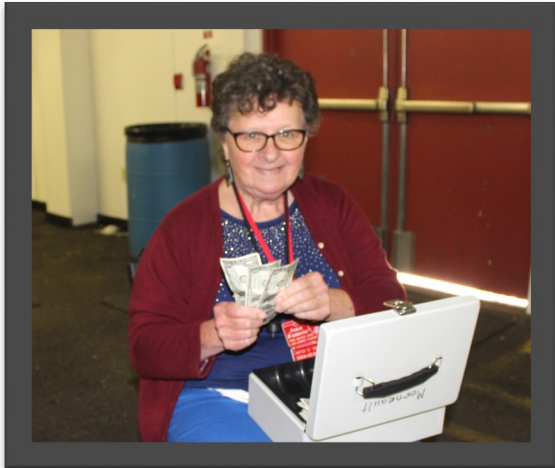
## FLEA MARKET



TBS hosted the Flea Market for the first time in Tallahassee. Four chapters participated, filling 8 tables with treasures and lots of other stuff. We had a huge crowd of buyers and lookers. A lot of people left happy with their latest find.



Workers: Back Row: Linda K, Carolyn, Ruth, Juliet, Joanne. Front: Linda N, Jean, Rita

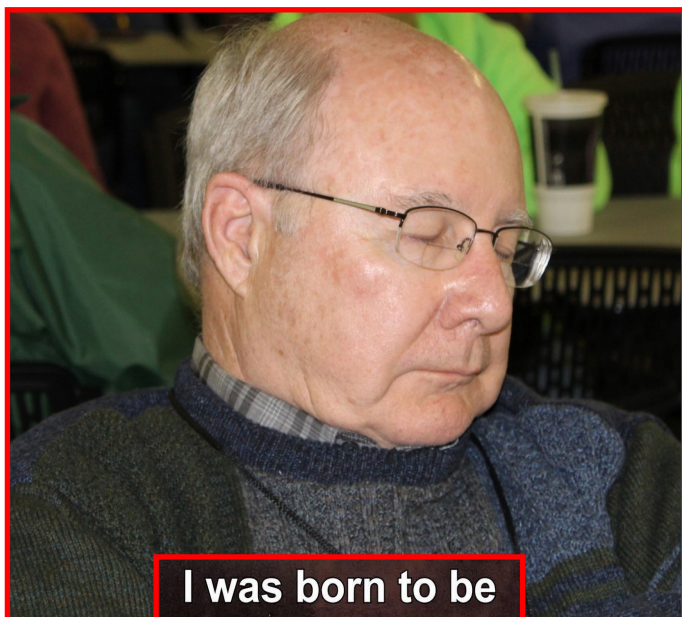


Joan Russano, Our Cashier



Waiting For The Big Jobs:  
Ray, John, Ken Chuck, Bill





**I was born to be wild, but only until around 9pm or so.**

## JEAN POTTERS AMAZING AND FAMOUS SNOWBALL CAKE

2 envelopes plain gelatin  
 Juice of one lemon  
 2 tsp cold water  
 1 #2 can crushed pineapple, undrained  
 1 cup boiling water  
 1 cup sugar  
 1 large angel food cake  
 2 pkgs Dream Whip (or more)  
 Soften gelatin in cold water. Add boiling water. Stir to cool. Add sugar, lemon juice and pineapple. Chill. Prepare 2 pkgs Dream whip. Combine with chilled mixture.  
 Break cake into chunks. Alternately layer pineapple mixture and cake. Before serving, top with more Dream Whip. Refrigerate until served.



At all three State Rallies, Trail Blazing Sams members sell water at all the events during the Rally

All proceeds go to Dogs For The Deaf and Florida Dog Guides.

Pictured here are Serge Frechette and Jeannette Ormsby. We might not recognize Jeannete without her sign and her towel.



**Linda Voyton, TBS Member and State Treasurer**



**Joan and Bill Conway  
 TBS Members & State ASDs**

**BIRTHDAYS**

Livia Popovich 23th  
John Russano 27th

**ANNIVERSARIES**

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**UPCOMING CAMPOUTS AND RALLIES**

March 24—26 Paradise Oaks, Bushnell  
Hosts: Bill & Nancy Carter  
**TBS 40th Anniversary  
Celebration Weekend**  
*Make your reservations now!*

April 26—30 **FLORIDA SPRING RALLY**  
KOA  
Okeechobee, Florida

May 26—29 Sandy Oaks, Beverly Hills  
Hosts: Al & Lynne Morneault

Sept 21—24 Winter Quarters Manatee  
Hosts: Ken & Linda Kuiken

*Be sure to make your reservation now if you are going to the unofficial "TBS Friends Campout" at W.P. Franklin Lock after the Okeechobee Rally*

*If you already have your Lock reservation and find you are unable to go, please check with TBS members before you cancel your reservation. There may be someone who will take your spot.*

**SUNSHINE CORNER - Rita Turner**

**Al Morneault** is recovering nicely from breaking his shoulder and wrist.

**Bill Hemphill** is scheduled for shoulder replacement surgery Thursday, Feb 23rd.

**Joanne Lima** will have surgery March 2nd for a torn meniscus in her knee.

**GOOD SAM PLEDGE**

*As a member of the Good Sam Club I pledge to give aid to others in need, respect nature and the environment, give back to the community and those less fortunate, treat others with dignity and respect, and to wear a smile (like Good Sam and Good Samantha's) and promote the pledge of the Good Sam Club to others.*