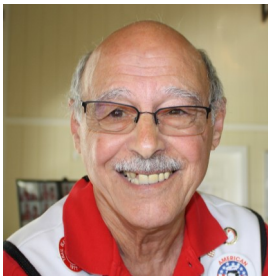




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## January Campout Jan 26—29, 2017

Paradise Oaks RV Resort  
4628 Cr 475, Bushnell, FL 33513



### Our January Hosts Ray & Rita Turner



Ray and Rita live in Wesley Chapel. They joined Trail Blazing Sams in 2011 and look forward to monthly campouts with good friends and attending State Rallies.

As summer approaches, Ray & Rita travel up the east coast stopping in Pennsylvania to visit 3 grandchildren, then on to Rhode Island, their Home state, to see family. Their destination each year is Shady Oaks Campground in Orland, Maine which has been their summer home for the past seven years. They take the reverse trip in the fall arriving in Florida in late October to again meet with friends in the chapter.

## January Meeting

Fifteen rigs plus 1 drive in attended the January meeting, conducted by President John Russano. Bill Carter, Membership Chairman, welcomed our guests who camped with us, Brenda Gollihue who attended with Dennis LaPerle, Roy & Mona Pulaski and Charlie & Pat Williams. One additional guest couple, Richard Harrison & Linda Naglieri, drove in to visit TBS for the meeting.

### First time guests Pat & Charlie Williams



### Richard & Linda drove in to meet TBS



Visiting Before The Meeting Starts  
Mike, Liz, Mary & Robin

### Guests Roy & Mona Pulaski



Conducting The Meeting: Secretary Mike, Treasurer Linda, Vice President Ray & President John



## EARLY BIRD HOLEY BOARD

The TBS coaches started rolling in on Thursday. Almost everyone came for Early Bird. Since Ken and Linda Kuiken had an end site with extra room, it wasn't long before everyone pulled over their chairs for a friendly game of Holey Board and a chance to catch up on all the news.

With the Tallahassee Rally just a few weeks away, we all need some practice before the big competition. Cotton Deal and Robin Murray will be defending their 1st place championship win at Eustis.



### Practicing For The Tallahassee Rally



**Catching Up On All The News  
Since The Last Campout**

**Jeannette Explaining the  
Rules to Charlie Williams,  
A First Time Guest**



**Linda, Chuck, Richard, Charlie & Pat**



## SHUFFLEBOARD

Friday afternoon we all gathered for a friendly game of shuffleboard.

The courts had just been refinished and the pucks were flying down the courts.

We all had a chance to play and we cheered on all the teams.

When Ray asked who won, everyone raised their hand. I guess that means we were all winners.



**The Girls Know How To  
Form A Straight Line**



**The Guys - Not So Much  
O**



**Trying for a perfect 10**

**Joan & Linda**





## BOCCE BALL



Bocce ball is a game we all enjoy playing . There were some very close competitions and some that were not so close. Win or lose, we all had some good laughs and a lot of fun.



## BOCCE BALL FUN



Winners: Charlie, Pat, Richard, Jeannette



Serge



Liz & Mike



On the Left:  
Joanne & Steve

Above: Dennis,  
Bill, Richard, Charlie



## WE ALWAYS EAT WELL



Thursday night was Rib Night at Howie's. Friday we went to GrantLee's where we had a lot of time to visit with our tablemates. Saturday night our hosts provided a delicious dinner of fried chicken, cole slaw, baked beans and cookies for dessert.



Waiting for dinner at GrantLee restaurant





## NEW YEAR'S EVE WEEKEND



**The TBS Version of Line Dancing**

For almost 15 years, a group of TBS friends has celebrated New Year's Eve at Lazy Days. Three nights and four days of food, fun, good friends and entertainment.

The best parts of the event is that we don't have to cook and we don't need to drive anywhere.

We arrived on Friday just in time for lunch. Friday evening we enjoyed Happy Hour, dinner and a little dancing. Everyone was up on the dance floor, especially for the line dancing.





## NEW YEAR'S EVE WEEKEND

Saturday night salmon and prime rib were on the menu. An open bar, live entertainment and a midnight champagne toast capped the night. Lazy Days provided hats and noisemakers

New Years Day we were all up bright and early for a brunch buffet, complete with eggs, sausage, bacon, an array of pastries, Mimosas and Bloody Marys. The highlight of the brunch was the excellent custom omelettes.



**Joan & John**



**Ken & Linda**

**Bill & Nancy**



**John & Jill**



## NEW YEARS EVE WEEKEND



**Linda**



**Richard & Jeannette**



**Ruth & Bill**



**Dave & Carolyn**



**Joanne & Mike**



In the future, this page will feature accomplishments and announcements by our members—special things you want to share with your TBS friends.

Did you just go on a cruise or vacation and want to share a picture? What about a special award, a new pet or even a favorite recipe .

**Pictured Right—Rita's New Ride**



**There is nothing like a shiny red car to draw fans like a magnet**



**We are so impressed**



**Limas' armload of cuteness**



## CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

.At the meeting, Albert reported the following statistics thus far since Nov 1 2016 :

Hours = 1,484

Donations cash=\$1,247, value of goods \$2,630,

Total \$ 3,877

Albert also reported a thank you letter received for donated school supplies pictured at right



## DOGS FOR THE DEAF & FLORIDA DOG GUIDES



Co-Chairmen Al Morneault & Serge Frechette, with lots of help, coordinate our water sales at each Rally.

In Tallahassee, we will also sell hot chocolate



## VETERANS' HOSPITAL

Several times a year Robin and Mary Murray and Juliet Dudinsky deliver hundreds of books, puzzles and magazines to the Bay Pines Veterans' hospital.

Please bring your items for the Veterans to any campout

### FROM OUR PROJECTS CHAIRPERSON - Lynne Morneault

Please remember to save the following: aluminum tab tops, BoxTops For Education, plastic bottle lids, cell phones, and hearing aids, books, puzzles and magazines.

We are always in need of lap robes, baby blankets and baby hats. If you don't knit or crochet, please consider donating yarn to those who do. We have so many places who greatly appreciate these handmade items.

Myron and Judy will take any donations of food, clothing and shoes to Echo. Robin, Mary and Juliette will take books, puzzles and magazines to the Veterans' Hospital



## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

### BIRTHDAYS

Linda Kuiken 5th  
Mary Murray 28th

### ANNIVERSARIES

Ormsby 7th  
Zecher 20th

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## UPCOMING CAMPOUTS AND RALLIES

February 15—19 **FLORIDA WINTER RALLY**  
Fairgrounds, Tallahassee

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

*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 from breaking his shoulder and wrist when he fell off a ladder putting up Christmas lights. Al is doing well, but won't be driving until late March. So good to see the Morneaults when they drove in for the January meeting.

**Chuck Potter** had successful back surgery January 19. We were all so surprised to see Chuck and Jean at the January Campout.

## 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.*