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April Campout April 18—22, 2018
Florida Good Sams Spring Rally
Okeechobee, FL



Good Sam Club

Twelve member rigs (including 2 staff) were represented at the Spring Rally. In addition, we were joined by our guests, Bruce & Barbara Kanoza.

Most of us arrived on Early Bird Tuesday in preparation for all the activities. We like to get an early start on all the great times we always have at the Rallies.

Pictured below, some of our members at the Opening Ceremonies



Ken Kuiken and Linda Kuiken, Treasurer, carried the banner and represented Trail Blazing Sams in the Parade of Colors during the Florida Good Sam Rally Opening Ceremonies

INDOOR GAMES

As we have done for many years at all the Florida Good Sam Rallies, Trail Blazing Sams was the host Chapter for all the Indoor Games (Cards and Dominoes), played both Wednesday and Thursday.

In addition to an overall coordinator, TBS provides a person to oversee each game. We also fill in, where needed to have the right number of players for each game so everyone can play.

Volunteers Pictured At Right L to R: Juliet Dudinsky (TBS Coordinator), Ruth Hemphill, Loretta Redderoth—ASD, Joan Conway & Jeannette Ormsby



Juliet Dudinsky—1st Place Euchre



**1st Place Hand & Foot
Dennis LaPerle & Ruth Hemphill**

BINGO

We all love to play Bingo. Several of our members played Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Some of us were even lucky enough to win:

Juliet, Jeannette, Linda V and our big winner Brenda Golihue who won \$50



**Linda, Dennis & Brenda
Planning Their Strategy**



**Juliet Dudinsky &
Ruth Hemphill**

OUTDOOR GAMES



ABOVE: Trail Blazing Sams members waiting to play Bean Bag Baseball.



Playing Bean Bag Baseball

For the first time, one of the games at a Florida Rally was Corn Hole

This was a great new addition and we all had fun playing.



Linda & Ken Kuiken

HOLEY BOARD

We always have several teams playing Holey Board, a favorite game for TBS



Livia Popovich



Big Congratulations To Serge Frechette-1st Place

BOCCE BALL

At each Florida Rally, Trail Blazing Sams coordinates Bocce Ball. There is usually a large turnout since everyone loves Bocce Ball. We are responsible for Sign Up, Check In, Keeping Track of Results, Explaining The Rules and Serving as Referees for all the games.

Our Volunteers Pictured at Right: Dennis LaPerle, Richard Ormsby, Bill Hemphill, Coordinator, Bill Conway, Steve Popovich, Serge Frechette, Mike Abrams, Frank Cosentino



Early Sign Up For All The Games
Juliet Dudinsky & Bill Hemphill



Check In—Juliet Dudinsky & Liz Abrams

FLEA MARKET

Another activity Trail Blazing Sams coordinates at all the Florida Rallies is the Flea Market.

In addition to coordinating the event, we always participate in the Flea Markets. Thanks to our coordinator, Joan Conway, and everyone who participated and contributed.

Everyone loves a bargain, so the flea markets are always well attended.

At the Okeechobee Rally, TBS made \$141.50 which will be added to our Treasury.



Ruth Hemphill, Brenda Gollihue, Linda Kuiken, Livia Popovich & Joan Conway

SELLING WATER

At each Florida Rally, Trail Blazing Sam sells bottled water at all the events. This is a big job and takes a commitment from a lot of people. We buy the water and ice it down. Then we sell the water at each event. Everyone wants a bottle of ice cold water.

Thanks to Jeannette and Richard Ormsby for coordinating the water sales in Okeechobee.

Our net sales were \$212. This money will be donated to *Dogs For a Better Life* and *Florida Guide Dogs*



Ready To Sell Water—Bill Conway, Steve Popovich, Ken Kuiken, & Joan Conway



Brenda Gollihue



Richard Ormsby



No Matter What The Project Is, Ken & Linda Kuiken Always Step Up To Help

SEEN AT THE OKEECHOBEE RALLY

Three of our members do double duty at the rallies. Mary and Robin Murray are Assistant State Directors. Mary is the State Secretary and Robin is Parliamentarian. They are also responsible for door prizes at all the Rallies. Linda Voyton is the State Treasurer

Congratulations to our very own Jeannette Ormsby who won 1st Place in the Patriotic Division of the Hat Contest.

Well done, Jeannette.

Also, thank you, Jeannette, for taking all the TBS pictures at the Okeechobee Rally—and also pictures of the Indoor Games Winners for the State website.

Looking at the pictures shows us what a great time we all had.



Having Fun On The Stage During The Evening Entertainment

Brenda and Liz /Showing Us Some Fancy Footwork



Deborah Boyce and Frank Cosentino. This Was Deborah's First Rally



Ruth & Bill Hemphill Kicking Up Their Heels

FUN WITH GOOD FRIENDS AT THE FRANKLIN LOCK

As has been our tradition for many years, several of us traveled to the Franklin Lock after the Okeechobee Rally. This Corps of Engineers Park is located right on the Caloosahatchee River with most of the sites right on the water.

We didn't have an agenda, just a group of TBS friends having a relaxing time. We had some great food, went out for dinner, visited Fishermen's Wharf and did some sightseeing. We played some games and just sat around visiting.

What fun!



Bill Hemphill and Marley Enjoying The Good Weather



Having Fun Sharing A Few Tall Tales

There is nothing any better than just sitting around with good friends enjoying the weather and being together.

We love our "unofficial TBS campout" at the Franklin Lock, always one of our favorite outings.



It Is So Relaxing To Just Sit By The River Enjoying The Time With Good Friends

FUN WITH GOOD FRIENDS AT THE FRANKLIN LOCK



Yum



**We Always Look Forward To
Jeannette's Famous Spaghetti**

Why is it food always tastes so much better when we eat it outside? It is so enjoyable to just sit outside and enjoy being with friends. Our time at the Lock always goes by so fast.



Steve & Livia, Carolyn & Dave

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UPCOMING CAMPOUTS AND RALLIES

May 26—29 Bay Bayou, Tampa
Hosts: Dave & Carolyn Rilling

Sept 20—23 Bay Bayou, Tampa
Hosts: Mike & Liz Abrams

Oct 25—28 Paradise Oaks, Bushnell
Hosts: John & Joan Russano

Nov 13—18 **FLORIDA WINTER RALLY**
Eustis, FL

Dec 14—16 Paradise Oaks, Bushnell
Hosts: Mike & Joanne Lima

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January 25—27 Paradise Oaks, Bushnell
Hosts: Dennis LaPerle/
Brenda Gollihue

February 22—24 Little Willie's, Arcadia
Hosts: Officers

SUNSHINE CORNER—Ruth Hemphill

Our thoughts are with Chuck and Jean Potter who have traveled to Las Vegas to be with their daughter who has serious health issues.

Hugs to Lorraine Zecher who continues to battle cancer.

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.