

Golden Triangle Newsletter



March 2021

Even though all the Good Sam activities have been put on hold, our group of friends will continue to camp.

Visit our website at:

<https://goldentrianglesams.blogspot.com/>

March Birthdays:

Rose Mary Culp – 3/13

Debbie Elyea – 3/21

Rose Lima – 3/14

Ted Litz – 3/2

Howard Schunk – 3/21

March Anniversaries:

Tim & Julie Ritter – 3/8/74



Rose Mary Culp fell last weekend on an uneven sidewalk and has broken bones in her hand, bruised face and shoulder, and skinned knees. She is slowly improving.

Ted & Colleen Litz lost their son, Jeff, due to complications from COVID-19. Jeff was retired from the US Air Force and was residing in Enid, OK. He was released from the hospital about two weeks before passing, but was still on oxygen and being seen by a home health nurse.

Colleen sent the following note for the newsletter.
“Ted and I would like to thank our GTS family for all the love, prayers, support, cards, emails, and texts during our loss. We are truly blessed to be a part of your amazing family! We love you all!”

Joe Fiorentino will be undergoing BCG treatment for his bladder cancer.

Dale Lundmark’s mother and sister’s son are recovering from strokes.

Sharon Hime is recovering from cataract surgery, which was very successful. As she says, “I can see again!”

Cookie Green is doing well. Joyce had a nice chat with her. They have had their first COVID shot. Her “fuzzy” hair is growing in slowly. No further signs of cancer. They are isolating until after they receive the second shot.

Derek Pymmer is getting along fine. Jan called and had a nice chat with him. He has not talked to any of our members lately, but sure misses the camping and comradery of our group. He loves getting the newsletters and said my calling “made his day.” He is 99 and I told him I looked forward to us celebrating his 100th birthday.

Dick & Dottie Weis are doing fine. The puppy now weighs five pounds and is fine. Joyce had a nice chat with Dottie.

Charlie & Penny Ritenburgh have both received COVID shots and are doing well. Joyce and Penny had a nice chat reminiscing about campouts past.

Sunshine News Updates, Cares & Concerns

Allen Scheel is having a CAT Scan to determine what type chemo therapy he will receive.

Jim & Dianne Gonya will be going to Silverton, CO in mid-June where Jim will be work camping. Dianne will not be working this summer. They are mourning the loss of their dog Marty who passed away last Friday. They had him for 13 years and he was over a year old when they got him. Many of us camped with Marty. There will be a replacement!

Jerry & Carolyn Breitweiser have now received both their shots. They have not been camping. They plan to take their fifth wheel up to their daughter's house in Indiana where they have installed a nice pad to park it. They plan to spend the summer there.

Dale and Debby Lundmark have been staying very close to home. Due to the fact that they have not been camping, Janet Marks is replacing Debby as GTS Treasurer. Debby sent a nice note for our newsletter. *"I would like to thank Janet Marks for all of the work she did while I was treasurer. Once I was no longer attending the camp outs, she collected and deposited all money and sent me information so that I could type up the reports. She did an excellent job, and I am certain she will continue to do so. Thanks, Janet!"*

Please keep our fellow campers with health issues in your thoughts and prayers. Joyce and I reached out to several of them that we had not seen in a while, just to check in and say hello. If you have a few minutes, please do the same.

Campout News

March Campout

The March campout was held at the Lake Oklawaha RV Park (KOA Kampground) in Fort McCoy, FL. The hosts were Steve & Carol Griffin and Jan & Joyce Heise.

We had eleven RVs at the campout including two visiting rigs. Joe and Shirley Fiorentino also drove in to visit with the group on Friday. Visitors Ted and Donna Ledford who live in Wildwood, FL were invited by Tim and Julie Ritter. They enjoyed the campout very much, and decided to join our group.



Ted and Donna Ledford with their RV

Our second visitor had a familiar looking rig. Michael (Mike) Cerrigliaro, who bought Jan and Joyce's 2020 Gulf Stream Streamlite, decided to join us. Mike lives in Sebastian, FL.



Mike with his extendable pole with cell phone extender antenna and directional TV antenna

Mike has made several improvements over the past month, including a cell phone service extender, which allowed him to be streaming Netflix while the rest of us were trying to get any service.

On Thursday afternoon we had Happy Hour outside. The weather cooperated and several couples also ate outside that evening.

After dinner on Thursday Roger got us a nice fire going and several people went up to the clubhouse to play games.



At our Thursday Happy Hour we enjoyed a relaxing afternoon with beautiful weather

On Friday morning Steve decided to fire up his generator just to run it for a while. Unfortunately, it would not start. So, it became the “Guys’ project for the day.” Some were actually helpful, while others just encouraged Steve to “pull harder on the starter cable.”



The guys helping Steve troubleshoot his generator

The generator project was a good lesson for all of us. The problem was that oil from the propane tank was clogging the filter in the fuel line. Vendors put a little oil in the tanks to keep them from rusting on the inside. However, it appears that this tank had too much oil, and it was clogging the fuel filter.

While the guys were working on the generator the ladies were busy selling baked goods which were left over from last month’s charity fundraiser. No one seemed to mind the fact that they were frozen for a month, and the ladies raised over \$30.00.



Friday morning the ladies sold baked goods

After lunch on Friday the group once again tried to top our GTS record for how many players we could get in one game of Dirty UNO! I believe there were eleven players in the game. It is hard to keep track with so much humor and people coming and going in the game. Steve claimed to be upset because newcomer, Ted Ledford, who had never played before, went out before him. Steve said this game was the first time he had ever successfully gone out first.



That’s a big table full of dirty UNO players

After happy hour on Friday twelve of our group went to Bass Champions in Salt Springs for dinner. We all came back stuffed. The other half of our group ate in camp and some cooked over an open fire.



Some of the group cooked pigs in a blanket over an open fire Friday evening.

On Saturday morning our hosts provided breakfast consisting of egg casseroles, fruit and English muffins. The weather had turned wet so we used the clubhouse for all our Saturday activities.



Everyone enjoyed a hearty breakfast to start the day off on Saturday.

Our Saturday morning monthly meeting was held in the clubhouse and presided over by our President, Phyllis Horn. The minutes for the meeting are attached.



Phyllis Horn presided over our monthly meeting

Saturday afternoon we played beanbag baseball in the clubhouse. Members drew numbers out of a hat to determine teams. Team 1 could not miss and team 2 just could not get anything going this month.



It was a big win for team 1. Being on the losing team I have conveniently lost the score sheet.

Unfortunately, due to the tile floors we could not play holey board this month. Several of the group did play corn hole.

Happy hour consisted of a wine and cheese party hosted by Jan & Joyce Heise and Allen and Carol Scheel. Both these couples bought new rigs last month and continued our GTS tradition of hosting the happy hour to celebrate the new rigs.

Dinner Saturday consisted of grilled pork loins provided by the hosts with everyone else bringing sides. For dessert we had Dutch oven chocolate cherry dump cake prepared by Jan with homemade ice cream provided by the Himes and the Ritters.



Dessert – Dutch oven chocolate cherry dump cake with homemade ice cream.

After dinner Saturday, Carol Griffin hosted a St Patrick's trivia quiz. She divided everyone into two groups and had 45 trivia questions. The contest was very close and the winning team won by only one point.



The proud winners (by one point) of our St Patrick's trivia quiz

On Sunday morning the hosts provided sweets, fruit and English muffins for breakfast. Before departing everyone thanked Steve & Carol Griffin and Jan & Joyce Heise for hosting the campout.

[Future Campout Information](#)
[Check our website for current status](#)

APRIL We decided to have a "No Host" campout the weekend after Easter. Detailed information is included below.

MAY 6-9: Southern Oaks RV Resort, Summerfield, FL. \$33 per night. Scheel/Marks

OCTOBER: (Sep 30-Oct3) Travelers Rest. Joe arranged special group rate. Call Jan Meacham 352-588-2013 and mention the "Joe Fiorentino group" to make a reservation. They take Passport America.

**Golden Triangle Camping Group
April Campout
April 9-11, 2021 (Thursday-Sunday)
Early Bird: Thursday, April 8, 2021**



**Wilderness RV Resort
10313 E. Highway 40
Silver Spring, FL 34488**

<http://www.wildernessrvparkestates.com/>

Hosts: This will be a “NO HOST” campout - Everyone will pitch in and help

Reservations: **Call Campground 352-625-1122.** Rate is \$25.00 per night.

Tell them you are with Golden Triangle Camping Group.

Let Phyllis Horn hornphyl@aol.com 352-250-8709 or Dale Horn horndp@aol.com 352-255-3945 know that you are coming.

Schedule of Events

Thursday:

3:30 PM Happy Hour with snacks
5:00 PM Dinner on your own
7:00 PM Cards or games in the clubhouse

Friday:

3:30 PM Happy Hour (drinks only)
5:00 PM Dinner at local restaurant or on your own
7:00 PM Cards and games in the clubhouse

Saturday:

8:30 AM Bring your favorite cereal to share in the clubhouse. Fruit and milk will be provided.
10:00 AM Meeting
Noon Lunch on your own
1:00 PM Outdoor games
3:30 PM Happy hour (drinks only)
5:30 PM Pot Luck dinner in the clubhouse
7:00 PM Game by the hosts then cards and games

Sunday:

8:30AM Bring sweets or fruit to share in the clubhouse

Bring about \$2.00 in nickels for a fun game Saturday evening.