



Newsletter

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October Birthdays:

Carolyn Breitweiser 11/12
Shirley Fiorentino 11/28
Cookie Green 11/8
Jan Heise 11/3
Michele Humphrey 11/12
Bruce King 11/16
Nelson Lima 11/12
Colleen Litz 11/26
Bill Mann 11/10
Charlie Ritenburgh 11/26
Penny Ritenburgh 11/9



February Anniversaries:

Joe & Shirley Fiorentino 11/30
Dale & Debby Lundmark 11/30



Cares & Concerns

Please keep these members and families in your thoughts and prayers.

- Jerry Breitweiser is recovering from his torn hamstring. He also has hip and shoulder pain from the fall. He has been undergoing therapy. They are leaving this week to return to Florida. He sends his thanks everyone for our prayers. Pray for Jerry and Carolyn's safe return. They are leaving the rig in Indiana, but plan to drive in to visit us, and possibly look for a small towable RV. They request continued prayers for their daughter Cheryl who is suffering from cancer.
- Reba Ward contracted COVID, flu and pneumonia and was ill and in the hospital in Alabama. She is now out and doing better.

Bob and Reba will be camp hosts in Alabama for four months.

- Carol Scheel is still struggling from the loss of Allen, and requests that we keep her in our prayers.

Our Sunshine Chairman, Shirley Fiorentino, sends cards out to those in our group in need. Please let her know if you know of anyone in our group with health or other issues who could use a card to cheer them up or let them know we care about them.

Campout News



November Campout

The November Campout was held at Lake Oklawaha KOA. The hosts were Dale and Phyllis Horn and Jim and Michele Humphrey.



On Wednesday, our "early, early" birds got to enjoy some nice dry weather

Four of our member rigs, Hime, Horn, Marks and Ritter, arrived on Wednesday, Nov 3rd, and got to enjoy a couple days of beautiful weather on Wednesday and Thursday before all that rain came throughout most of the state. Griffin, Heise and Humphrey came in Thursday, and Simms joined us on Friday.

As we were relaxing Thursday afternoon, Steve looked over and noticed his front truck tire was totally FLAT.



There was a big hex head screw in Steve's tire

All the guys jumped in to help him get his tire off so he could get it repaired. Well, most of us supervised, while the usual dynamic duo, Steve and Roger, removed the tire.



Steve with his helpful crew. Steve is the guy with the dirty hands rolling the tire 😊

About thirty minutes before our planned drive to Palatka for dinner, the Himes and Griffins jumped in Roger's truck and headed out to find a tire shop. Fortunately, they found a Tire Kingdom shop that was able to get them right in to repair the tire.

As the rest of us were pulling in to Corky Bells restaurant, we got a call that the tire was almost finished and they would be able to join us for dinner. By the time our table for twelve set up and

we were seated, they arrived to join us. They were very fortunate for that quick repair.



We had a great dinner at Corky Bells. Most of us came home with enough food for another meal or two.

Friday evening we had heavy hors d'oeuvres for dinner in clubhouse. We shared the clubhouse with another group (Loners on Wheels). So we chose to use the porch, which worked out well.

On Saturday morning our hosts treated us to a great breakfast in the clubhouse. We were joined for breakfast by Joe and Shirley Fiorentino who drove in for the day.



Saturday morning breakfast in the clubhouse

At 10:00AM, we had our monthly GTS meeting. We had a great surprise when former GTS members, Lynn and Carolyn Miller, drove in for the meeting. They have sold their motorhome, but missed camping and our fellowship. So they purchased a truck and fifth wheel, and rejoined our group. That brought a real smile to the faces of us who remembered what a fantastic cook Carolyn is.



We had eight member rigs and two drive-in couples at our monthly meeting.

At the meeting our nominating committee announced that our current officers agreed to serve another term. They were then elected by acclamation.



Our officers, fondly dubbed “The Golden Girls” all agreed to serve another year. This term is obviously because of our golden shirts and not any reference to “age”

This campout was one of the wettest that we can remember. They had projected up to six inches of rain in the area where we were camping. Needless to say, after Thursday afternoon all our activities were inside. This included our traditional Saturday afternoon baseball game. Hopefully, next month we will be able to enjoy some nice cool outdoor weather at our December campout.



The winning baseball team. According to the losing team, it was a close game. However, I think the winners used a term like “blowout,” but again, they might have been referring to Steve’s tire.

Saturday evening we had a great early Thanksgiving potluck dinner. Our hosts provided the meat, and Jim Humphrey smoked a turkey which was outstanding. All of us were very full when we left, and there were leftovers for anyone who wanted them.



We had a great potluck early Thanksgiving dinner Saturday

We had plenty of desserts as part of the potluck dinner, but Carol Griffin honored those of us

celebrating birthdays and anniversaries with a delicious chocolate cake.



We celebrated three birthdays and an anniversary at the campout

Jan, Michele and Shirley celebrated birthdays, while Joe and Shirley celebrated their 58th wedding anniversary. It is hard to believe those two are old enough to be married that long. Have you seen them dance?

I appreciated the kind words that Steve had to say about my own energy, while he “emphasized” the fact that I was turning eighty. I hope that all of us continue to have good health as we age gracefully.

On Sunday morning we brought items to share. We all thought the mini pumpkins were unique. After breakfast we thanked our hosts and headed home.



Sunday morning sweets and mini-pumpkins

Future Meeting Apparel

Now that we are getting back to a regular GTS camping routine, I was asked to remind everyone of our schedule for wearing nametags, GTS shirts, and vests. Our Sheriff, Jim Humphrey, will be on the lookout for compliance.

- Nametags should be worn from happy hour Friday until after the meeting on Saturday.
- Yellow shirts should be worn for the meeting on Saturday through the after-lunch games on Saturday. (But, you can wear them longer if you want.)
- Vests should be worn at the meeting on Saturday.

January Campout Info

There was no one signed up to host the January 2022 campout, and that time of year it is generally difficult to find places to camp. Sharon Hime took the initiative to check with Red Oaks, and the area with the small hall where we hold our February yard sale was available. At our meeting we decided that we had enough interest to pursue camping there in January. This will be a no-host campout and we will all pitch in to make it happen.

Mark your calendar:

Dates: January 7-9, 2022

Early Bird: Thursday, Jan 6, 2022



Saturday after the meeting, Jan left to go about 20mi away to the Caravelle Ranch WMA where he set up his ham radio portable station and activated a rare “Parks on the Air” site.