



Newsletter

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Jim Humphrey 3/25
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March Anniversaries:

Tim & Julie Ritter 3/8



Campout News



March Campout

Our March campout was held at Southern Palms RV Resort in Eustis, FL. Our hosts this month were Jim & Michele Humphrey and Joe & Shirley Fiorentino.

Cares & Concerns

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

- Joe and Shirley Zummo are both back home together. Both are struggling with health issues.
- Ted and Colleen Litz appreciated the card Shirley sent. Please keep them in your prayers.
- Jan Heise will be having robotic surgery for his prostate cancer, probably in May.
- Joyce talked to Judy Crosby. She is having trouble getting around, and is using a walker. Floyd is receiving shots for his prostate cancer. They are on a mini-farm close to Hershey, PA. She says hello to all and enjoys getting the newsletter to keep up with everyone.

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.



Thursday afternoon we had a nice happy hour with snacks.

It was a little iffy as to whether the Humphrey electrical problem on their fifth wheel would be fixed for them to be there, but it all worked out.



Thursday seven couples went downtown Eustis to Tillies restaurant for dinner

We were all happy that Joe and Debbie Weston, our Good Sam Florida State Directors, were able to join us on the campout. It was great to get all the latest news about what is going on with the Good Sam organization. Dale and Phyllis Horn have taken the Assistant State Director staff position responsible for the State Store. I look forward to them keeping us abreast of all the latest Good Sam news in the future.

Janet Marks reported that Camp Boggy Creek has been holding weekend camps and would be back open this summer. Friday morning several of the ladies stuffed bears for the camp.



The ladies did a great job stuffing bears for Camp Boggy Creek

On Thursday and Friday afternoons before happy hour several of the group played games and several people learned to play Fast Track.

The weather was beautiful for this campout and every evening Roger treated us all to a campfire. He brings his fire pit and wood for us all to enjoy.



It was great to chat with Joe and Debbie around the campfire.



For Carol, it's not a campfire without marshmallows. Tim helped roast them.

After happy hour on Friday, most of us went early to Savros Italian restaurant. We enjoyed more good food with plenty of leftovers.



On Friday we were joined by former neighbors of the Himes and Ritters, Harry & Connie Neumann, who are looking at RVs

At our campfires we did some star gazing. Several people downloaded apps on their phones and Jim Humphrey helped a lot of us identify stars in the sky.



Carol got excited with her new star gazing app

Saturday morning our hosts prepared us a nice breakfast of scrambled eggs, sausage and English muffins. Immediately after the breakfast we had our monthly business meeting. The meeting was attended by nine member rigs and our Florida State directors. In addition, Jerry and Carolyn Breitweiser and Penny Ritenburgh drove in for the meeting. Everyone enjoyed seeing our drive-in members.



Phyllis and our officers, the golden girls, conducted our business meeting on Saturday morning.

In the afternoon we had our traditional baseball game. We randomly drew blue or pink tickets out of a hat for teams. As people showed up Jan complained that he was the only guy with four gals on the pink team. However, as time progressed the teams evened out, and we all had a great time. The pink team started in the lead with a couple home runs, but then the blue team jumped ahead thanks to a grand slam home run. In the end, the pink team prevailed and won the game. There were those who questioned the validity of the pink team winning with State Director Joe on the team and Debbie keeping score, but there was plenty of "oversight." The blue team insisted they threw the game to make our State Director feel welcome at our campout.



We had a nice shady empty lot for the game.



The winning “Pink” team

For dinner we had a taco dinner where we had a buffet line and made our own tacos. It worked out very well and we also had plenty of desserts. We felt a little rushed as there was a dance in the hall that evening and people were anxious to get the hall set up for the dance. But, we all had plenty to eat.

After dinner a couple people went to the dance in the hall and several of us enjoyed a final campfire.



Saturday evening we had a final campfire, and it was actually cool enough for us to enjoy the heat of the fire

On Sunday morning we all shared food items (**mostly sweets**). Phyllis thanked our hosts and the group echoed her thanks with a rousing applause.

March Caravan: Several of us in the group (ten rigs) will be spending three weeks on the road. We will start off with five nights at the Georgia Rally in Perry GA. Then we will move on to Alabama where we will visit Gunter Hill COE and Foscue Creek COE parks. We will spend a couple more nights in Hidden Hollow RV Park in AL, then go on to Suwannee River Rondevous before returning to Winter Haven for our April campout.

April Campout: The April 7-10 campout will be held at Cypress Campground & RV Park. 7400 Cypress Gardens Blvd, Winter Haven, FL 33884. Phone 863-324-7400. Carolyn Miller has asked that we call early and make reservations. The full campout schedule is included in the newsletter email.

Florida Spring SAMBOREE: The rally is at Okeechobee April 26-30, 2022. This is a different schedule than we are used to do a scheduling conflict at the park. The four nights of the regular rally will be Tuesday through Friday with departure on Saturday. Early bird will be on Monday, April 25th. For those who do want to spend an extra night and depart on Sunday, you can still get the rally rate.

Come rain or shine, or regardless of attendance, this SAMBOREE WILL HAPPEN. Please try to attend. At our meeting we only had a few people who indicated they could attend, so we will probably not do a raffle at this SAMBOREE.

Sharon has added the info on our GTS website. The link to the state website is below.



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