



Newsletter

December, 2010

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December Campout Notes



Happy Hanukah!
Merry Christmas! And Happy
New Year! Happy Holidays to
one and all! It's already been a
great season of parties and
celebrations, with promise of
more to come.

May all your days be
merry and bright!

Our December campout brought 18 campers to the Wild Frontier RV Resort in Ocala, one of the largest groups we've had in a long time! Many arrived on Thursday for early bird day, with happy hour and several going out to dinner.

Friday saw the rest of the group arrive, with happy hour and dinner in our rigs. We gathered in the clubhouse to play a round of Christmas trivia, guessing the names of carols. Card and board games followed that.

Saturday morning we were treated to pancakes and sausage for breakfast by our hosts, the Chapter officers. The meeting was held at 10, with 22 members and 2 guests (Roger & Sharon Hime and Larry and Jeanne Daland) present! The generosity of our members once again displayed itself with a terrific collection of food items for local food banks !

We bundled up and played Beanbag Baseball and Holey Board outside at 1:00. (Yea, the ladies won again!) Mickey Marks and Dick Weis were the Holey Board champs.

At happy hour, Carol Griffin led us in a fun rendition of a Christmas story with the "right/left" twist! Our wonderful Christmas dinner was catered by TooJays, and definitely was a highlight of the weekend. After dinner, Carol directed a candy contest, with the guys trying to unwrap candy "kisses" while wearing gloves (talk about "fumble fingers"!) Then we laughed our way through singing and acting out The Twelve Days of Christmas. Some stayed to play games in the clubhouse; others retreated to watch ballgames on TV; and others snuck off to get an early night's sleep!

Sunday morning breakfast was our traditional "sweets to share," with the addition of some delightful homemade goodies! Many thanks to our terrific set of officers for planning and directing a wonderful holiday weekend!

Happy January Birthdays to:

Dotty Weis	January 1
L. J. Green	January 6
Carroll Commons	January 12
Jerry Breitweiser	January 14
Tom DeFina	January 14
Derek Pymer	January 14
Karla Auerbach	January 18
Rich VanderBok	January 21
Michele Mann	January 22
Beverly Sims	January 28
Phyllis Horn	January 29

Cares and Concerns

John Sorensen, long-time member and past-president of Golden Triangle Sams, passed away on Sunday, Dec. 12. His daughter, Joyce Nissen, has been caring for him for many years. They both were so much fun when active members of GT Sams. For those who remember John and want to send a card:
Joyce Nissen
36301 Brendenshire Ct.
Grand Island, FL 32735

Contact your Newsletter editor to submit items, or for change of address:

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January Campout Plans

January 7-8, 2011

(Early Bird, Thursday, 1/6)

Ocala Sun RV Resort

2559 SW Hwy 484 (Exit 341 off I-75)

Ocala, FL 34473

877-809-1100

\$27 per night

Check in time is 1:00 PM

****You must call the campground ASAP to make your own reservations! Then be sure to let your hosts know you are coming!**

Hosts: Charlie & Cookie Green 352-589-1562 or
chasgre@embarqmail.com

Beverly & Bob Sims

Claudia & Carroll Commans

Thursday early bird

Friday

3:00 PM Happy Hour (no snacks)

Leave at 5:00 PM for Cody's for dinner
(or dinner on your own)

7:00 PM Games in clubhouse

Saturday

8:00 AM Pro-rated breakfast, prepared by hosts
Scrambled eggs with biscuits & gravy

10:00 Meeting

Lunch on your own

1:00 PM Outdoor games

3 PM Happy Hour

5:00 PM PotLuck Dinner; dessert by the hosts

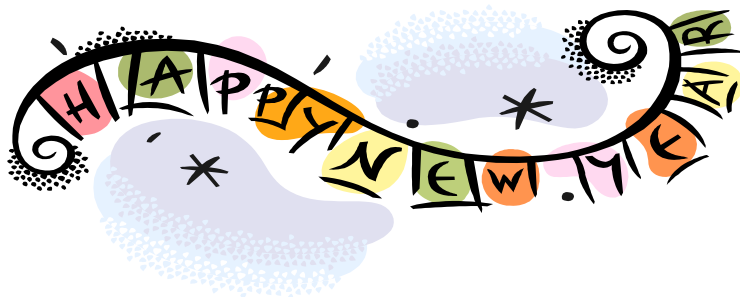
7 PM Games in clubhouse

Sunday

8 AM Bring Sweets to Share; coffee & juice provided

Check out by noon!

Safe travels home!



News from the Fall Samboree

Eleven GT Sams rigs participated in the Fall Samboree at Wekiva Falls in November. And, as usual, we were a busy group – from hosting the Hospitality table on Tuesday and Wednesday, to delivering our bears and afghans to Boggy Creek Camp, to selling desserts Friday and Saturday, to competing in various games and other activities throughout the week -- Golden Triangle Sams were major contributors! Thanks to the Ritenburgs and Raabes for organizing the dessert sale, and to everyone for their contributions. Tom & Nancy Leonard did a great job with the Florida Dog Guides for the Deaf, sponsoring the Dog Walk on Friday morning. Mickey Marks once again emceed the First Timer's meeting. Mickey and Janet also assisted our ASD's, Sharon & Rich VanderBok with their various responsibilities (parking rigs, door prizes). The Bocci Ball team comprised of Steve & Carol Griffin and Mickey & Janet Marks won first place! And, of course, we enjoyed several happy hours, meeting new folks, plus our pot luck on Thursday evening.



Florida Dog Guides Walkers



Delivering bears & afghans to Boggy Creek

Picture Gallery

GT Sams show their wonderful generosity, contributing food items to the Leesburg Food Bank and Loaves and Fishes in Apopka



Dale & Phyllis Horn at Leesburg Food Bank

Winners!

Ladies Beanbag Baseball Team at December Campout



Bocci Ball Winners at Samboree



Wreaths Across America at Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell



December Minutes

The December meeting was held at Wild Frontier RV Resort in Ocala, Fl. on Dec 4, 2010.

President Griffin opened the meeting at 10:02 am. After an invocation by Tom Leonard, and pledge to the flag, led by Past Presidents Derek Pymer, Rich Vander Bok, Ed Creamer, Dale Horn and Mickey Marks, the secretary called the roll there were 23 members present and 2 guest couples, Larry & Jeanne Daland visiting for the 2nd time and Roger and Sharon Hime visiting for the 1st time.

Nov. minutes Ed Creamer made a motion to accept the minutes, second by Dick Weis all in favor, motion passed. Minutes approved.

Treasurer Report: Carolyn Breitweiser gave the treasurer's report. Our balance as of 11/30/2010 was \$2564.47. Carol Griffin made a motion to approve the Treasurers report, Penny Ritenburgh seconds all in favor. Report approved.

Four bills were presented. Charlie Ritenburgh moved to pay the bills; Jerry Breitweiser seconds; bills will be paid.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership: Penny Ritenburgh: Already introduced visitors

Sunshine: Nancy Leonard – Sent a card to Beverly Sims recovering from surgery

Sheriff: Howard Schunk: collected \$1.25 in fines

Webmaster: Karl Raabe –Updated the website with the 2011 camping schedule

Newsletter: Janet Marks – No report

Aluminum Engineers: Derek Pymer and Jerry Breitweiser: Larry Andrews at Thousand Trails has more cans for pickup. Thank you Larry, Jerry and Derek for all your work with the aluminum.

Printer Cartridges: Beverly Sims: Suggested we get so little money now for the cartridges we should donate them to Office Depot or Boggy Creek

Host Chairperson: Carol Griffin: Sheet for 2011 camping hosts is almost filled still need a few more hosts. New members should sign up with someone who has done it before.

OLD BUSINESS

Tom Leonard reminded everyone to bring any type of donations for Loaves and Fishes including Bibles.

Phyllis Horn discussed the jackets that she is interested in ordering please let her know if you want one she would like to get the ordered in right away so we can have them for Palatka.

Games will be at 1:00pm

NEWBUSINESS

Winter Samboree at Rodeheaver Boys Club in Palatka, Fl. Carol Griffin will head up the committee for the sandwich sales, more discussion next month.

Rich Vander Bok discussed wreaths for the Bushnell Veterans cemetery on December 11th; everyone is invited to come. Wear gold shirts and vest.

President Griffin reported on the State Committee meeting: The Warren Bradley Memorial is not an official Good Sam charity.

The future place of the Fall Samboree will not be back at Wekiva in 2012; they are looking for a new place to hold more members.

The State budget for 2011 will be the same as 2010.

Correspondence: Thanks you notes from Hospitality, the Wards and Tom & Nancy Leonard from the Dogs.

Bears and Blankets were delivered to Boggy Creek and much appreciated.

The bake sale at Wekiva was a success; should we do it next year?

What works for the Chapter: FMCA Rally March 14-17 Perry Ga and Georgia Samboree March 24-27

Pres Griffin found a pay as you go program for RV's dishformyrv.com , Norcold 2nd recall and Workhorse gas fumes 50/50 winners: Phyllis Baumer & Bob Sims

Our next meeting will be at Ocala Sun Resort; make your own reservations at 877-809-1100, please contact your hosts: C. Greens, Sims or Commans, Jan 7-9.

Since we had no other business to discuss Janet Marks made a motion to adjourn, second by Carol Griffin.

Meeting adjourned at 11:25 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dotty Weis, Secretary