



Newsletter

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Welcome to a bright new year! 2012 has arrived, and we all look forward to a Happy and Healthy New Year!

February Birthdays

Carroll Commons	January 12 (sorry!)
Carol Griffin	February 1
Carl Hendrix	February 11
Wanda Creamer	February 21

Cares & Concerns

Be sure to keep the following in your thoughts and prayers:

- Carol Griffin – recovering from pneumonia & surgery
- Jerry Breitweiser – recovering from foot surgery
- Phyllis Horn – prayers for good test results this week
- Claudia Commons – going to Mayo and Shands for various problems/rehab
- Carroll Commons – diagnosed with Polymyalgia Rheumatica (painful muscle inflammation)
- Bob & Beverly Sims – “under the weather”

Campout News

We started our 2012 camping year at Ocala Sun RV with a group of 19 rigs, including 3 guests: Morace & Sandy Chaney, Bob Sylvia & Roxie Walkovik, and Jim & Cindy Rogers. “Early Birds” on Thursday enjoyed Happy Hour and later games in the clubhouse. Friday afternoon we all enjoyed Happy Hour, then many of us traveled to Codys Steak House for dinner. Games followed in the clubhouse.

Saturday morning our hosts treated us to biscuits with sausage gravy – mmm! The meeting at 10 was ably led by our new officers with lots of items of business (as you can see in the minutes). After lunch, we gathered outside to play beanbag baseball (won by the guys – again!), bocce ball, ladder ball and holey board. We had so much fun, we had to call it off to get ready for Happy Hour!

Dinner Saturday evening featured delicious baked ham provided by our hosts, with lots of yummy sides and desserts. And following dinner, we play a rousing game of trivia led by Sandi Elboeck.

Sunday morning we shared our traditional sweets and other goodies for breakfast and bid fon farewells. Many thanks to our wonderful hosts: Larry & Jeanne Daland, Tom & Nancy Leonard, and Lambert & Sandi Elboeck. What a great job they did!

Men’s string of baseball wins continues!





February Campout Plans

February 3-5, 2012
Oklawaha RV Resort
352-546-5500

15991 N. E. 243rd Place Rd.,
Ft. McCoy

Hosts:

L.J. Tricia Green 352-728-5115

flgreen70@aol.com

Dale & Phyllis Horn

Tom & Carolyn DeFina

Call campground and contact the Greens to reserve your spot!

Thursday (Feb. 2) – Early Bird – on your own

Friday

3:00 Happy hour

Supper on your own

7:00 Games in the clubhouse

Saturday

8:00 Biscuit Bar (pro-rated)

10:00 Meeting

Lunch on your own

1:00 Games

3:00 Happy Hour

6:00 Baked Chicken (pro-rated)

Side dishes (A-M)

Desserts (N-Z)

Please bring copies of your recipes to share

7:00 Games in clubhouse

Sunday

8:00 Breakfast - Sweets to share

Directions from Hwy 19 in Salt Springs (33 mi. north of Umatilla): turn W on CR 316; travel approx. 10 miles to NE 160 Ave Rd; turn right and travel 10.4 mi. to campground on left. **From Fort McCoy**, travel 5 mi. E on CR 316 over the Oklawaha Bridge; turn left on NE 160 Ave Rd; 10.4 mi. to campground on left.



Upcoming Samborees!

Keep in mind the dates for the Winter and Spring Samborees:

Winter: February 28-March 4 at Rodeheaver Boys Ranch in Palatka [Many of us are traveling from our campout at Blueberry Hill Feb 24-26 to Rodeheaver State Park, and then on to the Samboree – join us for the caravan!]

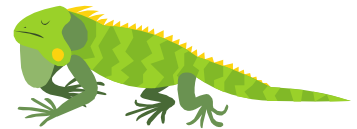
ALSO-- for those attending: We serve cookies & juice for Hospitality Tues & Wed., and we will be selling sandwiches on Friday and Saturday – need lots of help! Contact Chairpersons Carl & Pam Hendrix.



AND:

Each chapter is to create something from bags and duct tape. We have been assigned **an iguana!** So, bring

different colored bags and duct tape (green especially). Also, any ideas about the creation!



Spring: April 24-29 in Okeechobee

More info and applications available at <http://www.goodsams-florida.org/SamboreeInformation.html>

Nearby Out of State Samborees

Mississippi “Irish Fling” Samboree, March 15-18 @ Tupelo, MS

Georgia “Beach Party” Samboree, March 22-25 @ Perry, GA

Louisiana “Pajama Party”, April 12-15 @ Rayne, LA

Alabama “My Heroes Have Always Been Cowboys”, April 19-22 @ Dothan, AL

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Golden Triangle Scrapbook Is "In the Works"!



Sharon Hime, our Scrapbook Chairperson, is already hard at work compiling pictures, information and artifacts for our Chapter Scrapbook. She reports that many of the needed items are already in place. However, she needs to hear from each one of us about the volunteer activities we participate in. Those who attended in January received a form for reporting the hours, money spent, etc. on their volunteer projects. The current form is due by the end of February. It is available by email or by calling Sharon:
352-572-9701

Srhime2@gmail.com

GT Sams Shirts and Jackets Available!

Here are prices and availability of shirts and jackets with Golden Triangle Sams logo:
"Team" T-shirts for games at Samborees:

Gold with blue lettering and/or

Blue with gold lettering \$8.03 (add \$2 for XXL)

Fleece Jackets \$32.10

**Need to get your order & money to Phyllis Horn by January 21!!

You may order our regular "polo style" chapter shirts at anytime.

Charities & Fund Raisers!

Don't forget about all of the items we collect for our various charities. **Everybody needs to help!!**

- Aluminum cans, etc.
- Books & magazines for Vets
- Old printer cartridges
- Old cell phones
- Bears & blankets for Boggy Creek
- Non-perishable food items, clothing, etc. for Loaves & Fishes
- And now, our newest one: **Coupons for Troops!**



Martha Wright & Beverly Sims are heading the committee to organize and send in coupons for our service men and their families. You can bring in any kind of coupons,

preferably cut out neatly! The can be current or recently expired (up to 6 months); food or non-food items. A great new way for us to help!!

Tired of people riding your bumper? Try this bumper sticker:



Games: Derek at Ladderball; Shirley at Holey Board; and Bocce Ball group



GOLDEN TRIANGLE SAMS MINUTES
January 7, 2012

President Karl Raabe called the meeting to order at Ocala Sun RV Resort at 10:00 AM. Chaplin, Tom Leonard, led us in the invocation. The Pledge to the flag was led by Past Presidents Ed Creamer, Derek Pymer, Rich Vander Bok, Dale Horn, and Mickey Marks. Penny Ritenburgh introduced our guests: Jim & Cindy Rogers, Roxie Walkovik & Bob Sylvia and Morace & Sandy Chaney.

The Secretary called roll; there were 20 members present.

Ed Creamer moved and Penny Ritenburgh seconded that the minutes of the previous meeting be approved as presented; motion carried.

Nancy Leonard gave the treasurer's report; balance \$2025.43. Carl Hendrix moved and Mickey Marks 2nd that the report be accepted; motion carried. Treasurer presented 3 bills to be paid. Penny Ritenburgh moved and Lambert Elboeck seconded that bills be paid; motion carried.

Committee Reports:

- Membership: Penny Ritenburgh;
- Sunshine: Nancy, filling in for Carol Griffin – sent cards to Carol G., recovering from pneumonia; Jerry Breitweiser, recovering from foot surgery; also good to have Shirley Zummo back with us. Shirley thank chapter for cards, calls and prayers. Phyllis Horn to have tests this week.
- Carol Raabe passed out heart doilies for each to write message to Carol.
- Sheriff: Jerry Breitweiser - Marshall Derek Pymer had no quarters to report.
- Newsletter: Steve Griffin / Janet Marks will continue until Steve's back
- Aluminum Engineers: Jerry Breitweiser & Derek Pymer; currently about half of chapter participates - everybody needs to help!
- Webmaster: Karl Raabe; nothing new to report.
- Host Chairperson: Carol Raabe; Pres. Raabe read out what we had; will get discrepancies corrected and publish in newsletter.
- Beverly Sims: recycling printer cartridges – Janet volunteered to collect and get them to Beverly; and to see if we have any “credit cards” from Office Depot.
- Loaves and Fishes: Tom & Nancy Leonard-can resume collecting clothing, as well as nonperishable foods, also toilet paper (can't be bought w/food stamps)
- Games, Hosts: games @ 1pm
- Bob Simms: recycling old books to Veterans; Pres. Raabe reported that the Leesburg facility is no longer accepting them; Tom Leonard said the Orlando one will take them.
- Sharon Himes: Photo Album project (Supplies \$45.36 - will turn in receipts) Sharon reports that all pieces are in place, just need to let Sharon know what volunteering we do (projects etc)- handed out form for each rig to report to her what we do.

Old Business:

1. Correspondence: thank you notes received from -Loaves & Fishes for 395 lbs food donations; Carolyn Breitweiser for gift from chapter; St Judes for \$130 (money tree); Boggy Creek \$300 ; Carl suggested maybe increasing the amount for boggy Creek next year-Larry Daland suggested holding an auction; Shriners hospital for \$250 and from Ginny Bradley personally.
2. Committee for audit -Sharon Hime, Penny Ritenburgh, and Charlie Green volunteered to audit treasurer's books.
3. Coupons For troops Martha Wright has investigated and reported there are 4 categories of coupons to collect through a groups called Troopons: current or expired (up to 90 days), food & nonfood (baby products, household items); they hoping to collect \$1,000,000 next year; coupons should be cut out -\$5.25 to mail envelope or \$13 for box.
4. Wreaths Across America: Pres. Raabe reported 19 People attended the moving ceremony.
5. Nancy Leonard reported that she and Tom took over \$5300 from Florida Good Sams to Florida Dog Guides for the Deaf at their annual meeting/Christmas party in December. Our chapter members will each received one pin this year.

6. Phyllis Horn reported that fleece jackets available from Special T @ \$32.10; need to get check to her by Jan 21; suggestion has been made that we order “team t shirts” (gold with blue lettering or royal blue with gold lettering) \$8.03; add \$2 for XXL or XXXL. Penny moved that the chapter pay set up fee for silk screening, Carl 2nd; motion passed- deadline Jan 21. Penny also noted that the Hendrixes ordered vests from Good Sams website - check with them if interested.

New Business

1. Cookies & lunch at Winter Samboree: Pres Raabe discussed problems with chili last year-suggested going back to sandwiches. Penny moved we do meatball subs & BBQ; Phyllis 2nd; motion passed unanimously. Carol G had agreed previously to head it up - so need someone to take that job - Carl and Pam Hendrix volunteered!
2. Pres. Raabe discussed possibly changing Nov campout date - not to conflict with The Rally at Daytona; Penny moved that we meet the weekend before (Oct. 26-28)and Derek 2nd; motion passed.
3. It was mentioned that East Ridge HS is collecting used clothing, etc for needy students - show of hands indicated we will keep our donations going thru Loaves & Fishes; thanked Dotty Weis for bring this to our attention.
4. Good of the Chapter: Charlie Green - Good Sam RV new discount card available at Flying J& Pilot centers - check website for full details - rvpluscard.com

Next Campout: Lake Ocklawaha RV Park

50 / 50 drawing: \$11 won by Roxie Walkovik; \$11 donation to Florida Dog Guides.

Mickey Marks moved to adjourn at 11:45.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet Marks, Secretary



New officers lead the meeting ... and the group responds

**Golden Triangle Sams
2012 Campout Schedule**

As of 1/9/12

<u>DATE</u>	<u>CAMPGROUND</u>	<u>HOSTS</u>
January 6-8	Ocala Sun Resort	Daland, Leonard
Feb. 3-5	Lake Oklawaha RV Park	Horn, DeFina, L.J. Green
Feb. 24-26 (March)	Blueberry Hill, Bushnell	MacLarty, Sims, Hime
Feb 28 – Mar 4	Palatka Winter Samboree	
March 30-Apr. 1	Lake Oklawaha RV Park	Weis, Wright, Zummo
April 24 - 29	Spring Samboree – Okeechobee KOA	
May 4-6	Lake Rousseau RV & Fishing Resort	Griffin, Marks, Creamer
June 1-3		Andrews, Vander Bok, Elboeck
No July or August Meetings		
September 7-9	New Smyrna Beach RV Park & Campground	Ritenburgh, Rabbe, C. Green
October 5-7		Hendrix, Mann, Pymer
October 26-28 (Nov.)	Paradise Oaks	Hime, Gonya
November 2-4	The Rally – Daytona Speedway	
Nov. 13 – 18	Fall Samboree – Southern Palms Eustis, FL	
December 7-9		Chapter Officers