



FMCA TAILGATORS NEWSLETTER - DECEMBER, 2015

Happy Holidays Everyone!

There were 18 coaches present for our rally at Sun-N-Fun Resort in Sarasota. Those attending were our hosts Bob & Marcia Saddler and Bobby & Sharon Heard as well as Bill & Carolyn Ashby, Charles & Ingrid Bateham, Percy & Pam Bell, Jim & Patricia Black, Don & Brenda Charles, Larry & Debbie Dolson, Ron & Chris Heston, Paul & Marilyn LaFond, Gerry & Bernie LeBlond, Frank Lema & Cynthia Lima, Bill & Tammy Mayberry, Fred Paine, Peter & Ebba Patrick, Dan & Carol Quill, and Jim & Betty Rhodes. We also welcomed Roger & Doris Burns back to the Club. The weather was nice and warm for the first couple days. However a cold front blew in on Friday; but that was okay - it just gave us a chance to break out our holiday sweatshirts and sweaters!

The rally officially kicked off at dinner on Wednesday. We all caravanned to Der Dutchman Buffet. There was a large selection of salads, entrees, side dishes, and desserts - definitely something to please everyone. Some of the group met back at Sun-N-Fun at the Cypress Room for socializing and games after dinner.

On Thursday morning we carpooled to Millie's for breakfast. Both the food and the service were excellent. Some folks went sightseeing in the afternoon; others hung out at the campground. For dinner we went to Bob's Train, a working train that is being restored using former Ringling Bros. cars. This is a very interesting place. There's tons of old photos of circus performers and celebrities. Plus the food was really good. Kudos to Bobby Heard for thinking outside the box and offering us the opportunity to experience this truly enjoyable and unique dining adventure. We returned to the Cypress Room for cake, ice cream & coffee, followed by games & socializing. We had a 50/50 raffle. The Club received \$41 and lucky ticket holder Ingrid Bateham won \$40.

Friday morning found us once again at Millie's, where we all enjoyed another wonderful breakfast and super service. Afterward we returned to the Cypress Room for our business meeting, which was called to order by President Donald Charles. He began with the Pledge of Allegiance and prayer. Secretary Tammy Mayberry read the minutes from the October 2015 meeting; they were approved. Treasurer Sharon Heard reported a balance of \$2257.90 in the Treasury. First Vice President Marilyn LaFond announced that she is working on the 2016 Roster and will send it out soon. National Director Pam Bell wanted to make everyone aware of the Med Assist benefit that is available to all FMCA members. President Charles informed us that Webmaster Woody Woodworth is dropping out of the Club; therefore, we need someone to take over maintaining the Tailgators website. Peter Patrick volunteered to handle the Webmaster duties. Don then announced that our 20th Anniversary rally had to be switched from March to April due the unavailability of the kitchen at Bowling Green, so the hosts have traded rallies. The Charles and the LeBlonds will host the March rally. Fred Paine and the Dunns will host in April, which will be our 20th Anniversary rally. The Club voted to re-elect the current officers, except for Wagonmaster Larry Dolson who is stepping down. Meeting adjourned.

We held another 50/50 raffle immediately afterwards. This time Frank Lema was the lucky winner. Frank got \$47 and the Club received \$48. Then it was time for the White Elephant gift exchange. That was lots of fun.

The afternoon was spent in various activities. Later most of us carpooled to Longhorn Steakhouse. We all had an excellent meal, then returned to the Cypress Room for dessert, coffee, conversation and games.

We gathered in the Cypress Room on Saturday morning for donuts, muffins, oj & coffee. Then it was goodbye till "next year".

Heartfelt thanks go to Bobby & Sharon Heard and Bob & Marcia Saddler for all their time and effort in hosting this terrific rally.

HAPPY JANUARY BIRTHDAYS to the following folks: Cynthia Lima - 3rd, Pam Bell - 27th,
Dan Quill - 29th

TAILGATORS RALLIES FOR 2016

(Mark these dates on your calendars, folks!)

January 5-7, 2016

Paradise Oaks, Bushnell FL- Hosts: Hestons & Charles

March 16-19, 2016

Torrey Oaks RV, Bowling Green FL - Hosts: Charles & LeBlonds

April 14-16, 2016

Wild Frontier RV, Ocala FL - Hosts: Paine & Dunns

October 20-22, 2016

Georgia Coastal RV Resort, Brunswick GA - Hosts: Dolsons

November 10-12, 2016

Seasons in the Sun RV Resort, Mims FL - Hosts: Hestons & LeBlonds

December 7-10, 2016

Sun n Fun RV Resort, Sarasota FL - Hosts: Heards & Saddlers

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS & RALLIES

March 17-20, 2016

FMCA Rally, Perry GA

