



FMCA TAILGATORS NEWSLETTER - OCTOBER, 2015

Hi Everyone!

We had 13 coaches present for our camp-out at Paradise Oaks in Bushnell. We enjoyed beautiful weather throughout the entire time. Those in attendance were our hosts Don & Brenda Charles and Bill & Carolyn Ashby as well as Charles & Ingrid Bateham, Jim & Myra Dunn, Bobby & Sharon Heard, Don & Chris Heston, Paul & Marilyn LaFond, Jim & Margaret Langford, Gerry & Bernie LeBlond, Frank Lema & Cynthia Lima, Bill & Tammy Mayberry, Ron & Dena Neal, and Fred Paine. Most of the group arrived on Wednesday and were treated to a delicious dinner prepared by our hosts. We enjoyed taco soup, salad, and ice cream cake.

Thursday morning most of us showed up at Howie's restaurant for breakfast. That afternoon we got together outside behind the clubhouse for a game of bean bag baseball. The women won convincingly: final score 10-2. We had plenty of time for a second game. This one was much closer; in fact, the men held the lead for much of the game. However, in the end, the women prevailed once again. The women won the second game 17-11. Later we carpoled to Harbor Lights in Lake Panasoffkee for a buffet dinner. We met back at the clubhouse for cookies and cake. The evening was finished off with football on the TV, socializing and games of Marbles.

On Friday morning we had breakfast of scrambled eggs, bacon, fruit, biscuits & sausage gravy, orange juice and coffee. Our business meeting followed, which was called to order by President Don Charles at 9:50am. Don began with the Pledge of Allegiance and prayer. Secretary Tammy Mayberry read the minutes from the March 2015 meeting and they were approved. Treasurer Sharon Heard reported a balance of \$2091.78 in the treasury. She also read a list of recent expenditures, one of which being a flower arrangement sent to the funeral home for long-time Tailgator Bud Wooster. Sharon then read a thank you note to the Club from Anita Wooster. President Charles announced that 2nd Vice President Larry Dolson informed him by email that he will not be able to continue as our Wagonmaster. Don reminded us that we still needed hosts for next month's rally in Ft. Myers. The Lemas and the Neals stepped up to handle the duties. (Please be advised that the Upriver RV Resort in Ft. Myers is not taking reservations for the rally; the hosts will provide the campground with your information. Everything will be explained in the rally reservation sheet which you will be receiving in the near future.) Also Don announced that the March 2016 rally would mark the 20th anniversary of the Tailgators Club. Next we selected a Nominating Committee. They are Frank Lema (Chairman), Bill Ashby, and Jim Langford. Meeting adjourned at 10:35am.

The afternoon was spent in various ways. Some socialized outside their coaches; others played games of Marbles in the clubhouse. We held our pot luck dinner that evening. The hosts provided fried chicken and the group brought sides, salads, and desserts. Of course, everything was wonderful. The 50/50 raffle collected \$35 for the Club and \$35 for lucky winner Chris Heston. By the way, Chris pulled her own winning ticket - but we let it slide. The rest of the evening was filled with lively conversation and games of Marbles.

Saturday morning it was goodbyes at the clubhouse accompanied by leftover breakfast goodies from the previous morning, donuts, orange juice and coffee.

A sincere thank you to Don & Brenda Charles and Bill & Carolyn Ashby for all their time and efforts in hosting this great rally.

HAPPY NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS to the following folks: Ebba Patrick - 8th, Ingrid Bateham and Marcia Saddler - 11th, Debbie Dolson and Bob Wilson - 19th, Margaret Schwalen - 22nd, Myra Dunn and Bobby Heard - 29th

HAPPY NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES to the following couples: Ron & Dena Neal - 7th, Bobby & Sharon Heard - 15th, Danny & Nancy Cockerell - 27th, Jim & Myra Dunn - 29th

TAILGATORS RALLIES FOR 2015/2016
(Mark these dates on your calendars, folks!)

November 19-21, 2015
December 17-19, 2015

Upriver RV Resort, Ft Myers FL - Hosts: Lemas & Neals
Sun N Fun, Sarasota FL - Hosts: Heards & Saddlers

January 5-7, 2016
March 16-19, 2016
April 14-16, 2016

Paradise Oaks, Bushnell FL- Hosts: Hestons & Charles
Torrey Oaks RV, Bowling Green FL - Hosts: Paine & Dunns
Wild Frontier RV, Ocala FL - Hosts: Charles & LeBlonds

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS & RALLIES

March 17-20, 2016

FMCA Rally, Perry GA