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Life is meant for good friends, and great adventures!

April 12—15, 2018 the Caloosa Winnies camping event was held at Riverside RV Resort near Port Charlotte, FL. 28 coaches attended with 11 coaches arriving early on Wednesday. Our parkers, 2nd VP's Jorge & Orte Gil had many volunteers to help as the members began arriving on both days. Organizing the kitchen and our equipment is always a Wednesday project, and with so many helping hands it was all accomplished in a short time. Our 1st VP's Charlie & Karen Autry oversee the set up and always do a great job! Wednesday evening we all went out for dinner at a nearby Applebee's Restaurant and returned to the clubhouse to play the game of "Nickels".

Thursday morning found the kitchen crew preparing for dinner and other pre prep food work. The weather was perfect for Florida in April and we enjoyed greeting members as they arrived. Happy Hour brought everyone to the clubhouse and it was a noisy and fun reunion once again!

Dinner was served at 5:30pm—Walking Tacos was the main course, with a bowl of fruit to go with it. Some of the members had no idea what a Walking Taco was—but they soon got in the swing of it! As you can see in the photo on the right our "scoopers" hosts were ready for the Ice Cream Social. As always, everyone made their sundaes and enjoyed the variety of options!



L to R: Karen, Joe, Frank, Charlie, Ellyn, Diane, Orte



Above is Ellyn Bewes team working hard to remember what they saw on the tables!

Next on the agenda were the games for the evening—some challenging "Memory Games". Teams were formed and captains assigned (to keep everyone honest!) Game #1 was a poster filled with camping equipment pictures.

Game #2 was various items spread on a table, they had to identify both the item and color to get extra points. Even though there were some comments from many members on how their memories were not the greatest, everyone got into the game and they were serious about getting all the answers! Each team scored their own answer sheets and the winning team was led by Barbara Kanoza! They all got word puzzle books as their prizes to help keep their memories sharp!!



L to R: Sue Swift, Elsie Ford (with Gumby, our mascot!), Barbara Kanoza, Lew Fish, Rick Amos & Mike Hall. CONGRATULATIONS to you all!



Friday morning found the hosts busy in the kitchen preparing for the Pancake Breakfast. The sausage was cooked and soon the pancake cooks were ready at the grills. The co-hosts for this weekend, Frank & Diane Cipolla, Ellyn & Joe Bewes were in place delegating the chores. As soon as members started coming into the clubhouse, pancakes were cooked to order! Sausage, fruit, and beverages were also ready and the breakfast was all served by 9:15am. Thanks to the clean up crew, also the hosts with a few other volunteers!



L to R: Joe, Charlie, Bud & Frank were cooking and ready for serving!

Next on the agenda at 10:00am was the Scavenger Hunt. New teams were formed once again, and instructions were given based on the rules. The teams were off to find answers to 25 questions all based on our motorhomes and sites. The captains had the answer sheets and the time limit was given for 90 minutes to be finished and returned to the clubhouse. The winners were determined by the number of correct answers and the earliest times. There were 2 teams that scored 25 correct answers and finished at the same time! How often would THAT ever happen??? The winning teams are pictured below:



L to R: Bud Swift, Frank Cipolla, Diane Cipolla, Sue Riling, Mal Ford, (captain) Barbara Kanoza & Mike Dippel.

The winners got some Hershey's Dark Chocolate Bars as their prizes—to help them keep up their energy! THANKS to all the teams for participating and being good sports! (Plus you all got lots of steps in!)



L to R: Lew Fish, Jan Dippel, (captain) Chris Keim, (with Gumby) Ellyn Bewes, & Natalie Amos.

At 1:00pm the chapter members met in the clubhouse for a special meeting to review the changes we are proposing to our By Laws and Constitution. The changes have been under review for a few years and we finally have the documents completed. The changes and additions were updated to reflect the current way we govern based on our size and location. The changes reflect the needed flexibility on how we operate the chapter. The vote to accept the changes will take place at our May meeting. THANKS to the Board of Directors for their time in exploring the issues and making decisions based on the group comments.

Happy Hour at 4:00pm in the clubhouse once again and a 50/50 raffle was held! Tickets are drawn for 3 winners, each receiving a portion of the proceeds! Diane Cipolla, Patti Doty and Ellyn Bewes were the lucky winners!!! THANKS to the members for buying tickets and participating!! We welcomed Tom & Paige Rapson who were visiting and decided to join our chapter!!! WELCOME to Tom & Paige!



OFFICERS: Front Row L to R: Barbara Wilkie, Carolyn Thomas, Karen Autry, Orte Gil. Back row L to R: Dave Wilkie, Sharon Beck, Rich Beck, Charlie Autry, Jorge Gil.

Dinner for the evening was at Peter's Family Restaurant nearby, and after dinner some of the group returned to the clubhouse and a game of "Nickels" was happening! These players (pictured on the right) take their game seriously which always make for loud exchanges of words! (Oh no—not a 7 again!)



Saturday morning at 8:30am the Potluck Breakfast dishes filled 3 long tables! It was a feast to beat them all! The regular business meeting was held at 10:00am with Rich & Sharon Beck presiding. THANKS to all our officers for volunteering to serve the chapter. You are the glue that keeps us together!

At 1:30pm we all gathered in the clubhouse for a special presentation to one of our long time members who recently sold their coach and retired from RVing. Jim & Sally Rayburn were chapter Secretaries for several years. Jerry Miller did a slide show presentation covering the years beginning in 2006 when Jim & Sally became Caloosa members. It was a nostalgic trip back in time covering so many adventures the Caloosas enjoyed with them. They were presented with a photo album of all the pictures. We will miss them, but they have promised to visit our meetings in the future as all honorary members are always welcome to be with us any time.



Out under the pavilion a Beanbag Baseball started with the group making up their teams. You would not believe the noise level that erupted! These folks are competitive I know—and this was the ultimate competition! They had so much fun that the teams had a 2nd playoff game to determine who the REAL winners were!!! Below are some pictures of the competitors!



On the far right is Mike Hall running the bases for his team!



Batter up—Bob Ross takes aim!



In the middle is Chris Keim tossing the beanbag—the black square over her head is the beanbag in flight!



Bruce Kanoza taking bases after his hit!



Mal Ford gets a hit and a high five from his team!



The overall winning team! L to R: Bruce Kanoza, Dave Wilkie, Lew Fish & Greg Joop. Missing is Dave Riling! Congrats to the guys team! Cracker Jacks and peanuts for all the winners!

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This ladies team gave them a run for their money! L to R: Barb Wilkie, Chris Keim, Elsie Ford, Jan Dippel, Diane Cipolla.

After the afternoon filled with laughs and cheers for the baseball players, it was time for Happy Hour at 4:00pm. The dinner menu was “Souper Chicken” provided by the hosts. The members brought many side dishes to compliment the main dish and as usual, the 3 tables were filled with delicious food! Everyone was served quickly and the hosts and other volunteers made quick work of the clean up in clubhouse and kitchen!

WE LOVE
OUR VOLUNTEERS

In keeping with the theme of the weekend, “Fun and Games”, the Saturday evening games began at 7:00pm. “Minute To Win It” games! Teams were formed and 6 different games were spread on tables in the room. Captains for each time were assigned, and their job was to read the directions at each game and make sure their teammates understood the rules. After each team played a game the captain recorded the scores.



As you can see in the pictures the teams took these games seriously and worked fast to be the winners!



Doug Doty's team won 1st prize!
L to R: Tom Dines, Charlie Autry, Dennis Heitman, Doug Doty



Orte Gil's team won 2nd place!
L to R: Rick Amos, Chris Ross, Sue Swift, Orte Gil, Lew Fish & Ed Thomas

Once the games were over several members played “Nickels” again until the clubhouse was closed at 10:00pm! This was a fun day with our games per the theme!!

Sunday morning the weather warnings were looking for possible rainy weather later in the day so our traditional donuts & bageIs breakfast was ready by 8:00am. Everyone came into the clubhouse and enjoyed the last meeting time before packing up to head down the road. As always, we had a TERRIFIC weekend—thanks to the co-hosts who were busy working and all the members for being involved and “voluntold” to be team captains and helpers! All the members are so appreciated and we do enjoy all the things we do as a group!

Our next TV meeting will be May 3—6, 2018 at Alligator Park in Punta Gorda, FL to celebrate our Kentucky Derby Party weekend. The Caloosa Winnies website: www.caloosawinnies.org has the registration form and agenda ready for you to print out! We hope to see you there! We always post our camping schedule on the WIT Club website at Who's Inviting Travelers. Check us out for the news!

MAY BIRTHDAYS

7 Barbara Wilkie
12 Ed Thomas
13 Chris Ross
18 Barbara Gaulien
19 Carolyn Thomas
22 Bruce Kanoza
25 Joe Periard
26 Rick Moseley
31 Jim Carney



MAY ANNIVERSARIES

2 Robert & Mary Hoppe
3 David & Sue Ruling
6 Robert & Linda Kucera
23 Rick & Natalie Amos

FUTURE MEETINGS

2018

May 3—6 Alligator Park, Punta Gorda FL
No official meetings in June—October
November 12-18 Jolly Roger RV Resort, Marathon, FL week long event
December 6—9 Oak Haven RV Park, Arcadia, FL (Christmas Party & Charity Auction)

2019

January 7—10 Sarasota Fairgrounds, Sarasota, FL
February 18—22 Reunion Rally at Lazy Days RV Resort, Seffner FL
March 11—14 Lazy Days RV Resort, Seffner FL
April 22—May 5 3 City Caravan, members can attend all 3 places, or 2 places or just 1 place if you choose!
April 22—25 Sanlan Ranch RV & Golf Resort, Lakeland, FL
April 26—29 Roadrunner Travel Resort, Ft. Pierce, FL
April 30—May 4 Compass RV Resort, St. Augustine, FL



WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Stephen & Sharon King



Tom & Paige Rapson

MAY 3—6, 2018

The Caloosa Winnies May meeting will be at Alligator Park in Punta Gorda as previously mentioned. Not only is this a FUN PARTY WEEKEND—it's also an **IMPORTANT** business meeting on Saturday at 10:30am. We will be voting on the simple changes to our By Laws and Constitution documents so your vote is **IMPORTANT!** You REALLY don't want to miss all this fun!!! If you have any questions about the weekend—PLEASE ASK!!



Important Message
Be sure you have your email set up with caloosawinnies@gmail.com in your contacts! We want to be sure you all receive our messages. If our email address is not set up in your contacts, our messages could be in your SPAM folder! Email is the easiest method for our communications and we don't want you to miss anything! Also check your SPAM folder in case the newsletters land there! THANKS for checking on this!



FUTURE CALOOSA EVENTS

February 18—22, 2019

The 2nd Annual Florida Chapters Reunion Rally will be held at Lazy Days RV Resort once again. NO MONEY will be due until the late fall when the notice is emailed to everyone! YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS IT!

Caravan April 22—May 5, 2019

Information was emailed to everyone with some details for our adventure next year. Be thinking about your plans as this fall the reservations forms will be emailed to everyone with deadlines for registering to participate.

Cruise Options for March 2020

A decision will be made soon about a cruise for anyone wishing to go with us in March 2020. If you are interested, please respond back so we have your preference. This will be discussed again at our May meeting.

FLORIDA CHAPTERS REUNION RALLY

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February 18—22, 2019
Lazy Days RV Resort
Seffner, Florida

RESERVATION FORM

DO NOT CALL LAZY DAYS FOR RESERVATIONS

Name _____ Co-Pilot _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Pilot Cell # _____ Co-Pilot Cell# _____

Preferred Email _____

Email #2 _____

Handicap Parking Needed Yes _____ No _____ WIT Number _____

RV Length _____ Chapter Affiliation (if any) _____

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Rally fees include: 4 nights camping, concrete pad full hookup site, 30/50 amp, Lazy Days amenities, free lunch & breakfast coupons for Front Porch Café, 3 catered dinners, one catered breakfast, Hors d'Oeuvres Potluck dinner, live entertainment, dancing, movie night, Ice Cream Social, seminars, dealer displays, vendors, optional tours to be announced.

FEE: 1 coach, 2 people : \$299.00 by January 25, 2019
AFTER JANUARY 25, 2019, FEE: \$330.00
(Singles deduct \$30.00) (Extra person age 6 & up: \$30.00)

EARLY ARRIVAL DAY: SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2019 ADD \$54.00

MAIL RESERVATION FORM AND CHECK MADE OUT TO CALOOSA WINNIES TO:

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Cancellation policy: Requests for refunds must be submitted to Nancy Miller via phone or email by January 25, 2019. Fees will be refunded with the exception of \$5.00 for administrative fee until January 25, 2019