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Life is meant for good friends, and great adventures!

CALOOSA WINNIES OF SW FLORIDA
OCTOBER 12—15, 2017
GULF WATERS RV RESORT—FT. MYERS BEACH, FL
"HALLOWEEN PARTY"

Caloosa Winnies kicked off the camping season with a fun weekend at Gulf Waters RV Resort near Ft. Myers Beach, FL with 25 couples attending along with special guests. The recent Hurricane Irma damage was pretty well cleaned up and we were lucky to be able to hold this meeting! The clubhouse was decorated in orange with Halloween decorations on Wednesday early day thanks to or co-hosts Charlie & Karen Autry, Jorge & Orte Gil. A few others also joined us and also pitched in. The set up crew was invited to Richard and Alice Johnson's home for Happy Hour which was a welcomed gesture on their part. We met guests Fred & Rosie Deffinbaugh who joined us for the weekend. Many THANKS to Richard & Alice for their hospitality! The entire group went to Lighthouse Restaurant for dinner and had an enjoyable evening!

Thursday the hosts were busy doing parking for the members and food preparations in the clubhouse. Happy Hour at 4:00pm was a lively time with lots of conversations about the summer travels and hurricane stories. New members were introduced—Bruce & Linda Byerly, Jerry Knopp & Donna McLennan. WELCOME to the Caloosas!!



Dinner was served at 5:30—Walking Tacos and a fruit bar were on the menu. After dinner, our Ice Cream Social was held with the hosts scooping ice cream and the members making sundaes.



We welcomed David Nobert & Janice Cummings who have been Caloosa members for 10 years. They are selling their coach and retiring from RVing. We could not let them retire without recognizing their many years of contributions to our group. They were Presidents of the Caloosas in 2014—2015. David was our bartender at many functions including state meetings and GNR. He also designed and built our GNR parade floats with the assistance of many members which was always a fun event at that time! David was our Christmas “elf” presiding over our charity auction each year. Jerry Miller did a slide presentation showing on the big screen TV with many photos of David & Janice over the years. It was fun to reminisce about the many happy fun years. They were presented a photo book with all the pictures as a keepsake of the Caloosas. THANK YOU to David & Janice for their friendship many contributions.



Please visit with us as you will be missed! THANKS to Jerry for the slide presentation.



Some of the group gathered to play “Nickels”

Later in the evening some of the members did some line dancing thanks to Denise Joop for leading us! Jerry provided the music and we did 2 familiar dances and Denise taught us 2 new ones! Not only is it fun—it’s GREAT exercise!!



Friday morning some of the Caloosas traveled to Thomas Edison/Henry Ford Estates for a tour. Hurricane Irma did a lot of damage to the property so we were limited to touring the museum and laboratory. The historic homes did not have damage but the many trees on the property were lost and the clean up was still in progress. This photo was taken in front of a huge Banyan Tree, and you’ll notice a statue of Thomas Edison in the picture!



To the left is a photo of Edison’s laboratory just as he left it the last time he was on the property in the 1930’s. Edison discovered that the plant Goldenrod was the best source to extract rubber at that time. Henry Ford was his friend and needed rubber for tires! The history of the estate is fascinating and a good place to visit.

Everyone went to lunch at Pincher’s Crab Shack around the corner and enjoyed a great view of the river. Service and food were both great - and enjoyed by everyone!

At 5:00pm the group gathered at the clubhouse for Happy Hour & hor d’oeuvres party, pictures on the right! ! There was plenty of food and most of it was consumed! A money raffle was held with half the proceeds going to the chapter and 3 prizes given to the happy ticket holders! Winners were Belinda Feldgoise, Joann Maceri and Jorge Gil! Special thanks to Jorge as he donated his prize back to the chapter to be put in a fund to buy a new speaker sound system for the chapter!



Rich & Sharon Beck donated a cake for dessert! This was a special treat and decorated to announce our next chapter meeting that will be held for a week in November! Again, we are happy we can go to Jolly Roger RV Resort no thanks to Hurricane Irma! As everyone knows, the Keys suffered a lot of damage but the park is open and ready for visitors! THANKS to Rich & Sharon for the delicious cake—and it was ALL GONE!!



MOVIE TIME!

Entertainment for the evening was a movie, "The Dog Who Saved Halloween". Chairs were set in the room close to the TV and it was a funny movie starring some talking dogs!

A few tables of "Nickels" popped up after the movie as you can see in the photo on the right!



Saturday morning bright and early the hosts were in the kitchen putting the finishing touches on the potluck breakfast! THANKS to Charlie Autry for getting up early to make coffee! At 8:30am the members arrived with all their delicious dishes and we had a nice enjoyable breakfast. We had invited a speaker for the morning to talk about removal of 3M coating on coaches. However, he was not able to join us. Our mascot, "Gumby" was on display with his witches hat on to remind us we have to be "flexible" as sometimes plans change! The board of directors scheduled meeting was held while the rest of the members dispersed to enjoy the day in the area.



Happy Hour was held at 4:00pm. Dinner menu was Barbecued Beef, rolls and many side dishes provided by members. Carolyn Thomas donated some ice cream so we could have sundaes again! After dinner it was time for some team games! Team captains were picked and they lined up their teams to begin the games. The first game the teams were split



into 2 sides of the pumpkins. The task was to put candy corn on the spoon and drop it into the pumpkin. Each side of the team took turns and the team with the most candy in the pumpkin got points added to their score sheet. Needless to say, lots of candy ended up on the floor!



The second game the same teams lined up to hand toss a candy pumpkin into the big pumpkin one at a time. Again, the captains counted the candy in the pumpkin and added it to their score sheet.

The third contest was "Wrap The Mummy". A person from each team volunteered to be the "mummy" and be wrapped with toilet tissue!



"Mummy" Katie Tolstyka with Fay, Carolyn & Mary



Joe & Linda wrapping Karen Autry and Jean watching!



Jerry, Bill & Bruce wrapping Charlie Autry



Sue Swift getting “wrapped” by Susan & Walter!



At least Ellyn Bewes is laughing as John takes his turn!

The teams were finally finished and the points were added and the winning teams were in order of 1st to last: : Team 1 Captain Carolyn Thomas, Team 3 Captain Greg Joop, Team 2 Captain Sharon Beck, Team 5 Captain Rich Beck, Team 4 Captain Orte Gil. This was a fun evening with the winning team pictures below:



Carolyn’s Team



Greg’s Team



Sharon’s Team



Rich’s Team



Orte’s Team



OH MY! Kissing mummies!
Charlie & Karen Autry



At least the mummies are all still smiling!!! All Caloosas are such good sports which makes games so much fun!



Carolyn's Team for overall points

And the
Winners
are...



Greg's Team for top points wrapping the mummy!

THANKS again to everyone for participating in the games! There were lots of laughs - and skills applied to the games and as always we had FUN!! What a GREAT looking group!! After the awards were handed out I think some "Nickels" games broke out once again!

Sunday morning continental breakfast was ready by 8:30am. Donuts, bagels, coffee, juice was the menu. Soon it was time for the hosts to pack up the supplies and close out another successful weekend! There was some buzz in the room about our next adventure—a week at Jolly Roger at Marathon in the Keys. THANKS again to the co-hosts for the weekend—Jorge & Orte Gil, Charlie & Karen Autry. Many others also helped in the kitchen and food lines so THANKS to you all! It takes a good crew to have a GREAT time!



GET WELL LIST!

Ginny Sanborn recently had hip replacement surgery and is at home in recovery mode! I'm sure her husband, Nick is taking good care of her!!! We hope to see Sanborns back with us in December!

John Weicherding recently had surgery as a follow up to his heart surgery last winter and is reported to be doing just GREAT!! John and his wife, Jean, will be our new Presidents in January!!!

Bill Tolstyka had heart surgery Oct. 23rd and his wife Katie sent us a message that he is doing fine and will be hospitalized for a few more days. They were with us at the October meeting and heard from several of our members with supportive messages. We wish all of our friends a speedy recovery.

Tom Dines had an accident with his coach on the way home from the October meeting! A vehicle close to Tom hauling a trailer with a bobcat machine on it lost a wheel that came crashing into Tom's front windshield! Luckily, Tom and his new puppy were not hurt but the coach had to be towed. It was unfortunate it took AAA 13 hours to get a tow truck to him! THAT was not good but Tom did arrive home safely in his tow car. We hope the coach gets fixed in time for the Keys trip!!



CO-HOSTS WANTED

We need your help!!! At each meeting co-hosts are invited to assist the Wagon Queen with the weekend duties for December, January, April & May. Those duties involve doing food preparation, serving food, decorating tables, refereeing games, and simple general cleaning up after meals. Contact Wagon Queen Nancy Miller to volunteer for your weekend! Email: nmiller1213@gmail or call 239-565-3115. THANK YOU!



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 4 Paula DiGennaro
- 6 Doug Doty
- 6 Chris Jussaume
- 6 Robert Mast
- 7 Sandra Minder
- 12 Marge Carney
- 16 Jean Weicherding
- 19 Donna McLennan
- 21 Sue Riling
- 25 Greg Joop
- 25 Jim Rayburn



NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 Robert & Rita Mast
- 4 Robert & Kuci Manz
- 23 Howard & Susan Melton
- 27 Peter & Joann Maceri
- 28 Nelson & Paula DiGennaro
- 29 Joe & Mary Periard

FUTURE MEETINGS

- 2017**
 November 13-19 Jolly Roger RV Resort, Marathon, FL week long event
 December 7—10 Oak Haven RV Park, Arcadia, FL (Christmas Party & Charity Auction)
- 2018**
 December 30—Jan. 2 Lazy Days New Years Party, NOT Caloosa event. Contact Lazy Days
 January 2—5 Lazy Days Rally Park, Seffner FL (Caloosa event, agenda available in December, sites are reserved for us)
 Feb. 26—March 1 Florida Chapters Reunion Rally, Lazy Days Park sponsored by Caloosa Winnies
 March 11—18 Caloosa member cruise, Allure of the Seas, (contact us for info)
 April 12—15 Riverside RV Resort, Arcadia, FL
 May 3—6 Alligator Park, Punta Gorda FL
 No meetings in June—October
 November 12-18 Jolly Roger RV Resort, Marathon, FL week long event
 December 6—9 TBA



WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Moe & Pat Sabourin
Robert & Lynda Kucera
Mal & Elsie Ford



Bruce & Linda Byerly
Gerry & Karen Brashaw
Jerry Knopp & Donna McLennan

SLATE OF OFFICERS

2018

- Presidents: John & Jean Weicherding**
1st VP: Rich & Sharon Beck
2nd VP: Charlie & Karen Autry
Secretary: David & Barbara Wilkie
Treasurer: Carolyn Thomas

Voting will be at the December meeting.
 Nominations will be accepted from the floor at the meeting. Be SURE you attend so you can vote!

Presented by the Nominating Committee:
 Nancy Miller (pro tem chairman)
 Jim Rayburn
 Walter Feldgoise

SAVE THE DATES!!!

February 26 to March 1, 2018

The Caloosa Winnies will sponsor an all Florida Chapters Rally at Lazy Days RV Park! The dates are set and all chapters will be invited to participate in the fun! Plans are in the works for entertainment, food, seminars, so all chapters and our friends from out of state will have a place to meet in place of the state sponsored event. Details will be forthcoming—we know the Caloosas will be great hosts!

Caloosas need to sign up—no fees due until 2018! Sites are filling fast so get yourself on the list! There are LESS than 40 spaces left! See next page for reservation form!



Those members going to the Keys—safe travels and we'll see you there!!!

FLORIDA CHAPTERS REUNION RALLY

SPONSORED BY CALOOSA WINNIES



February 26—March 1, 2018
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# _____

Pilot Email _____

Co-Pilot Email _____

Handicap Parking Needed Yes _____ No _____ WIT Number _____

RV Length _____ Chapter Affiliation (if any) _____

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Rally fees include: 3 nights camping, concrete pad full hookup site, 30/50 amp, Lazy Days amenities, free lunch & breakfast coupons for Front Porch Café, one catered dinner, one catered breakfast, Row Party, potluck dinner, live entertainment, dancing, Ice Cream Social, seminars, games, dealer displays, optional tours to be announced.

FEE: 1 coach, 2 people : \$225.00 by February 5, 2018
AFTER FEBRUARY 5, 2018, FEE: \$250.00
(Singles deduct \$20.00) (Extra person age 6 & up: \$20.00)

EARLY ARRIVAL DAY: SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2017 ADD \$53.75

Reservations limited to the first 200 coaches.

Reservations due by February 5, 2018.

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 February 10, 2018. Fees will be refunded with the exception of \$5.00 for administrative fee.