

CALOOSA WINNIES of SW FLORIDA Local Chapter

November 6—9, 2014 the Caloosa Winnies kicked off the camping season at Riverside RV Resort in Arcadia, FL. 19 coach members attended and several arrived early to help with the set up and decorating the rec hall. Thursday was the official first day with our parkers doing an efficient job of helping members get to their site. Happy Hour was on tap for 4:00pm and the rec hall came alive with laughter and conversation! 1 new couple was introduced and welcomed for the first time: Russ Bosch and Chris Jussaume, Soon it was time for dinner and Papa John's pizza was delivered for all to enjoy! The ice cream social was next on the agenda along with cookies for all to share. The evening entertainment was a Candy Corn Bingo Game! Several winners got prizes and it was fun!

Friday morning the co-hosts for the weekend, David Nobert & Janice Cummings, Pete & Corinne Wightman were on hand early along with other volunteers to cook sausage and flip pancakes! The rest of the morning was spent visiting with each other and lunch was on our own! Some of us visited Culver's restaurant nearby for some GREAT Butterburgers and frozen custard!



At 1:00pm the teams were lined up for a lively game of Beanbag Baseball. 4 teams played the first round and 2 teams were eliminated. The second round began with lots of cheers and laughter! Ron Kunze made history—he landed 2 beanbags on the home run slot—one on top of the other! And ended up not getting either one in the hole to score! This feat had to be documented in a photo! After lots of competition and a very close game the winners were presented with their prizes!



The winning team was pictured here left to right: Jerry Miller, Russ Bosch, Ron Kunze, Walter Feldgoise, Bud Swift, Frank Cipolla, and Bill Fuss.

THANKS to all the members who were brave and made the games so much fun! The rest of the afternoon was spent visiting with each other.

Soon it was time for Happy Hour and at 4:00pm in the rec hall and we were ready for more fun! Another new couple was introduced and welcomed to the group! Jeff Allerman and Susan Brown joined us! At 5:00pm the group went to Phil's 41 Restaurant for an enjoyable dinner. As usual, the food was good as was the service. Back at the rec hall games of cards and nickels topped off the evening for everyone.

Saturday morning breakfast was all Potluck and as usual, there were many GREAT dishes on the tables for all to enjoy! We really have the BEST cooks!! At 10:00am it was time for the business meeting. David Nobert opened the meeting and welcomed everyone officially, including our 2 new couples who have joined the Caloosas as members! A lot of discussion was held during the meeting concerning the Winnie Gators March Rally as we have several duties for 2015. Ed Thomas, 1st Vice President, gave a report on GNR held last July, and also details about the upcoming April Caravan he has organized for the group. GREAT JOB on both accounts, Ed! The group cruise for the February meeting on Oasis of the Seas was discussed and all plans are on track. Several members volunteered to do various jobs at the rally, which is typical of our members! The Winnie Gators appreciate it all!!

After the business meeting Carolyn & Ed Thomas displayed the “Bottle Project” we will be doing in December! The “bottles” have lights inside with colored glass stones and are really pretty in all different colors. THANKS to Carolyn & Ed for working on this project! After lunch in the afternoon Sue Swift had a craft project for some of the ladies to do. THANKS to Sue for bringing all the supplies!

Happy Hour at 4:00pm with lots of snacks available and more great conversations. A money raffle was held and some lucky winners took home some cash! The smell of turkey cooking was overwhelming in the rec hall—and soon it was time to carve them! Thanks to Bud Geng and Ed Tyndall for doing a great job carving 3 turkeys!



Thanks to all the members there were lots of dishes to compliment the turkey! As always, all the food was delicious and plentiful!

After dinner the co-hosts and others cleaned up and served the rest of the ice cream.

A game was next—teams were formed and the Turkey Toss Team Game was underway. Players had a plastic spoon with a candy pumpkin on it and a paper plate with a turkey on it about 4 feet away from the chair they had to sit on. The object was to toss the candy pumpkin onto the plate and team score was accumulated. The game brought lots of laughs and friendly competition !



Sunday morning we all met again for donuts, bagels and coffee before we all went our separate ways! This was a GREAT weekend—renewing friendships and making new friends!

Our next meeting will be December 4—7 at Oak Haven RV Resort also in Arcadia, FL. Our meetings are advertised on www.winniegators.org/Caloosa or Who’s Inviting Travelers on the WIT Club website. Know that you will receive a warm and friendly welcome! Come and join in the fun!