

FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

Written by the Girvins

We returned to Orlando SW KOA in Davenport this month after rallying there a year ago. The weather was great and so was the turnout with 10 coaches and 19 people plus some furry friends in attendance. Travel times were somewhat extended by the remarkable traffic on both routes 4 and 27. There is construction of mainly multifamily housing seemingly everywhere in Polk County which is one of the fastest growing counties in the country lately.

Howie and Kimberly Trerice hosted Happy Hour Thursday afternoon next to their coach.

Thanks to our new Wagon Master John Marquart for taking on this important assignment and setting us up for another good year. He held a meeting with Nancy, Howie and Gordon Saturday morning to discuss rally plans for the 2025-26 season. There are several rallies scheduled and others in the works.

We've been less successful getting members to commit to hosting rallies. This may push us toward more pot luck meals with everyone bringing their own food and beverages.

The rest of the participants arrived later on Friday in time for another happy hour. You've probably figured out by now that Happy Hour is one of our club's favorite activities. Some members went out for dinner afterward.

Between happy hours, members took advantage of the pool, caught some rays, visited a local winery, toured the area or just relaxed.

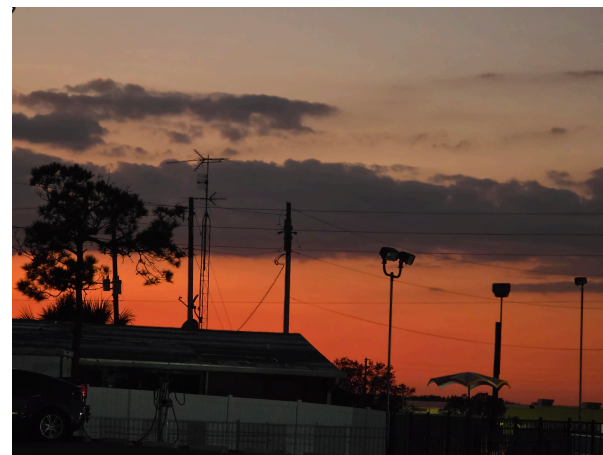
Our Treasurer reported that a number of members still haven't paid their chapter dues for this year. If you are one of them, please send your payment to Denise Scudo as soon as possible.

Hosts Sue & Jerry Janaro and Dick & Judy Garbe served a nice breakfast spread on Saturday morning in the clubhouse. Later on (you guessed it) another Happy hour preceded a great dinner, the main entrée of which was wonderful pulled pork courtesy of Dave Stwalley & Marsha Blasko. There were plenty of sides including baked beans, cole slaw, salads and – of course – desserts.

Following dinner some members play 2 games of Left- Right-Center-Wild. Niki won the first game and Nancy won the last.

We missed Jack Fantelli again this month but are glad to hear he's improving daily. We hope to see Jack and Jean again soon.

Sunday there was the usual light breakfast. Gordon presented Bob Scudo with a large candy cane filled with mini bottles of Fireball Whiskey to replenish his stock after he shared it at the last rally to help celebrate the new year. Everyone said their goodbyes and looks forward to the next rally.



UPCOMING RALLIES

March

The Sun Roamers will not hold a Chapter rally in March. Some may attend the FMCA (now FRVA) International Rally in Perry, GA from March 7 through 9. Reservations should be made with FMCA National. Please advise John Marquart, Sun Roamers Wagon Master, and Jack Fantelli of your plans.

April

We'll be going to Whispering Pines, 10305 US Highway 1, Sebastian, FL from the 4th through the 6th. Reserve with the resort at 772-589-3481. Rates were \$77 last year but may have changed. There is no special rally rate but they allow discounts of 10% for military/veterans, 50% for Passport America members and 10% for Good Sam members. Ask for Michelle who has been very nice to work with. The main hall will be available, including a refrigerator. Use of the stove must be arranged and may entail a fee. Please let John Marquart know if you will be hosting and need the stove.

We still need volunteers to host both in April and the May rally at Ocean Breeze in Jensen Beach. Contact Wagon Master John Marquart if you can help.

Also let John know which of our upcoming rallies you plan to attend. We need a head count for the RV parks and the hosts.

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With a Heartfelt Salute!

Barry A. Jesinoski
National Adjutant/CEO
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February

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March

Guy Champion

Penni Sheir

Jeff Hattendorf

April

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Armando Novell

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HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

April

Ed & Sue Pan

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