



MAY 2025 NEWSLETTER

This month we returned to one of our favorite places – Ocean Breeze Resort in Jensen Beach. The resort is attractive and well maintained. It has a really nice big pool with a hot tub and café. There are also pickle ball and bocci courts as well as outdoor pavilions and very clean restrooms and showers. All sites were centrally located and each had a concrete parking pad equipped with a picnic table and grill and room for a tow car though most of us didn't bring one. What Ocean Breeze does not have is a clubhouse or kitchen which means happy hour and meals are outdoors and depend on good weather. Fortunately, the weather was very nice during our rally with just a little rain Friday morning.

Seven coaches/couples participated, including the Novells who live at the resort full time. The Marquarts, Scudos, Girvins, Trerices, and Stwalley/Blasko arrived on Thursday while the Janeros came Friday and the Garbes visited by car for happy hour and dinner on Saturday. Hosting duties for this rally were handled by Howard and Kimberly Trerice with help from the Marquarts.

Thursday we enjoyed a nice happy hour gathering next to the Trerice coach after which some walked into town to tour the weekly Jammin Jensen outdoor craft fair along Jensen Beach Boulevard.

Friday everyone found their own things to do with some enjoying the pool and hot tub, others walking into town and some just hanging out and socializing. Dinner Friday included a wonderful main course of beef tenderloin and grilled chicken breast prepared by Howard and Kimberly Trerice with various sides and desserts contributed by others.

After dinner everyone played Bingo. The game was provided by Kimberly with John Marquart, uncharacteristically, serving as Bingo Master and calling out the numbers. It was great fun though no money changed hands.

Saturday morning began with a full breakfast. During the day some used the gym or pool, took a nearly 2 mile walk around the park or went into town to explore or get ice cream. Later we convened for Happy Hour at Dave and Marcia's coach and then walked into town for dinner at Mulligan's Beach House which did not go well. Though Howard had made a reservation for the 14 of us well in advance, the concierge told us on arrival that - remarkably - she did not have access to reservation information and had given all available inside tables to other customers. We were eventually seated at separate small tables out on the sidewalk but service was not up to expectations. Beverage orders were not taken for 10 to 15 minutes and then the beverages took another 30 minutes to arrive. Some never did get their meals and cancelled their orders. Management was somewhat apologetic but the overall experience was surprisingly disappointing.

After dinner we returned to Dave and Marcia's coach to enjoy a beautiful cake in celebration of Marcia's birthday. Dave wanted it to be a surprise so Denise Scudo hid the cake in her refrigerator. There was some comic relief as different people tried several times to light a candle on the cake. Finally Marcia graciously "blew out" the unlit candle and everyone sang "Happy Birthday" and got on with the celebration.

Sunday morning all enjoyed a really nice full breakfast, including mimosas, courtesy of Howard and Kimberly after which everyone prepared to depart.



Our Treasurer advised again that some Sun Roamers still haven't paid their chapter dues for this year. If you are one of them, please send your payment to Denise Scudo (at her new address in Vero Beach) as soon as possible. Note that our bylaws provide that the membership of anyone who hasn't paid by 6 months after the due date (which was December 7, 2024) must be considered terminated.

We reported last month that the FRVA logo (top right on page 1) has been restyled to reflect their rebranding. Gordon and Niki designed new business cards for the chapter and distributed some to rally attendees. Our chapter logo, name badges and RV window placards have also been redesigned and the chapter's web page within the FRVA South East Area website has also changed as shown at the end of this newsletter.

A new FRVA membership plaque has been designed in the style below. These will be available from the National organization at a cost of \$16 plus shipping (of \$10 or more) and take 8 - 10 weeks to get but they are on back order at this time.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

MAY

Marcia Blasko
Dave Stwalley

Nick Coffin
Bob Scudo

Beth Pearce

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

MAY

Betty and Gary Turpin

NEXT SEASON

Wagon Master John Marquart and assistants Howard Trerice and Nancy Marquart have already arranged the entire rally schedule for the 2025-2026 season. They deserve our heartfelt appreciation and congratulations for this accomplishment, which required considerable effort. The Rally Schedule is attached to this newsletter.

It is becoming increasingly difficult to secure rally sites during peak season and the RV parks we will be visiting in March and April are requiring upfront deposits representing 50% of the site fees for participants. The chapter has issued payments to these resorts to reserve a number of sites. This will require you to decide soon if you want to attend these rallies and call the resort and pay the remaining portion of the site fee. Then send payment to Denise Scudo for your share of the deposit put up by the chapter. Tell the resort reservation contact that you will be with the Sun Roamers of Florida and select one of the sites allocated to our rally. You will still be able to cancel up to 14 days before the rally start date if necessary. See details in the rally schedule.

We hope you enjoyed this rally season and have a wonderful summer, wherever it may take you. Please travel safely. We look forward to seeing you again in the fall.

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2025-2026 Sun Roamers Rally Schedule as of 5-5-25

Wagon Master John Marquart 1-954-812-6982 mquart@me.com

Asst. Wagon Master Howard Trerice 1-586-215-0774 htrerice@outlook.com

October 2-5, 2025

Whispering Palms - Confirmed has 6 sites. They should offer a rally rate. Please call to reserve by 9/18 and let wagon master John know you are going. We have OK on one Class B site.

10305 US 1, Sebastian, FL 32958 <https://www.whisperingpalmsrv.com/> 772-589-3481

November 6-9, 2025

Riverside RV Resort – still working to confirm rates and site numbers.

9770 SW County Road 769, Arcadia, FL 34269 <https://thousandtrails.com/florida/riverside-rv-resort>
863-993-2111

December 4-7, 2025

Camelot RV Park - Do Not contact Park, advise wagon master John by November 20 that you are going. You will pay Denise at the park for site.

1600 US 1, Malabar, FL 32950 <https://www.camelotrvpark.com> 321-724-5396

January 8-11, 2026

Aruba RV Resort Call early, mention group. Rate is \$55/night, please advise wagon master Howard if you are going by December 24.

1073 Old Lakeport Rd NW, Moore Haven, FL 33471 <https://www.arubarvresort.com/>
863-946-1324

February 4-8, 2026

FRVA (fka FMCA) SE region rally – Sun 'n Fun Expo Campus, 4238 Hamilton Road, Lakeland, Florida – Advise wagon master John if you are going by January 22, please. Site reservations with FRVA are on your own.

March 5-8, 2026

Palm Breeze RV Resort - 8 Sites, 110-115 & 117 & 119 reserved. Rate \$91/night

4685 Duncan Road, Punta Gorda, FL 33982 <https://palmbreezeresort.com/> 980-249-3240

Call Palm Breeze direct by February 19 to reserve under Sun Roamers, you will pay them 50% of the total on your card and pay Denise the balance which should be \$136.50 for 3 nights. Please advise wagon master Howard you are going by February 19.

April 9-12, 2026

Canopy Oaks Resort

16950 County Rd. 630, Lake Wales, FL 33898 <https://canopyoaksresort.com/> 407-630-7000

Sites C0336-C0343 (8) Reserved. \$161.50 rate for 3 nights, Call Canopy Oaks direct by March 26 to reserve under Sun Roamers, you will pay them 50% of the total on your card and pay Denise the balance which should be \$80.75 for 3 nights. Please advise wagon master John you are going by March 26.

May 1-3, 2026

Ocean Breeze RV Resort No rally rate but Passport rate after May 1, reserve on your own.

3000 NE Indian River Dr, Jensen Beach, FL 34957 <https://www.sunoutdoors.com/florida/ocean-breeze-resort> 772-334-2494, Advise wagon master Howard you are going by April 23.

Please note that at the rallies where the club has made advance deposits, it would be appreciated if you could make your reservations at these locations as soon as possible and send Denise, our treasurer, your balance due so that the club can get back the funds that were advanced back in April. Going forward many parks are moving to advanced deposits to allow us to hold these rallies for everyone's fun.

Also note that 2025-6 rally fees are \$40.00 per couple or \$20 per single.