



MARCH 2026 NEWSLETTER

In case you're keeping track, the Sun Roamers didn't hold a rally last month as that was when the SEA Rally in Lakeland was scheduled. So there also was no February News Letter.

This month brought us to Palm Breeze RV resort – an attractive new park that just opened two months ago. It's a sister to Canopy Oaks where we've been a couple of times (and to which we will return next month) and is very similar in design. It has a nice big clubhouse with a kitchen, office, retail shop and exercise room. Next to it there is a beautiful pool and Tiki hut. The staff is helpful and friendly. But it wasn't all good news. A section of road within the park is unpaved and had to be gingerly navigated to reach our sites. Part of the road was being excavated to repair a very large sink hole that seems to have been caused by a broken pipe. Our sites were about a quarter mile walk from the clubhouse and Tiki hut and required trekking through wet sand and muddy grass along the way.

Attendees were John & Nancy Marquart, Bob & Denise Scudo, Jack & Jean Fantelli, Gordon & Niki Girvin, Dave Stwalley & Marcia Blasko. Bob & Penni Sheir, Jerry & Sue Janaro and guests Mike and Karen Rhodes. The guests are neighbors and friends of the Marquarts and they plan to attend our April rally as well, so we apparently didn't scare them off. 😊

We were asked to put up a 50% deposit last May to reserve sites for our rally. The park has been through multiple management changes in the last year and its accounting records are not good. They couldn't seem to figure out who owed what and were charging each of us different amounts. Wagon Master John collected payment information from each of us and had to invest many hours on the phone and in person with them to get the billing reasonably straightened out. We owe him a big debt of gratitude for persevering through all this. Gordon gave John a bottle of bubbly to soothe his nerves.

We had mostly warm and sunny weather but a major thunderstorm came along just as happy hour was beginning on Thursday. The storm put on quite a show with lots of lightning and thunder, lasting several hours. The two people who brought cars graciously helped shuttle some of us back and forth from the Tiki hut. Fortunately, the Tiki hut is quite large and our table was near the center so we stayed dry while enjoying happy hour and watching the lightning show.

Friday was a relaxing day. Some just socialized or pattered with their RVs while others did some walking and enjoyed the pool and hot tub. Most didn't bring a tow car and the location is somewhat isolated with nothing to see within walking or biking distance. The park is new and remains a work in progress but is attractive and will be quite nice when finished. The Rhodes and Marquarts made a field trip to Fisherman's Village. It's a two story mall jutting out into Charlotte harbor with shops and restaurants as well as some rental rooms on the upper level. Happy hour featured more substantial snacks and BYO beverages, as usual, with a repeat of the late day thunderstorms like the prior day. Each table stayed to play Nickel (aka Unlucky 7) games won by Nancy Marquart and Bob Scudo.

Saturday we awoke to dense fog shrouding the RV park giving it an eerie serene look. The morning started with a full breakfast courtesy of our hosts, the Marquarts and Janaros. It was a feast of omelets, sausages, fruit, muffins and toast with preserves. 😊

Saturday was much like Friday with members relaxing, visiting, walking through the park and enjoying the pool.

We were able to have Saturday's happy hour in the club house enjoying snacks including grilled bacon, stuffed peppers, chips & dip, cheese and crackers, pigs in blankets and more. Dinner soon followed with a main course of shredded brisket in a sauce with sandwich rolls, plus cornbread casserole, peas and macaroni salad. It was topped off with cookies, cake and pie. 😊 😊

After dinner Gordon made a few announcements thanking hosts John & Nancy and Jerry & Sue, welcoming guests Mike & Karen and reminding everyone about upcoming rallies. Then most of us gathered for a round of Left-Right-Center Wild. Karen was the happy winner. We warned her this was just a ploy to encourage her and Mike to join the club. 😊

Sunday everyone had remembered to change their clocks with the return of daylight saving time. Morning brought the usual light breakfast – a bit later than usual at 9 to allow everyone's circadian rhythms to adjust. After breakfast everyone wished each another safe travels, packed up and headed out for home or their next destination.





Please reserve soon for the April rally at Canopy Oaks. Note that the Sun Roamers has put up a deposit with the resort. You will pay the remaining balance due to the resort when you reserve your site and reimburse the Sun Roamers for your share of the deposit by sending a check (payable to the Sun Roamers) to our Treasurer, Denise Scudo.

The May rally will be held at Ocean Breeze in Jensen Beach again this year. Reserve in your own name— do not mention a rally group or the Sun Roamers. Ocean Breeze honors Passport America rates.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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