



Roadrunner Rambles

December 19, 2015

Savannas Recreation Area, Fort Pierce



Wow, only five more days until Christmas and I haven't written the Rambles yet. I better get to my list and check it twice so I don't forget anything. Without a doubt, those who were not at our December campout at the Savannas Recreation Area in Fort Pierce missed a great time. I was originally concerned that because the park is so close to the homes of many of our campers, that we would have a slim turnout. Not true. We started with fifteen rigs registered and after a couple of cancellations for various reasons, we still had twelve campers for the weekend, most actually came early on Thursday. Doug and Noreen came but after she and Doug got into some fire-ants on their site while setting up, they decided to skip the camping since Noreen is allergic to their bites. They did make it for breakfast and the Saturday dance. We missed Sonny and Judy because Judy caught the flu from her grandkids. She then gave it to Sonny who really didn't want it nor did he want to pass it on. Thanks for the consideration, but you two were truly missed.

The weekend started with several of the ladies going to Louise's house to work on sewing chapter outfits. They made significant progress, continued their work on Friday and will have some to show everybody later this spring. If you send us a man's white dress shirt, Dolly will turn it into a chapter outfit shirt during January. The festivities started Thursday night with many folks going their own way to various events such as visits with family, church presentations and other dances. Later that night when everyone returned, we sat around a campfire until nearly midnight sharing stories and eating smores. Friday went much the same way. For dinner, we shared hot dogs with all the trimmings and some great chili, thanks to Judy providing to fixins and Louise's son Craig who put it all together and cooked it since Judy wasn't able. After dinner, we started another great campfire that went into the wee hours again. We found out a lot about couples met and then proposed for marriage. Great fun! Of course we again had smores and some hot dogs later cooked on a stick over the fire. We even got in a little basic dancing practice to help our newest members, George and Lana Conner get into the swing of things.

Saturday started with our traditional breakfast cooking with lots of great food and cooks. The original plan for dinner was to go out to eat as a group at a local Golden Corral, but after much discussion, nobody really wanted to get dressed up early and go out. Since Craig (Louise's son) works at Dominos, we decided to have pizza brought in and thanks to Roger's suggestion, the chapter paid for it. Saturday night, we all went to M&M and danced with Scotty Shearer and Chuck

for the rounds. Thanks also to Al & Bonnie who also entertained us with a few squares and rounds. Dolly put together a gift basket to raffle off as a fund-raising event that was given away at the end of the night. It more than paid for the pizza we had earlier in the day. The highlight was the gift exchange at the end of the night. What a riot! We have lots of great pictures of the event to share and show you next time. One or two are attached to this report.

We want to thank all of you who came for any of the events, specially for your generosity since we were able to give both our caller and cuer a significant Christmas gift included with special cards made for them by Pam Smith. Thank you Sonny & Judy and Chuck & Mary for all your hard work and support of the RoadRunners.

The schedule for the rest of the current season is as follows. The suggested event for January is the Winterfest in Lakeland and some of you have signed up for that. If you're interested in going and Sanlan and Lakeland RV parks are full, there is usually space at the convention center, but it's dry camping only. please make reservations immediately since campsites are scarce. Dolly and I will be at Sanlan (863-687-6145) on the south side of Lakeland. You can also try Lakeland RV (863-665-1726). At this time, we still don't have a location for February or March, but there are some possibilities to camp out with another chapter. More information on that as soon as details are fixed. There is also a special dance coming up February 7 in Orlando featuring Tony Oxidyne. This is a fundraiser for the National Convention Bid Committee that is trying to get the national convention to Tampa in a few years.

January 29 &30	Florida Winterfest, Lakeland
February 12 & 13	Cancelled
March 11 & 12	Cancelled
April 8 & 9	Zachary Taylor; Okeechobee with White Elephant sale
May 13 & 14	Whispering Palms; Sebastian

Don't forget to keep up with our activities by visiting our website (thanks to Chuck for his help keeping it updated) at http://www.whirlaways.org/rr_193_index.html . You can also get there through the Florida association at <http://www.floridasquaredance.com/fansdc/clubs.html> and click on Chapter 193. To get in touch with Dolly or I, just call me (352)208-5980 or Dolly (352-598-7162) or by e-mail at john.d.ide@hotmail.com or dollyide@hotmail.com .

In the meantime, stay safe and warm and have a Merry Christmas.

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