

"Christmas is not as much about opening our presents as opening our hearts." — Janice Maeditere

Happy Campers Newsletter

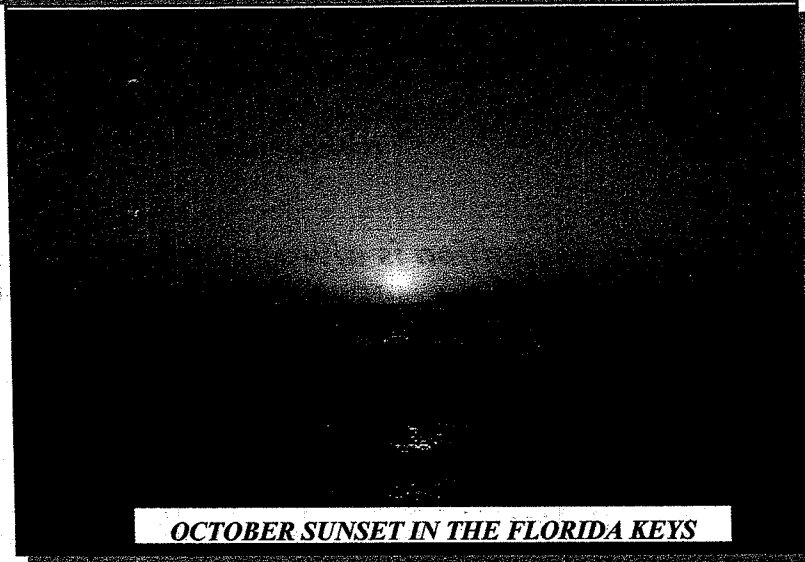
"Once again, we come to the Holiday Season, a deeply religious time that each of us observes, in his own way, by going to the mall of his choice." — Dave Barry

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A PICTURE SPEAKS A 1,000 WORDS



OCTOBER SUNSET IN THE FLORIDA KEYS

From Alice's Desk

Happy Holidays Campers



Our meeting in November set us off in a new direction which we think will work well for everyone and give us some great times together as a group without our monthly meetings. In lieu of our monthly meetings we will continue our monthly dining out nights out at Jimmies', which seems to be a favorite with the group. Our rallies will be limited to two in the Spring and two in the Fall.

In March, our rally site will be our most popular destination, Lazy Days Rally Park in Tampa and the Strawberry Festival. In April we will be rallying at our local favorite, Seasons in the Sun. During the April rally we will have our Spring party at the campground. All members and Tag-a-Longs are invited.

In January, if the Sunshine Key Campground offers it's October \$199 special, many campers will be going to the Super RV Show in Tampa and signing up for this incredible deal. It was such a hit with all

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SPECIAL ISSUE

Welcome Back Everyone

It is that time of year again when familiar faces begin showing up in Lost Lakes. The winter season is upon us and with that comes another round of great camping opportunities.

This new camping year brings a slight change to the Happy Campers Newsletter. After this special issue, the newsletter will appear every two months. That will allow us to continue packing it with all our camping adventures and at the same time save on expenses. No new funds should be needed for the upcoming year.

For any future issue just call or email your pictures and information to Steve Towers, 639-5033 or rvfan48@bellsouth.net.

INTERNET TIDBIT

If the holidays make you frazzled, visit OrganizedChristmas.com this year. Here you will find a wealth of information to simplify the holidays. You can choose a holiday plan, print a free Christmas planner, get ideas for crafts and gifts, and even browse through great holiday recipes. You can also join the Rudolph Club, which holds a once-a-month meeting on the 25th of each month. You get simple assignments and easy tips to do each month to make the holiday season easier and less stressful come December.

Alice's Desk Con't...

those who went this year they want to do it all over again... we will get more information to you as it is available.

In November/December we are looking forward to visiting one of our favorite spots, The Daytona International Campground and take advantage of their addition of 100 new sites, pool and clubhouse.

The men volunteered to host the 2011 Christmas party. This should be a real treat! Norm volunteered to act as chairman and so we are looking forward to a very special (unusual) holiday dinner when the men take over the kitchen.

Steve has agreed to publish his very popular newsletter for us again in 2011. Instead of a monthly issue it will be published every two months combining our info and pictures from various activities.

It was suggested that since we are no longer holding monthly rallies that whenever a member is going camping and wants company to send out an email to our members inviting them to come along. We are a very active camper group using our RVs every month and I think this will serve all of us well. We will have our four club rallies and we will have the opportunity to camp on our own or with friends wherever the wind takes us.

The 2010 fifth annual Christmas party is scheduled for Friday, December 17th and the information appears in this newsletter. Hope to see y'all there. Happy Holidays and Happy Trails,

Alice & Norm

Trip of the Month for April

LAZY DAYS CAMPGROUND : TAMPA

- March 10 to the 13th, 2011
- \$141.06 for four nights
- \$105.82 for three nights
- FOR RESERVATIONS CALL: 813-246-4999
- ACTIVITIES:
 - ◇ Strawberry Festival in Plant City
 - ◇ Tarpon Springs
 - ◇ Hard Rock
 - ◇ Busch Gardens
 - ◇ St. Petersburg Dali Museum

BUMPER STICKER HUMOR



When all else fails, lower your standards.

Time flies when you don't know what you are doing.

Don't worry about life. You aren't going to survive it anyway.

Just plead the fifth - or drink it - either way.

Repetition is always better the second time. repetition is always better the second time.

DOING MORE BY DOING LESS



It may sound counterintuitive, but you can often find more time in your day to get things done by doing less. Multitasking may seem to be the best way to get through your to-do list, but it can sabotage your efforts. Researchers from the University of Michigan have found that when people multitask, they are diminishing their brain productivity by 20 to 40 percent. This occurs because your brain needs to spend some of its computing power on the switching process itself. Refocusing from one task to another decreases the brains efficiency.

To combat this, try to establish some new habits for your workflow. Instead of checking email every few minutes, only check it every couple of hours. This lets you focus on answering emails all at once. You can also use a timer when working on an important task. Using a timer helps you regulate how much time you need to spend on a single task. While the timer is going, you should not work on any other project in order to devote enough concentrated time to the task at hand.

Finally, use a to-do list, but with a twist. Instead of simply making a list of things you need get done, use it to write down things that are distracting you. By placing them on the list, you can give yourself permission to come back to it at a later time, instead of switching away from the job you are doing right now.

CAMPGROUND LIFE

Key West, Florida

October in the keys was enjoyed by many Lost Lake Campers. Who knew that paradise was only a few hours down the road. A return trip to this exotic setting is a must.



Bill and Franca Stevens enjoy a background rich with "green."



Dennis, Gloria and Helen prepare to set sail!



Dowop, Barb, Joyce and Bill plan their next meal!

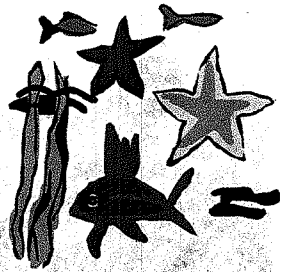
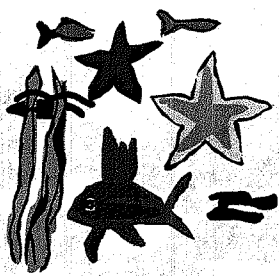
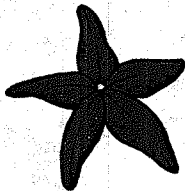
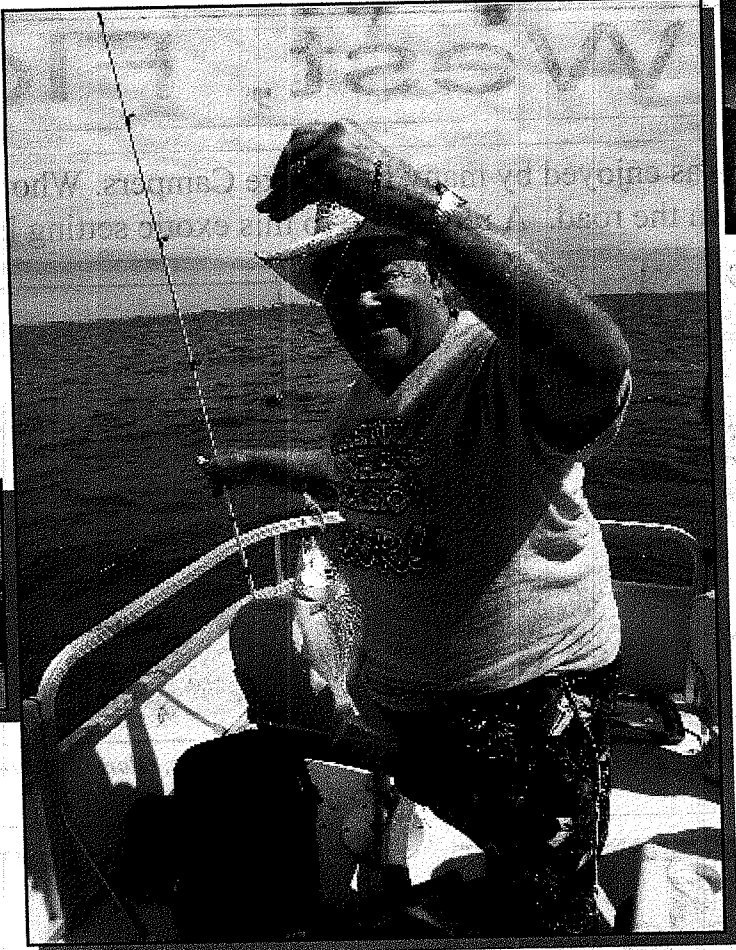


Walt and Virginia join the others for another "meal!"



Happy Campers

THIS IS BLISS, THIS IS FRIENDSHIP, THIS IS THE LIFE IN KEY WEST, FLORIDA!!!!!!!



Honey of a Sauce

Honey Teriyaki Sauce

Combine one cup each of honey, soy sauce, and sake. Add in one minced clove of garlic, two teaspoons grated fresh ginger root, and one teaspoon sesame oil. Use this sauce to marinate chicken, fish, beef or pork.

Honey Fruit Glaze

Combine 1/2 cup pineapple juice, 1/2 cup honey, and four teaspoons of mustard. Brush over lamb, pork, ham, or chicken while grilling or roasting.

Honey Vegetable Sauce

Combine 1/4 cup honey, 1/4 cup butter, two tablespoons minced onion, 1/2 teaspoon thyme, and salt and pepper to taste. Bring to a boil in a small saucepan and cook for two minutes. Toss with cooked cauliflower, carrots, or squash.

Zesty Honey Sauce

Combine one cup bottled chili sauce, 1/2 cup honey, 1/4 cup minced onion, two tablespoons dry red wine, one tablespoon Worcestershire sauce, and one teaspoon Dijon-Style mustard. Bring to a boil in a small saucepan and then reduce the heat and simmer uncovered for five minutes. Brush on grilled meats or use as dipping sauce.

HAPPY CAMPER CHRISTMAS



The 2010 fifth annual Happy Camper Christmas party will be held on Friday, December 17th at 5 p.m. in the clubhouse.

Hazel Toomey and her committee are asking that you bring a covered dish of either a salad, casserole, or dessert and that each person pay \$3.00 to cover the price of the turkey, ham, and appetizers that the committee will cook for the group. The charge will also cover the cost of the paper goods.

We will decorate the clubhouse at 2 p.m.. If you have any red table cloths please bring them.

Wrap up something around the house you want to get rid of for a white elephant gift exchange. Also, bring a picture of yourself as a child for a Guess Who Quiz.

It is a BYOB.

Please RSVP to Joyce Lockwood (289-8411) by Friday, December 10th as to how many in your party and what you are bringing. Please invite anyone who has camped with you this year to help celebrate the holidays with us.

See you on the 17th

Thank You!

A Very Special Thank You to a Very Special Lady

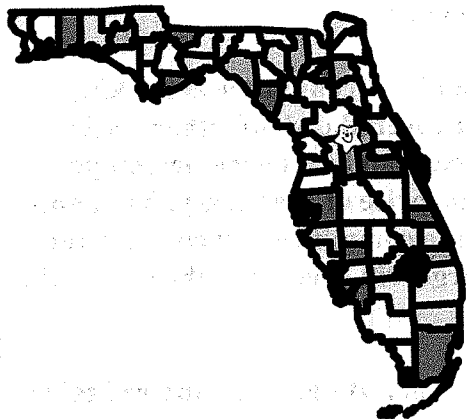
I would like to sincerely thank Hazel Toomey for being our party chair this past year. She planned the beautiful holiday party for us last Christmas and then again in April with the very delightful Hobo Event, and now the fifth annual Christmas dinner and dance.

She is so busy with so many activities both here and in the community and for her to take time to organize our gatherings is just very special. I hope all of us will take the opportunity to say thanks when next we see her.

Alice

Florida State Park Feature

Florida offers some outstanding Parks for all to enjoy. Featured in this issue is the Wekiwa Springs State Park.



Located at the headwaters of the Wekiwa River, the beautiful vistas within this park offer a glimpse of what Central Florida looked like when the Timucuan Indians fished and hunted these lands. Just an hour's drive from most Central Florida attractions, Wekiwa Springs offers visitors the opportunity to relax in a natural setting, enjoy a picnic or take a swim in the cool spring. Canoeists and kayakers can paddle along the Wekiwa River or Rock Springs Run. Thirteen miles of trails provide opportunities for hiking, bicycling and horseback riding. Options for camping include a full facility campground, a group campsite and primitive camping areas. Located at 1800 Wekiwa Circle, Apopka, FL 32712 (407) 884-2008

*"Celebrate the happiness that friends are always giving.
Make every day a holiday and celebrate just living!"*



A special hello to Patch from Uncle Steve.

Visit to the Barbershop

A man and a little boy entered a barbershop together. The man went first and got the full treatment—shave, shampoo, and haircut. He then picked up the little boy and placed him in the chair.



"I'm going to run next door to get a new shirt," he said. "I'll be right back."

After the boy's haircut was completed, the man still hadn't returned. The barber said, "Looks like your daddy has forgotten all about you."

"That wasn't my daddy," said the little boy. "He was just a man that walked up, took me by the hand, and said, 'Come on, buddy, we're gonna get a free haircut!'"

The Legend of the Poinsettia



In Mexico, poinsettia plants grow wild. There is a charming legend dating back several centuries that explains the presence of this red and green plant and why it blossoms each year during the Christmas season.

One Christmas Eve, a small girl named Pepita traveled to church empty-handed, as she had no gift to give the Christ Child. Her cousin Pedro, who was walking with her, told her that the best gift she could give was a humble one, as long as it was given in love. So, as she walked, Pepita gathered some weeds she found along the roadside and fashioned them into a small bouquet. Although she finally had a gift, she still felt saddened by the shabbiness of it. When she finally entered the church and approached the altar, she was surprised by a miracle. The weeds had blossomed into brilliant red flowers! From that day on, these bright red flowers were called Flores de Noche Buena, or Flowers of the Holy Night. Today, we call this plant the poinsettia.