

SPACE COAST SAMS CHAPTER 10
Meeting Minutes for March 5, 2016
Sherwood Forest RV Park, Kissimmee, FL

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Call to Order – President Bob

Invocation – Jim Snyder

Welcome – President Bob

Pledge of Allegiance – Murray Boutillier

Roll Call – Secretary

Welcome any guests - Sam & Marylou Dever
Pat Novotny

Bill & Lynn had joined last month, however the Chapter didn't vote. We voted in two new members – Bill & Lynn Shatford and Sam and Marylou Dever. Marylou and Sam live in West Melbourne. They have camped most of their married lives. They are hooked on Ft Wilderness, but it's too expensive. Marylou saw a post about Space Coast Sams and decided to get hooked on us. (We're cheaper than Ft. Wilderness!)

Birthdays:

None – no March babies!

Anniversaries:

Joyce & Bob Rench – March 1 – 2 years

Secretary's report: Previous month's minutes were emailed out by the secretary and posted to our website by President Bob.

Treasurer's Report – Mary Sue: Call for motion to accept report as presented.

President Bob - there will be a 50/50 tonight at dinner. (Post Script: Mel & Dottie Fringer won the 50/50 - \$47.50.)

Reading of Correspondence – Mary Sue – thank you card from Fish and Wildlife, as well as a thank you from Linda who works with Boys up the Road. We also received a thank you for our generous donation to Brevard Achievement home. Monies will be used to help train the boys in new skills, how to dress, and how to act when out in public. Mary Sue also received another thank you from Linda.

Nancy announced that there will be a free lunch in about an hour (if anyone is hungry) for all campers. Hot dogs, baked beans, green beans and potato salad.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

- Sunshine – Judy sent a get well card to Nancy; Maxie and Clyde sent a get well card to Judy.
- Photographer & Website – Bob is always clicking, and posting to the website. If anyone wants to click away go ahead.
- Wagonmaster – Duane: 12 rigs at this outing
 - Future outings:
 - April 6-10 in Okeechobee – Spring Samboree –theme is Mad Hatters
 - Last outing is in May – Umatilla – Olde Mill Stream
- Sheriff – has a little money in the pokey. You're on your honor, so if you forget to wear your badge, please put a quarter in the canister.
- Activities – Donna reported that this afternoon we'll play cards or Mexican train. Tonight will be tai chi or yoga. After dinner three different tables will play right-center-left. Bring coins. May outing will be liar-liar.
- Wildlife Refuge and on-going projects – clean up happened last month. Our accomplishments were turned into Nancy (the Activity Director at F&WL.) Bob took a picture and Mel gave it to Nancy – they put it on the front page of their newsletter. It was a bit cold and breezy while the group was cleaning. Nancy thanked us for our work. We had a good turnout and nice lunch at NY NY. Per Mel, another workday will be set up soon. Murray found a Michael Kors bag which he kept.
- Charity/canned goods donations – Box is at Jim and Mary Sue's rig. Please bring canned beans, meat and fruit. Happy hour today at 4p at Jim's rig. Dinner at 6p at the Rec Hall.
- Other – Jim and Judy blew out two tires on the way home last campout, thought everything was fixed, and now have no water and they're the hosts! They've done an outstanding job.
- Jimmy Davis wants to clear the air on how we're set up for our campouts. Jimmy pointed out that it's up to the hosts as to how much or how little they do. If they want to do other things, it's the hosts' prerogative. Jimmy's point is how much money everyone spends. Dottie stated that the hosts are responsible for getting breakfast together and they submit their receipts to the treasurer and they're reimbursed. The dinner is everyone's responsibility. The hosts are responsible for the cake only – they shouldn't be responsible for anything else.
- Loretta and John are our hosts in May. Theme will be April showers to May flowers. It'll be a picnic theme. Murray is responsible for the ants. Loretta will bring a sliced ham. All the ladies can get together and decide what they're going to bring so we won't have 4 of one thing.
- The Chapter discussed having dinner at the rally in Okeechobee. Alice stated that it's very hard to do a dinner at the rally. Jim Snyder suggested we not discuss anymore and lets' say were on our own. A question came up about attending the opening and

closing ceremonies at the rally. We are under no obligation to attend opening and closing ceremonies. President Bob had submitted our first and second choice for volunteer activities at Okeechobee. Assistant Director Larry had sent Bob an email saying they aren't accepting our proposals for volunteers and will ask us to volunteer if need be.

- President Bob has seen some of the members with no name tags at happy hour. If you don't have your name tag on, put a quarter in the pokey.

Unfinished Business:

Dottie suggested we not come back to Sherwood Forest campground because there's been several mix ups on 50 amp and 30 amp, and information is not reliable when talking to the office personnel. The manager isn't very nice. Duane stated that Sherwood Forest has a big turnover of personnel. They also have a management problem at the camp ground. In addition, there's payment problems for the campsites. Employees aren't dedicated. Duane did talk to the manager when we came in. He isn't sure that there's much he can do. Duane will speak with manager this afternoon and will let everyone know at tonight's dinner the outcome of his conversation with the manager. Mel stated that we had no kitchen facilities. The camp ground has their own kitchen and chef. We can't use the kitchen. You can wash your dishes only. President Bob stated that Duane has had a difficult time finding facilities. Lots of campsites are being sold to permanent residents. Bob's biggest complaint is distance between the site and Rec Hall. It's becoming a pattern now because campgrounds are closing their kitchens. No matter where we go there will be something wrong. Don't limit yourselves. We don't want to burn too many bridges.

New Business:

Clyde – March 1 1974 – 42 years ago our Space Coast Sam's Chapter started. In May '74 it was chartered. We are the 2nd oldest chapter in FL. Clyde has held the Space Coast Sam's sign in book for many years. If you look at the book, you'll see some signatures from campers that aren't with us any more, or they are unable to camp due to health reasons. Clyde wants the sign in book preserved – we need to keep it safe for history purposes. Sign in book was given to Duane for safe keeping.

Special campouts at Jetty Park this summer – Duane will email everyone with the summer "schedule". Call Jetty Park early for a reservation. During the summer months you get 4 nights for the price of 3, if you're a Brevard County resident. You're close to the beach, lots of restaurants, cruise ships going and coming. President Bob and a small group went June, July and August last year and really enjoyed themselves.

Announcements – thanks to this month's hosts – Jimmy and Judy Davis.

Motion for Adjournment – 11:20a

Respectfully Submitted,

Lynn Barnette, Secretary
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