



Mid-Week Flamingo Newsletter

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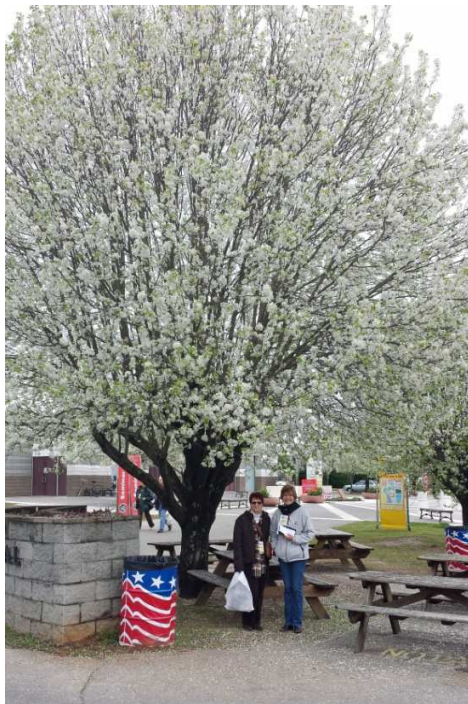
March Campout Happenings... March 16-20, 2014

Rally at FMCA's 89th Family Reunion

Our March campout was different from most of our Rallies. We went to the FMCA 89th Family Reunion in Perry, Georgia, instead of a more local campground. Most traveled on Saturday and spent the night at Southern Trails RV park near Perry. We had several people with us who were not part of the Mid-week Flamingo's, although many joined during the week. Several were from the Florida Discovery Sunshiners.

Sunday : We arrived at the Perry Fairgrounds and waited in a holding area as the rest of our group assembled. It was raining heavy and many areas were very muddy. Later that afternoon we were moved to a somewhat drier temporary location to spend the night. We held happy hour in Ron and Donna Wacker's coach since it was still raining. Later we went to Applebee's for dinner.

Monday : The Family Reunion began, and several people went to seminars, meetings, and special events that were offered as part of the Reunion. Later that afternoon we were moved to a dryer, more permanent parking location. Since it was still raining, we again held happy hour and dinner in the Wacker's coach. We ordered pizza.



Tuesday : Coffee and donuts were served while the Frustrated Maestros performed at Sheep Barn # 1. Most people went to various seminars and meetings, while others shopped in the two vendor buildings. Lunch was on our own. It finally stopped raining, so we held our happy hour outside the Wacker's coach. Ron and Mark Salomon covered the ground with mats so we would not be sitting on the soggy grass. Ron announced that the club would pay for the Flamingos entrees for dinner at Sonny's Bar-B-Q. This prompted several couples that had been thinking of joining, to join the Mid-week Flamingos on the spot. The new members are Bruce and Jody Bruce from Brooksville, Bob and Judy Francek from Pensacola, Gary and Sandy Krieger from Ohio, Bob and Joan Senus from Altamonte Springs and Curt and Deb Steil from Fort Myers.

Several of us went to the evening entertainment to watch Jeanne Robertson perform. She is a professional speaker who specializes in humor based on her life experiences. The Miss Congeniality winner in the Miss America Pageant "Yearrrrs ago," uses her down-home Southern drawl to leave her audiences laughing.

Wednesday : Again coffee and donuts were served while the Frustrated Maestros performed. Most of us went to various seminars and meetings, while others shopped. We held our happy hour outside the Wacker's coach as grills were prepared for this evenings cookout. Buck and Jeannie Beckner brought 22 lobsters to share, so everyone had at least one lobster. Everyone cooked their own meat and various fixings were shared.



After we ate several of us went to watch "The Texas Tenors" perform at Reaves Arena. The group's song list included country, gospel, classical, and Broadway music. They finished fourth on NBC's "America's Got Talent" in 2009.

Thursday : This was the last day coffee and donuts were served. The seminars, meetings and vendor areas also closed this afternoon. As usual lunch was on our own. Happy hour was held at 4 pm, outside the Wacker's coach. During happy hour one of the vendors stopped by and passed out free beer. Afterwards we went to dinner at a restaurant. I don't believe anyone went to the evening entertainment.



Friday : We had a late start as we said goodbye to most of our group. It had been a very cold night, and when the Beckner's pulled in their awning, sheets of ice fell to the ground.



Four rigs stayed on until Sunday. We visited sites around Perry and on Saturday visited the Andersonville National Historic site and had peanut ice cream in Plains, Georgia.

Note: To access the 2014-15 Camping Schedule please see the companion file "2014-15 Camping Schedule.pdf"