

MID-WEEK FLAMINGOS
PEACHY IN PERRY RALLY
MARCH 13-16, 2019

What a great rally we had in Perry, GA. with 10 coaches. The weather was great when we arrived. It turned a little cold for FL. people at the end but it didn't deter some people from going to DAIRY QUEEN. (Just saying).

We set up early Wednesday for the Chapter Fair in the large building. They had the first timers meeting in the same room prior to the Chapter Fair. Our whole crew was giving out water and talking flamingo talk. We had much interest and one new couple joined at the Chapter Fair.

Thursday most of the Chapters had the first ever Block Party. Mark got us a fantastic lot right on the main street and we set up 4 tents. FMCA gave each Chapter \$75. Seed money for food, decorations, etc. for their Block Party. Our group decided on chicken wings. We got 150 chicken wings and some of the other gals brought some sides and dessert. We had a great time at the Block Party. There were 8 new coaches that joined our Chapter at the Block Party. THANKS TO MARK AND JORIE FOR A GREAT RALLY IN A RALLY!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Mark had planned a cookout for Friday and we invited our new members to bring whatever meat they wanted and a side or dessert and come. Mark had arranged to have 5 or 6 grills ready for cooking. We had quite a few of the new members come to the cookout.

Saturday Mark suggested for us to cater Sonny's Barbeque. We ordered pulled pork, cole slaw, baked beans and garlic bread. We had 4 of the new couples that came. Many of the new couples had to leave early on Saturday morning and were not able to join us for the meal. Everyone seemed to have a great time as we had 4 fire pits going to try to warm up the cold GA. air.

We had our Chapter meeting at 4:30 pm at happy hour on Sat. before the Sonny's. The minutes of the meeting will be posted on the website later. The only thing I failed to bring up at the meeting was that we need someone to do newsletters for our Chapter. We really need to let everyone know what they missed by not being at the rally. I will try to recruit one at the next rally in Lakeland.

The seminars and entertainment was great. There were over 300 vendors there to take your money and 200+ new coaches on display. Wednesday night Jim Pelly comedian and motivational speaker performed. Then on Thursday night they had a movie. On Friday night they had the Coasters, Platters and the Drifters. Of course they were before our time. (Just kidding!) On Saturday night was my favorite, if you like Jazz, Louis Prima Jr. and the witnesses. They put on a great show.

All in all, this was a great rally and the group worked together like a well oiled machine and I was proud to be president.

I want to especially welcome all the new members that have joined our Chapter since our last meeting in December.

Rolando and April Milian from Leesburg, FL	F486756
Bruce and Barbara Whitely from Lake Worth, FL	F469078
Skip and Carol Van Driest from Arcadia, FL	F468876
Donald and Lindi Weir from Okeechobee, FL	F478739
Phil and Kim Eckert from Ellerslie, GA	F452491
Gary and Connie McDonough from De Bary, FL	F461791
Donna Carmichael from Ft. Pierce, FL	F491203
John Hennessee and Melody Fortier from Stuart, FL	F473116
Richard and Dee Raymond from Hernando, FL	F480886
Jim and Barb King from Whitmore Lake, MI	F377133

This a great group of RVers that fit right in with our Chapter. Thank you so much for joining us and looking forward to seeing you soon at one of the upcoming rallies. Anyone who would like to be our Mid-week Flamingo newsletter person just let me know as that would be a great addition. We have not had one for a few years and I think it is a great addition.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Dykes, One time newsletter writer.