



THE ORBITER

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DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

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RALLY DATE: Dec. 12-14, 2008 (2nd week end this month...)

LOCATION: **The Great Outdoors RV Resort, Titusville, FL** PH: (321) 269-5004

Directions: *From the West: Hwy 50 to Titusville (almost); watch for sign on right (south).
From the North/South: I-95 to Hwy. 50, then West approximately 1/2 mile.*

HOSTS: George & Judy Andrews; John & Mary Kirwan

FEES: \$80 per coach with 2 people (singles \$70; extra person \$5)

Please send reservation no later than **Dec. 3** or call **Mary Kirwan (321) 728-8565** or email basunaka@aol.com. Water and electric hookups; dump station nearby. See reservation form on page 3.

ACTIVITY SCHEDULE - *Please bring your own dishes/eating utensils to all meals...*

<u>Friday</u>	4:30 PM	Happy hour – bring your own drink
	6:00 PM	Pot luck – <u>please bring a dish to share</u>
	7:00 PM	Cards/games
<u>Saturday</u>	8:30 AM	Breakfast – provided by hosts
	4:30 PM	Happy hour – bring your own drink
	6:00 PM	Dinner – provided by hosts
	7:00 PM	Santa arrives
	??	Cards/games
<u>Sunday</u>	8:30 AM	Continental breakfast – provided by hosts

Report on November Rally

Fifteen coach families enjoyed a brisk but beautiful weekend at Jetty Park. Hosts, Kurt & Betty Hart-Linde and Ted Noe & Nancy Bertges outdid themselves with homemade everything plus a "low-country boil" for dinner Saturday evening. Carl Smith's son & wife, Randy & Eva, brought fresh-caught dolphin cooked to perfection. We welcomed three new members: Dallas Eberth from Rockledge, and Brian & Debborah Wolff from Port St. Lucie. We also welcomed guests Larry & Janet Fiel from Montana who are spending the winter in Florida. A few hearty souls braved the seas to donate to the casino boats. A short business meeting was held to announce names of persons nominated for office next year: President, Alda Butler; Vice President, Dudley Ewald; Wagon Master & Assistant, David Low & Tom Burke; Secretary, Mary Kirwan; Treasurer, Christine Ewald; National Director, Dave Mohlenbrok; Asst. National Director, John Kirwan. Appointed positions: Newsletter Editor, Linda Burke; Web Master, Tom Burke; Activities Director(s), Brook Low, Linda Burke & Judy Baldauf; Sergeant-at-Arms & Assistant, Carl Smith & Brook Low. Election and installation will take place at the December meeting.

FUTURE ORBITER RALLIES

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Hosts</u>
Jan 22-25, 2009	Fort Wilderness/Disney World	Burke's (point of contact)
Feb 4-8, 2009	FMCA SEA rally, Brooksville for those wishing to attend (nothing organized) 4 nights dry camping \$119 if register before 1/10/2009; ad in Oct FMC magazine, or register on-line	
Mar 20-22, 2009	Sunshine Travel Park, Sebastian/Vero Beach	??
Apr 17-20, 2009	Manatee Hammock, Titusville	Butler, Mohlenbrok
May 15-17, 2009	(Undecided)	??

Reminder on January Rally at Disney World

We have a block of 25 sites set aside for the rally at Fort Wilderness starting Thursday, Jan. 22 and checking out on Sunday, Jan. 25, 2009. This is the 4th week end in January. The rate is \$46/night plus tax (12-1/2%). We are not committed to the whole 3-day period (can go for 2 days, 4 days or whatever – just let Disney know when you make your reservations (the sooner, the better). Phone number for group reservations is (407) 938-4868. The Florida Space Orbiters' confirmation number is 381548745731 in case they ask (but you do not have to have it). Cabins are available for \$210/night plus tax; cabins will sleep 7. To keep track of how many are going, please let Alda know (321) 727-3974 or email johnalda@cfl.rr.com. So far, the following 20 coach/families have notified Alda that they have signed up: Andrews, Baldauf, Burke, Butler, DeLoatche, Dunn, Ewald+Upton, Gonsalves, Holt, Kirwan, Low, Mohlenbrok, Noe, Riendeau, Robertson, Smith, Thorp*, Wolff, Workman. *If you have not made your reservations, do so immediately as sites not reserved will be relinquished before Dec. 1.*

— *Prospective members (Martha & Robert)

UPCOMING NATIONAL/OTHER RALLY DATES

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
Feb. 4-8, 2009	"Treasure Hunt at SEA", Hernando County Airport, Brooksville, FL Entertainment: 2/4 – "4:2:Five"; 2/5 – "The Funny Dummy Show"; 2/6 – "Bill Haley's Comets"; 2/7 – Ken Whitener "Spell Binding Entertainment"
	<i>Note: The January newsletter will have instructions for parking together.</i>
Mar. 16-19, 2009	81 st International Convention, Perry, GA

Anyone who would like to bring an unwrapped toy for the “Marine Corps Toys for Tots” Christmas drive is invited to do so. This is purely optional but it could bring joy to a young person during this important holiday. Our Marine, Jim DeLoatche, started the program for our group several years ago.

NEW WEB PAGE

Be sure to check out our web page – www.orbiters.org. Our Web Master, Tom Burke, broke the secret code and has it updated with a fresh new look.

SAVE YOUR COUPONS

As a service project, the Orbiters are saving grocery coupons to send to our military personnel overseas. Please cut the coupons apart and don't save “store specific” coupons. Coupons are usable six months beyond expiration date. Give coupons to Brook Low. She will mail them to our troops overseas.

ATTENDANCE CONTEST AT S.E.A. RALLY

Our February rally will be combined with the Southeast Area rally at Brooksville. The chapter with the most representation at SEA will win preferential seating at entertainment for the whole rally, plus a check for their treasury. When you register for the rally, put your chapter name on the bottom of the registration. If you register by e-mail, let them know at the SEA office. And don't forget the “Treasure Hunt” at SEA – worth \$1,000 gas/fuel gift certificate.

...WISHING YOU ALL THE BLESSINGS OF THE HOLIDAY SEASON...

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