

"Most folks are about as happy as they make up there minds to be." - Abraham Lincoln

Happy Campers Newsletter



"The greatest gift you can give another is the purity of your attention"

-Richard Moss

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TRIP OF THE MONTH

The scheduled January trip to Lake Louisa has been put on hold because the desired dates were not available. Rescheduling the trip or a change of venue will be discussed at the January meeting.



SAVE THIS DATE



The next Happy Camper meeting will be held on December 6, 2008 at 9:00 a.m. in the clubhouse.

WHAT IMPORTANT ROLE DID THIS FLAME PLAY IN THE GREAT CITY OF SAVANNAH?



Look on page four of this publication for the answer.

From Alice's Desk



The end of another year will be celebrated with our second annual Christmas party, on Friday the 19th. It doesn't seem possible it has been two years since we camped for the first time as a small group at Manatee Hammock.

Now, two years later, we have grown to 25 members and are enjoying a trip every month. Some of us have traveled to many destinations in Florida and even across our great nation to the West and North-east.

We have just finished next year's schedule of new and exciting destinations and will offer our members opportunities to travel West again or enjoy the gorgeous Fall foliage of the Blue Ridge and Smokey mountains, as well as many new Florida areas.

The trips are always so much fun and the fellowship is great. We hope you have enjoyed our activities and will be active in the coming year. If you know RV owners who live in our community and do not belong, please invite them to our next meeting.

Hope to see you on the 19th and may we take this opportunity to wish you "Happy Holidays, Happy New Year, and always, Happy Trails."

Norm and Alice Cockrell

"Blessed are they who have the gift of making friends, for it is one of God's best gifts. It involves many things, but above all, the power of going out of one's self, and appreciating whatever is noble and loving in another."

— Thomas Hughes

YEARLY CAMPING CALENDAR



The planning committee worked hard to come up with some great trip suggestions for the calendar

year 2009. Attached to this newsletter is a calendar listing all the trips planned. Place this calendar in your plastic sleeve for quick reference.

EASY HOLIDAY PUNCH RECIPE

Cranberry Citrus Punch

- 1 quart cranberry juice
- 1 cup sugar
- 2 cup orange juice
- 1 cup pineapple juice
- 3/4 cup lemon juice, freshly squeezed
- 2 cup chilled ginger ale
- 1 pint rainbow sherbet

In a large drink container, blend cranberry juice, sugar, and other fruit juices. Refrigerate until ready to serve. At serving time, stir in the rainbow sherbet and ginger ale. To make an alcoholic version, stir in 1 up vodka or gin. Add more sugar to taste if the punch is too tart.

INTERNET TIDBIT

Do you like surprises? Then **SomethingStore.com** might be the website for you! The idea behind the SomethingStore is simple—they will send you something, a randomly selected item from their inventory, for just \$10.00. Shipping is always free. For example,



some items recently shipped include a remote control helicopter, shiny shower curtains, a USB battery charger, a memory foam pillow, an iTunes gift card, a coffee grinder, and more. SomethingStore.com is great for that hard to shop for person, for a white elephant gift exchange, or just treat yourself to a surprise.

"May no gift be too small to give, nor too simple to receive, which is wrapped in thoughtfulness, and tied with love."

- L.O. Baird

THE SAFE WAY TO LOAN YOUR CAR OR RV

If you sometimes lend your vehicle or RV to a family member or friend, you should take the time to ensure that you have the right kind of insurance. If he or she gets into an accident, you may not be covered by your auto insurance.

Check with your insurance agent to find out if you have a family policy or a named insured-only policy. A family policy usually covers any relative in your household, along with any other person to whom you have given permission to drive your vehicle. A named insured-only policy, in contrast, covers only the driver named in the policy. This type of insurance is cheaper than a family policy, often up to 15% less expensive. However, if you lend your vehicles to a family member, friend, child, or even your spouse, any accident would not be covered.

Once you know what type of insurance you have, you can decide how to handle requests to borrow your vehicles. If you do have a named insured-only policy, never let anyone else drive your car or RV. If you sometimes let others use your vehicles, you should switch to a family policy, even if it costs more. The risk of an accident that is not covered is not worth the small savings.

BUMPER STICKER HUMOR

SANTA'S ELVES ARE JUST A BUNCH OF SUBORDINATE CLAUSES.

TIME IS WHAT KEEPS EVERYTHING FROM HAPPENING AT ONCE.

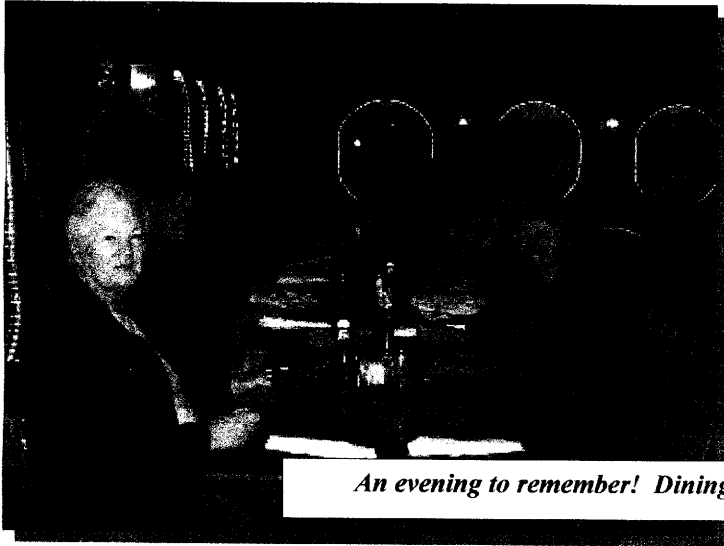
A WAIST IS A TERRIBLE THING TO MIND.

ANYTHING FREE IS WORTH WHAT YOU PAY FOR IT.

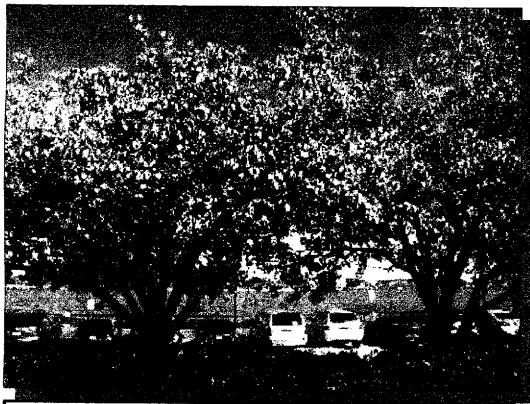
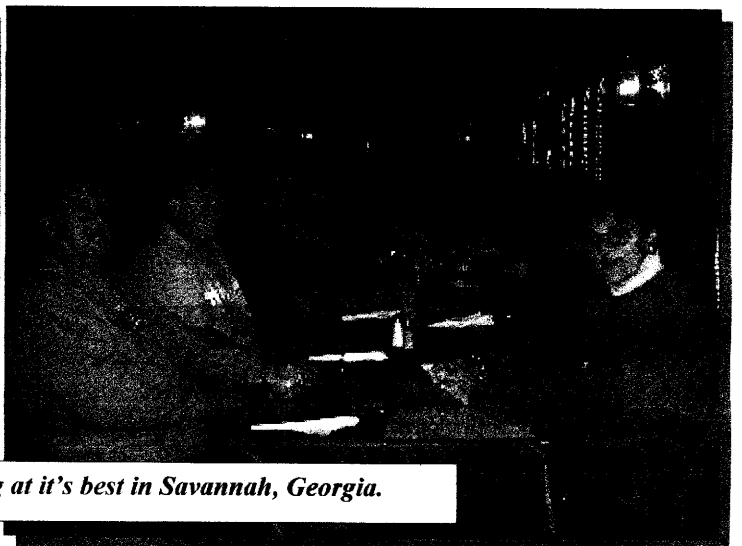
The coldest measured average temperature is -70 degrees F, at Plateau Station, Antarctica.

CAMPGROUND LIFE

Savannah, Georgia



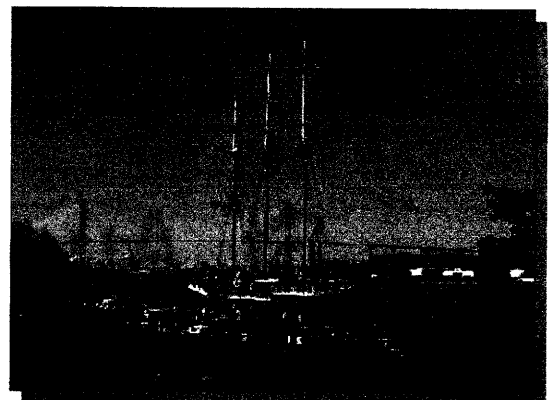
An evening to remember! Dining at it's best in Savannah, Georgia.



Savannah's beautiful fall foliage.



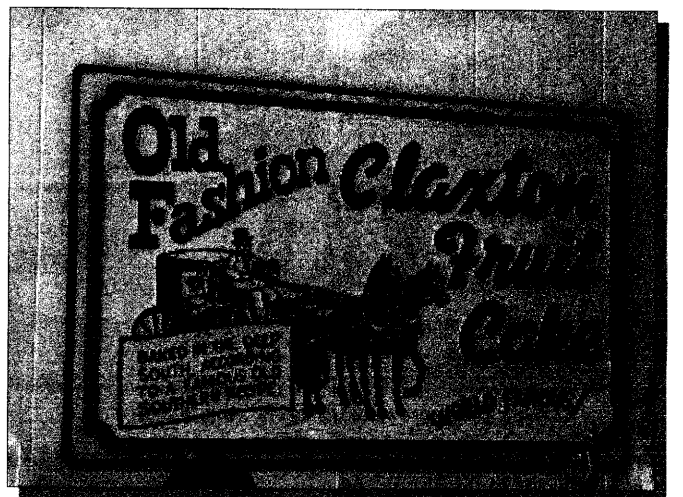
Kissing a GA. Gator!



Life on the Savannah River.



Hittin' the hay again!!!



Oh, oh, someone's getting a fruitcake this year!!!

What Important Role Did This Fire Have?



It helped curb the night chill.



It brought Happy Campers together!



It kept Patches warm!



It acted as a butt warmer.

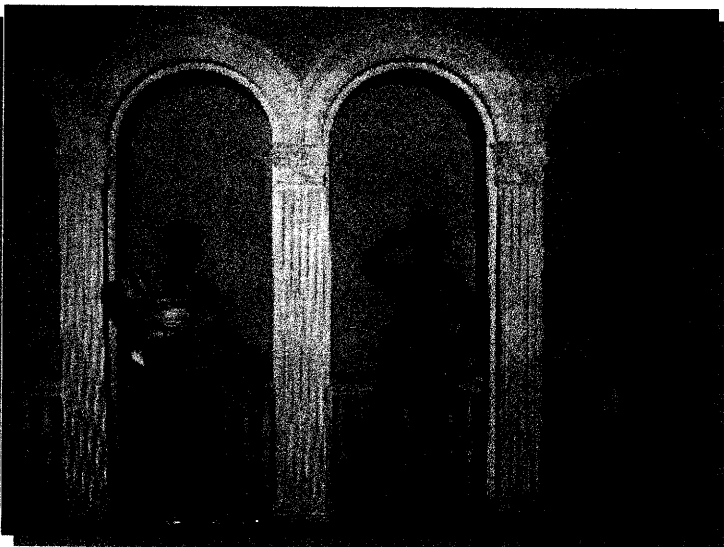
St. Augustine, Florida



Three original settlers of St, Augustine!

"If you want to be happy, be.

-Leo Tolstoy



One-of-a-kind pieces in the Lightner Museum.

"Nothing can bring you happiness but yourself.

-Ralph Waldo Emerson

HAPPY CAMPER TRAVEL CALENDAR

January 2009 - December 2009

January 2009

TBA

February 2009

*Webster Flea Market
Feb. 22 (Sunday)
Rally Park,
Tampa/Plant City
Feb. 23-27
Strawberry Festival
Tarpon Springs
Hard Rock Casino*

March 2009

*Daytona International
RV Park
Date: TBA
Nascar attraction/
flea market*

April 2009

*Salt Springs, Ocala
National Forest
Date: TBA*

May 2009

*Westward Ho Two
Spirit of the Suwanee River Music RV Park, day trip to CedarKey, Gulf
Coast artist colony*

*New Orleans, LA
Tour the historic French Quarter and enjoy the fabulous Cajun Cuisine of
the Mississippi River Delta*

*San Antonio, TX...enjoy the river walk, visit the Alamo, and the colorful
Mexican city market and old mission trail...so much to see two week trek
Date: TBA*

**Farewell Pot Luck Dinner for summer travelers... May 1, Friday.*

June/July/August 2009

*Summer Committee
will plan trips to nearby
parks.*

September 2009

*Treasure Coast RV
Park, Ft. Pierce
Sept. 16-20*

**Welcome Home Pot
Luck Dinner
Sept. 11, Friday*

October 2009

*From the Ocean to the Smoky
Mountains
Fall Foliage Trip
Jeckell Island, GA, historic beach
cottages of the rich and famous
Charleston, SC, beautiful homes
of the antebellum South, tour
Ft. Sumter, where the first shot
of the Civil War was fired, and
enjoy the taste of Low Country
southern cooking*

October 2009 Con't

*From the Ocean to the Smoky Mountains con't...
Asheville/Maggie Valley, NC, tour of the famous Biltmore
House, America's largest privately owned home, an excursion
to the Blue Ridge Parkway for foliage in the clouds, a trip
through the Smoky Mountain National Forest and Clingman's
Dome, from Cherokee to Gatlinburg, a ride on the Great
Smoky Mountain Narrow Gauge Railroad to Natchalla Gorge
and BBQ in Dillsboro, shopping in Maggie Valley and
Waynesville, and wonders of wonders, a glimpse of the elk of
the Cataloochee Valley. There are always many Autumn arts
and crafts festivals to attend and lots of great food at
Grandma's Chicken Palace. Two week trek: TBA*

November 2009

*Mt. Dora Christmas
Celebrations
Date: TBA*

December
2009

*Third Annual
CHRISTMAS
Party
Dec. 18th,
Friday*