

Hello fellow Strawberry Traveler Members:

It is with sadness that I send the following news announcement to you all:

RE: October Camp Review; Meeting Report; SAD NEWS; December Camp info

As you all were aware, Strawberry Travelers first of the season club camp-out took place at Southern Palms RV Park in Eustis, FL October 17-19, 2025. We did not have enough rigs reserved to camp for the weekend so those attending had to book as individual campers. The Park honored Passport America but only for 5 nights so some of our members did not arrive until Saturday. We did not have a Dance Friday evening due to a park event going on in their hall but we did go out to eat & upon returning gathered under the club tent till the mosquitoes began their feast. Saturday evening we had one square of members present that were able to dance two tips, (we're all getting older, some have health issues, & most of us were just plain tired). Sunday morning biscuits & gravy were available for those who remained at camp. A few couples left but returned later in the week for the start of the FANSDC camporee. We waited to hold a club business meeting until Friday, October 24 in order to have more members present.

Some of you may or may not be aware of a few things that have happened since our previous meeting last April at Strawberry Square when we voted for our club officers. Sometime in early May, Al Burchsted found it necessary to step down as Treasurer. He was being asked to return to a position he previously held elsewhere and felt responsible to do so. He did not feel he could do both. Later during the summer, Susan Wolford, resigned as Vice President stating that she felt she should only have one position with Strawberry Travelers and that is as our cuer. Susan did fulfill her responsibility of making arrangements for the 2025/2026 Strawberry Travelers camp-outs prior to resigning. With the two vacancies, that left our club being operated by Past President, Jack Henry & Secretary, Bev Henry, who were out of state for the summer months and our current President/s Laura & Bob Boucher who remained stationed here in hot & humid Florida. Being that Laura & Bob served as past Treasurers of Strawberry Travelers for many, many years, they maintained the Treasurer responsibilities as well as their Presidential responsibilities through the summer until our club could next meet in October to readdress filling the now vacant positions.

So, at our October 24 meeting, Secretary Bev Henry, read the minutes from April, acting Treasurer Bob Boucher, presented the past Treasurers report & the updated Treasurers Report, and President Laura Boucher, shared that recently, just prior to the October meeting, Bob received some most encouraging news that his long-awaited back surgery was now possible. [Many of us have not even been aware of the pain that he has endured for a very long time now.] But, with that good news also comes some sad news. Laura then announced that they

will be stepping down as President/s since Bob's recovery will be restricting his activity for a long period of time. Laura then asked if anyone would like to step up to fill any position? There was a little conversation, some comments &/or questions - but no volunteers. Jack Henry spoke up to say, "We can solve this quickly -- Is there anyone who will be President? Raise your hand." There was no response. With that in mind it was brought up that we cannot have a club without officers to run it. So, most sadly, that brought the membership present to a vote of folding the club. Of those present who raised their hand, the vote was unanimous, there were none opposed.

December 5-6, 2025 will be 153, Strawberry Travelers last camp-out.

DECEMBER 5-6, 2025

**Chapter 153; Strawberry Traveler's --- Christmas & 39th Anniversary Camp-out
& our Farewell Camp-out**

Will be at Paradise Park, 46900 Bermont Rd. Punta Gorda

Current information I have is:

SITES:

Full Hook-up: (22 sites – 1st come, 1st serve) Total w/tax = \$50.40 per night

Boondocking: Total w/tax = \$22.40 per night

PAYMENT:

Cash or check payable to Paradise Park Upon arrival, give Susan Wolford your payment. If paying with cash, make sure you have the correct change.

GATED PARK:

There is a speaker stand at the entrance. Just push the button & let them know that you are with the square dance group.

***There will be more specifics & information coming soon. Right now our hosts are still working out the weekend schedule & events.**

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