

On Sat, Dec 14, 2024 at 3:27 PM DENNIS RAMSEY <ramseydp@comcast.net> wrote:
You missed an exceptional weekend if you weren't able to attend our Christmas campout at the Silver Springs Resort December 6-7. We are so blessed to be able to travel, meet with friends, and dance the night away. We had 22 rigs in attendance, but several people joined us for dinner and dancing without their campers- we had a full house.

Friday evening began with our usual casual dinner- even though I enjoyed my own meal, Debbie and Bill's yummy looking salads made me a teensy bit envious. We began the evening's dancing with 5 full squares! While most of us were casually danced for Friday, Jim Maroldo with his Christmas suit and tie was dressed to the nines as were Laura, Sylvia and Sandy. Carolyn S and Martha wore twin vests! Susan Snider played a waltz that I was not familiar with, An Old Time Christmas Waltz that was really quite beautiful, as well as one of my all time favorites, the Axel F cha cha. Our after party kept me up past my bedtime- hooray! And I was about to forget that Laura and Marshall Blick won \$56 dollars in the half and half- lucky!

Saturday, the campground members served a delicious breakfast for only \$5 - the only problem is that it ended just before Dennis and I arrived- rats! However Dee told us of a newly re-opened cafe and we both had corned beef omelets so we didn't feel so bad- can't remember the name but the blow up reindeer on the roof next door helped us find our way. Silver Springs is such a cool little town- many of us toured the Dickens exhibit at the Appleton Museum, and a few visited the Equestrian Center. It was a pretty nippy weekend- us Floridians needed to bundle up! Martha and Bob, Debbie C and I enjoyed playing games on the inside- congrats to the winners which were not me. Several of us found things we needed at the Veteran's sale at the campground.

Our Christmas dinner highlighted a delicious ham prepared by the Imus crew- I swear I think it was the best I have ever eaten! We do have some fine cooks in our membership. If anyone went away hungry they were nuts. After just a short interlude our members came back to the dance hall in all their Christmas finery. I cannot point out any of the beautiful ladies who stood out- I would be sure to miss someone- but I can point out that Tom and Marshall were the only dancers with moving musical hats! Laura Maroldo, Laura Blick, Laura Ramsey, and a visitor Laura posed for twinsie type pictures. Jill and Adam Cantrell brought their sweetheart daughter Alyssa who danced as we invited folks from the audience to do a beginning tip with us. Bill and Susan each played a version of "Stretchy Pants" which just makes me want to howl with laughter. Pat H, recovering from wrist surgery proved that elbows work just fine instead of hands when dancing together- with careful partners. Steve and Carol Casto were the winners of the 50-50- another \$56 dollars!

Our Christmas gift exchange began tamely, as it did last year, but finally the steals began! Marilyn S gets the award for the most stolen gifts, with Russ U not far behind. Several things did require batteries- thank you John Burzo for beginning that question many years ago. Perhaps the very bright flashlights were the biggest hits.

Our next event will be the Jan 17-18, Florida State Convention – The Center At Deltona, [1640 Dr. Martin Luther King Blvd., Deltona, FL 32725](#). See Flyer for directions and details. Camping-also see flyer. Trail End Dance at The Center, on Thursday 16.

God bless and keep you until we meet again. Merry Christmas!

Laura