

Good Sam Mallards
Area 4 & 5 Friendship May 3-6, 2023

Monday and Tuesday several rigs arrived as "early birds". Mallard chapter members attending were Jerry and Jean Hosto and Dave and Lenora Murray. We missed Bob and Lisa Duckworth.

Wednesday signaled the official start of the Area 4 & 5 mini rally at the Pecan Grove in Lake Village, Arkansas. Our annual family reunion brings about a lot of visiting, reminiscing, game competition, good food and loads of fun.

Monday found 17 campers dining at the local Mexican restaurant, La Terraza.

It was celebration Tuesday as Joy Godwin observed her (as well as several others) birthday with 24 other Sammers at Hoots BBQ in McGehee.

Our hosts provided pizza, bread sticks and salad on Wednesday night. The meal was followed by "Senior Olympics" with the Pink Team the winners. This was a blast.

Thursday was declared "Baseball Night" with Jack grilling hot dogs. Go a-longs included chili, bake beans and chips. We enjoyed a hard-fought Sandbag Baseball game. Everyone went home with a nice door prize.

The Biscuits & Gravy Breakfast took place Friday morning with RuthAnn & James Hairston, Jerry, and Robbie serving as cooks. Tickets went on sale for the much-anticipated Chinese Auction. There were 4 tables full of items to bid on. As always, Jim Cagle was crowned Chinese Auction King. The live auction brought out some fierce bidding and put several dollars in the pot for our next Friendship.

Friday Finale night was Everything TACO. Desserts and different snacks were furnished by the campers throughout the campout. Samgo was on the schedule for the night activity. Jerry was the announcer with Jean assisting.

There was a table or tables of game playing going on the entire time we were there; Dominoes, 31, Hand & Foot, Skip-Bo, Five Crowns, Blank Slate, Canasta, Card Bingo, Left Center Right and Men and Women's Bean Bag Toss.

Our inspirational devotion was delivered by State Chaplin James Hairston on Saturday morning. Then came the time for all the hugs and goodbyes and well wishes for safe travels as the rigs pulled out of the grove.

Our most gracious hosts, Area 4 & 5 Assistant Director Ruthann and James Hairston and outgoing Area 4 ASD Lawrence and JD Henley made sure that each and every one had a fabulous time. Thank you all for all you done.

President Jerry called the Mallard chapter meeting to order on Thursday, May 4. Jean had the prayer.

The minutes from March & April were distributed. Lenora gave the treasurer's report. A motion and a second were received to except both as presented. Motion carried. Jean read a Thank you from the state for the Rally door prizes the Mallards donated.

Old business: June campout (12-14) is at Mississippi River State Park. July 13-16 at Ozark RV Park in Mt. View. There is no scheduled chapter meeting for August.

New business: At the Rally's President meeting, Jerry relayed to our chapter that state dues will increase from \$10.00 a year to \$15.00 a year per rig beginning for the year of 2024. A motion to adjust the Mallard chapter dues accordingly was made and seconded. Motion passed. He also reported that there could be some changes to the current areas. This decision would be made by the State Director.

With no further business at hand, the meeting adjourned.

Respectively submitted, Jean Hosto