



The way camping should be.....with friends who become family!

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Good evening, Foothills Travelers,

We are entering the dog days of summer. I have heard that phrase since I was a youngster but what does it mean?

Why do they call it the dog days of summer?



When Sirius would appear in the sky just before the sun, near the end of July, that marked the beginning of the very hottest days of the year. The Romans referred to this period as "dies caniculares" or "days of the dog star," which was eventually translated as just "dog days."

Well anyway we have had rain here in our area which has been a relief to our moderate drought.

We have two upcoming rallies. The first at Palmetto Cove, Sept. 26th to Sept. 29th hosted by Pat and Don Crum. Make your reservations directly with Palmetto Cove Campground. More info to will be emailed.

The last rally of the year will be held at the Pine Mt. Campground starting Nov. 18th hosted by Eleanor Allen. Make reservation directly with Pine Mt. Campground.

Attached are the April Rally minutes. There is one correction. Notification of meeting and agenda items are to be posted 2 weeks before the meeting and not one month before the meeting.

Also, it was suggested that we have a welcome package for new members. Currently we make name tags and provide a badge holder.

Also, it was suggested that we raise our dues from \$15 to \$20 a year. Costs have risen. One of the costs that we have is that when someone host a rally, we provide the host a free two-night campground reservation. Occasionally the campground will provide the benefit depending on how may campers we have that have reserved a site.

Both of these suggestions will be on the Sept. meeting agenda.

I still get on my high horse about FMCAssit. They are still talking about including it as a benefit to our membership and that would increase our dues \$35. From what I read, last year, we spent \$752,000 for that program and only 73 folks used the benefit. Just doesn't make sense.

The folks in charge just need to get back to the basics.

I will resend the email I got from Governing Board.

Safe Travels and remember to Always be mindful of others.

Larry