

TAMPA BAY 56ers BEACON

August 2007



Suncoast Southern Regional Gathering August 23 - 26, 2007



The event that we have been working towards for over a year is finally upon us. Have you registered to attend? Have you signed up to volunteer? Contact Ellen Wilcox at 727-547-5345 to volunteer. You need to be registered to attend a particular event that you want to volunteer for. Volunteers are eligible for the special Mrs. Claus pin.

A dealer hunt is already underway. Download the "dealer sheet" from the website and visit as many sponsors as possible before the gathering to qualify for a special raffle. Each sponsor will also give a key for the treasure chest. There are seven winning keys that open the treasure chest full of prizes.

There is numerous ways that you can win additional prizes. Try the scavenger hunt or the "Beach Buddies" contest to win an accessory for your primary village collection (I say primary because I don't know how anyone can collect just one village!) There will also be a silent auction where you can bid on some great prizes. Check out the SSRG website for more details. <http://www.ssrsg2007.com>





President's Message

By *Vern Schwieterman*

Just to let you know that much of our time has been centered on the gathering but, we have moved forward with some planning events for this club season. It was decided to drop the annual anniversary party and concentrate on plans for a trip to Orlando in October and also the usual November meeting and focus on our Christmas party in December.

Joyce Gillen has a sign up sheet for helping out with the Buc's games we would like to get as many of you to help with that event. It can provide us with lots of funds for further activities. Marlyn King is checking on a bus for the road trip we are considering in October. Richard and Ida Johnson have stepped up to chair the Christmas Party. Roger and Carol Fournier will chair the house tour in January. I appreciate those of you who be helping in planning those events and I continue to need others to chair more upcoming events.

Thanks to all of you for bring desserts for our meeting.

Denis and Sharon gave reports on the gathering and the famous plans going on for that. The volunteer pins were shown and sample candy for goodie bags were handed out.

Thanks to you who shared your round robin exhibits.





This is the quilt that Mary Ann Foelker and Gloria Obenland made for the SSRG. It is gorgeous and designed to be a wall hanging. The quilt will be raffled off at the SSRG. Be sure to buy tickets at the information desk.



Display Tips from the Susquhanna 56er's

1. Glue small pearls to the curved end of plastic candy canes. They make great light posts for your NP streets
2. Use Popsicle sticks to make a fence. They are easy to cut with an Exacto knife. Paint them whatever color fits.
3. Use your D56 withe or red wooden fence and cut it to make a stairway to get from one level to the next.
4. Use small strings of white lights and bury them in the nooks and crannies of your village to lighten up dark spots. They are easily buried into the Styrofoam.
5. If you are handy with a saber saw, draw a city skyline silhouette on thin board and cut it out. Paint it all black and tape a string of red and yellow lights on the back. It will shine a glow on the back of your city and it will give your village depth.

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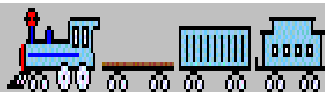


H&R TRAINS



NCC 15th Anniversary

To celebrate the NCC 15th anniversary, they are having a cake decorating contest at the Suncoast Southern Regional Gathering. The NCC will provide \$25.00 towards the cost of the cake and will award \$100 for the best decorated cake. Any volunteers?



IT'S FOOTBALL SEASON!!!!

We have secured the contract with Levy Foods to sign in volunteer groups at the Buccaneers Games for another football season. The next game is an afternoon game on Thursday, August 30, 2007. Joyce Gillen is scheduling volunteers for each game. If you can work, please contact Joyce at 727-796-7606. We need everyone to work at least two of the games: 9/16, 9/23, 10/14, 10/28, 11/4, 11/25, 12/16, 12/30. This is easy work that will make a significant amount of money for the club.





Happy Birthday!

8/1	Marlyn	King
8/6	Daniel	Colangelo
8/8	Dick	Johnson
8/11	Dalton	Smith
8/18	Marion	Hernandez
8/21	Eileen	Mullen
8/26	Terry	Rhodes
9/5	Edna	Biehl



Volunteers Needed

1. To make cookies for the Hospitality room. Contact Kathy Dorsey and be sure to label your airtight container that hold the cookies. That assures that the cookies stay fresh for the entire weekend and that you get your container back.
2. To load a rental truck with everything collected for the gathering. The loading party will start at 5:00 PM at Denis Gillen's residence. Pizza will be ordered. Bring a handcart if you have one.
3. To stuff goody bags on Wednesday, August 22, 2007 at the hotel. Just show up around 10:00 AM. We will also be unloading, decorating, organizing, and setting up the prize room, the hospitality room, displays contest room, the marketplace, and the information desk. There will probably be other last minute projects that Denis Gillen or Sharon Rhodes need help with. The volunteers plan to go to a relaxing evening dinner at a local restaurant after everything is ready.
4. Any particular event that you would like to volunteer for? Be sure to let Ellen Wilcox know before the schedule is full.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS



August 23 - Suncoast Southern Regional Gathering
to 26 Hilton Resort
Clearwater Beach, FL

September 16- Membership Meeting
Sunday Clearwater/Countryside Library
1:30 PM

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