

LAKE SANDS DISTRICT

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the CRAWLIN' KINGSSNAKE

MAY 2014

BOY SCOUT ROUNDTABLE NEWSLETTER

LSD BS RT 7 P.M. 8 MAY 2014 3140 State Ave DC, LDS Church

“MECHANICS”

Opening: Thanks to T.324 for leading the Opening Flag Ceremony and Pledge. T.323 has been assigned the July RT Opening.

Thanks to the following Folks for their Participation, Information, & Enthusiasm:

Georgia Gunn, LSD RT Staffer: Georgia can be reached at 381-6667 or lv2drv18@yahoo.com. She reminded us all to respond to Tracey Hennage request to all MB Counselors – here is the message again that Tracey provided last month: **Tracey Hennage, LSD Advancement Chair:** Tracy can be reached at moto249@gmail.com or (210) 557-3434. Tracey announced that she is striving to organize the district MB Counselor list, and that all applications for MB Counselors should be turned into her first (not council) then she will review and provide to Council Office. New applications and renewal will probably start next month. Here is the new MBC process for LSD:

1. If you are a current MBC please go to council site and check current list for your name and MB's. If you wish to continue with these badges send me an email. You will not need to fill out a new application if you are on the current list, unless you want to sign up for more MB's not on the list.
2. If you are not on the list you need to fill out a new application and turn in to me for approval. I will take all application, including NRA and aquatics. Please fill out separate application forms for NRA and aquatics badges, they will be sent out for approval. Make sure to hand in all necessary forms with application.
3. We will start the new application process in May/June.
4. All application will go to me for approval, and then they will be sent to council to be uploaded on to master list. I will keep a copy of all application for the district. The council list will not be updated monthly; however, our district list will be current.
5. Please pass on this information to troops and MBC in your troop.

Spencer Page, Gulf Coast Council Executive: Spencer can be reached at: office 850-476-6336; cell: 850-207-8516 or email: sppage@bsamail.org. Spencer reminder of us Aviation MB to be held Sat 31 May (handout provided). He also explained and provided a handout on “my.Scouting Tools” (accessed thru my.scouting.org). Renee Cordes at GCC office is the expert on this if you need assistance. You can find your ID number, print out membership cards, compare your current roster to what is online, update phone numbers and addresses, etc. Great new tool!

***** FEATURE PRESENTATION *****

BIG Thanks to T.317 SM Jeff Neitzke for leading the theme of **MECHANICS**. Jeff provided a display and discussion on automotive maintenance items and procedures. He also provided 5 Give-Away Items !! (listed below). **Take-aways include:** check your spare tire regularly; familiarize your sons and daughters with what could go wrong and dash board indicator lights; check weekly brake lube – engine oil – washer fluid; check

transmission fluid, battery fluid; check the outside of your car for anomalies; check all your lights; keep your battery terminals clean; keep your registration and insurance cards in a safe place (use a ziplock bag); make sure your teen driver knows about basic maintenance; get a tire gauge; are your tires wearing funny; make sure you jack works; have the tools you need at your disposal; get a tire plug kit; use anti-freeze; get your coolant flushed; wash out radiator if you've been mudding; set up an easy access box (first aid kit, jumper cables, WD-40, gloves, rechargeable flash light, duct tape, poncho, tire gauge, a few rags, oil filter wrench – also watch the shelf-life of certain items); normal regular maintenance/checks will save you lots of money in the long run; you can lightly sand and buff your head lights; use a windshield screen when you car is parked in the sun; replace your wiper blades regularly (and you don't have to buy the most expensive ones); and take water with you if you're going on a long trip.

Big George's Monthly Moment: George hyped **Safety** when doing automotive maintenance. Take-aways include: use a small board under your jack it out in the sticks/mud to keep it level; wear safety glasses when working under your car; if working under car disconnect negative battery terminal if you are alone and no one knows you're doing this work; remember that batteries contain sulfuric acid; be careful when jump starting your car (disconnect negative battery post first); battery voltage should measure 12.7 volts or higher; anti-freeze is poisonous; and if you get gas on you then dilution is the solution.

LSD Traveling Spirit Sticks: The **Thick Twisty Stick** was returned by **Bill Van Der Tulip** with a "Lone Scouter Patch" fob attached; this stick was given to **T.324** for a July RT return. The **Thin Twisty Stick** was MIA by **T.82 with !!** A new **Tall Twisty Stick** was awarded to **T.317** for a July RT return.

KG's Handouts Gone Wild:

- Camp Helen State Park: Movies & More! (new program at the park)
- Camp Helen State Park Brochure
- Farm Mechanics MB Requirements
- Basic Fish ID (from FL Wildlife magazine)
- Quiz: Bike Tuning and Fix It
- Tools Word Search Worksheet #2 (from <http://studentpuzzles.com/Science.html>)
- Quiz: Rein in the Rain (as in April Showers Bring May Flowers) (attached to pre-RT newsletter)
- "One-One-One" (recipe from BSA Deck of Cooking)
- Catapult Neckerchief Slide
- Beach Mosquito Control "Helpful Mosquito Prevention and Protection Tips Against the Bite"
(provided via email and **thanks to Cindy Mulla**)

Ticket Drawing Giveaways & Winners:

40th Annual Jerry Pate / BS Golf Tournament Bags (2) (thanks to Spencer Page):

T.706 Robert Sapp and T.303 Dave Hodges.

Automotive Supplies (thanks to T.317 Jeff Neitzke):

Glass Cleaner & Detailing Clothes (2): T.388 JoAnne Burgess and T.310 Roger Shields.

Tire Tread Depth Gauge: T.324 Brian Baxley.

Tire Plug Kit: T.345 Bill Pouncy.

One Gallon Rain-X Bug Cleaner: T.300 Kevin Hall.

Upcoming Boy Scout Items of Interest:

- 1) **Leader Specific Training**, Sat 17 May at Lynn Haven Lions Club, cost \$5.
- 2) **Aviation MB Sat 31 May 8AM-5PM** at Embry Riddle Aeronautical University Facility located within Choctawhatchee High School, 110 Racetrack Road NW, Fort Walton Beach. Cost \$10 per Scout, parents free.
- 3) **STSR Summer Camp 3 weeks offered: 16-21 June, 22-28 June, 29 June -5 July.**
- 4) **"Econfina Creek Trash Bash"** Service Project TBD Sept.
- 5) **Council-wide Fall Encampment, 24-26 Oct.**

CLOSING by KG: **ADVICE from a LOON:** Spend Time at the Lake. Enjoy a Good Swim. Call Your Friends. A little color goes a long way. Surround yourself with beauty. Enjoy Time Alone. Dive into Life!

ATTENDANCE, ATTENDANCE, ATTENDANCE !!!

THANKS to the following 12 Units represented at MAY RT:

82, 300, 303, 310, 311, 317, 323, 324, 345, 366, 388, 706

TOTAL MAY BS RT ATTENDANCE = 23

Future Monthly RT Feature Themes: If you'd like to **STEP UP** and **BECOME FAMOUS** as a LSD RT Theme Presenter, **your support would be much appreciated!!** Call KG at 234-4077 or email: kerry.gunn@navy.mil . And reminder that all past "Crawlin Kingsnake" RT newsletters and other useful links can be found at http://www.lakesandsdistrict.org/Boy_Scouts.php .

10 July- Hiking (TBD - T.82 Larry Dawson / Tim Stuhr)

14 Aug – Shooting Sports (Dave Hodges, Bill Van Der Tulip, Jeff Neitzke)

11 Sept – Engineering (T.310 Dale Cronwell)

9 Oct – High Adventure

13 Nov – Tracking (TBD - T. 310 Roger Shields)

11 Dec '14 – LSD Scouter Banquet !!

The following are tentative for 2015:

8 Jan 2015 – Hobbies or Public Service

12 Feb – Cultural Diversity

12 Mar – WL Management

9 Apr – Camping

14 May – Emergency Prep

YIS, KG, your LSD BS RTC

