RHS 45th Multi Year Reunion
Planning Meeting: Agenda
May 28, 2026 | 6:00 PM

Reunion Dates:
December 3–6, 2026

Meeting Zoom Link.
RHS 40th Reunion Committee Meeting
Time: April 29, 2026 | 6:00 PM Eastern
(Meetings will repeat monthly on the last Thursday.)
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Meeting Location:
EMETSEEI Institute Office (in front of the studio)
1012 Florida Ave. S.
Rockledge, FL 32955
Planning meetings will continue **on the last Thursday of each month** through November 2026.
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Agenda Items

Current Committee Members: Bill Kosiba, Charetta Covington, Lisa Davis Randall, Gary Fletcher, Mallory Harwood, Cheryl Simmons Grant, and Jeff Gilliard.

FUN STUFF Committee: Charetta Covington, Lisa Davis Randall, Gary Fletcher, Mallory Harwood, Cheryl Simmons Grant

Present:

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1. **Chairman Report - Bill**
2. **Finance Report – Jeff - $1396.15 (Jeff & Bill donated 100 each, the last meeting)**
3. **Schedule -** (Discussion) - **ALL**

Thursday, 12/03/2026, 4:30pm-5:30pm (Subject to change)
Stroll Down Memory Lane: 1981 Classmates
Location: RHS (Fun Committee contacting Herb Johnson)

Thursday, 12/03/2026, 6:00pm-11:30pm
Meet & Greet Social: 1981 Classmates
Location: (Site Location Team WIP)

Friday, 12/04/2026, 8am-5pm
Offshore Fishing
On your own
Contact Bill Kosiba, 321-432-3170 (Doodle Team Sending Out For Interests)

Friday, 12/04/2026, 8am-5pm
Golf Event
On your own
Contact: To be decided by committee (Jeff Contacting **Jeff Antoniewski**)

Friday, 12/04/2026
Events ending with a Cocktail Social, **7pm-?**
Location: To be decided by committee (Fun Committee)

Saturday, 12/05/2021, 10am-5pm
Family Picnic/BBQ Lunch Free/Food/Iced Tea
Location: To be decided by committee (Jeff Reserving McClarty Park)

Saturday, 12/05/2026, 6pm-12:00am
Alumni Dance Night Free/Food/Iced Tea
The Ledge Studio or Other Location
Formal / Casual – still working on it
Music: (Fun Committee)

Sunday, 12/06/2026, 11:30am-2pm
Sunday Brunch On your own
Location: To be decided by committee (Fun Committee)

4. **Other Committees Needed (Decorations/Invitations/Etc.)- Tabled until known**
5. **Basecamp – Committee members will receive invitations**
6. **Media Releases** (Fun Committee) (Jeff & Bill) (Jeff will work with FUN STUFF)

Other Needs:
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Next Meeting Dates: May 28/June 25/Jul 30/Aug 27/Sept 24/Oct 29/Nov 26, 2026, 6:00 PM

Adjournment: _____

RHS-45th Reunion Committee Meeting Summary

Minutes from our last FUN Meeting
Wed, Apr 29, 2026 – 6 PM

Attended: Bill Kosiba, Charetta Covington, Lisa Davis Randall, Gary Fletcher, Mallory Harwood, Cheryl Simmons Grant, and Jeff Gilliard/

New Ad Hoc Committee Formed: **FUN STUFF** Committee: **Charetta Covington, Lisa Davis Randall, Gary Fletcher, Mallory Harwood, Cheryl Simmons Grant**

Summary:

The meeting organized logistics and volunteer assignments for the RHS 45th reunion, reviewed available funds, and sketched a draft event schedule. The committee confirmed a savings balance of **$1,196.15,** proposed December 3 activities with a high-school "stroll down memory lane" from 4:30–5:30 p.m. and a meet-and-greet about 6:00–10:30 p.m., and assigned Cheryl, Gary, and Mallory to contact Herb Johnson and expand the class email list. The group agreed on a low-key, family-friendly Thursday evening format with a sponsored charcuterie-style spread and outdoor seating and tasked volunteers to check feasibility, capacity, and costs for several parks and restaurants including Lee Winter Park, Levitt/McLarty Park, Schultz/Scholz, King's Grill, Shooters, Beach Fly, and Twisted Birch.

Discussion covered Friday daytime options (fishing with multi-boat capacity, golf, beach or Cocoa Village activities) and a doodle poll for fishing interest, and confirmed Saturday plans for a McLarty Park picnic with hamburgers, 1980s music, and Parks & Rec coordination followed by either a casual picnic/dance or a formal ticketed alumni dance. The committee decided to present two concrete Saturday-night options (free DJ at low-cost location versus a paid ballroom with catering), to collect dietary needs for catered items, to form subcommittees for invitations, decorations, and the email list, and to use Basecamp for project coordination and RamblinRaiders81.com for public updates. Specific volunteers were named for venue checks, list-building, doodle polling, cost estimates, and website/minutes maintenance.

Chapters & Topics:

Technical setup and attendance check
The meeting opened with participants troubleshooting audio and video and confirming who was present, including Cheryl, Gary Fletcher, Bill Kosiba, Brianne, and Mallory Harwood. Several participants noted camera or connection issues while remote attendees joined from different locations.

Volunteer needs and historical context
Bill Kosiba reviewed past reunions and emphasized the need for active volunteer participation to generate theme, location, and menu ideas and to reduce last-minute stress in decision making. He referenced prior locations and iterations to guide planning for the 45th reunion.
* The committee confirmed volunteer recruitment and outreach as the priority to generate theme, location, and menu ideas

Financial status and plan to review schedule
The committee reported **$1,196.15** in the reunion savings account and clarified that the formal budget is to be determined. The group agreed to proceed to the schedule and agenda line-by-line after a brief financial update and attempted to share the agenda on screen during the meeting.
* The group reported a reunion savings balance of **$1,196.15** to fund planning decisions

Thursday night agenda and high school stroll
The committee revisited the success of the high-school event and proposed repeating **Herb Johnson's** "stroll down memory lane" for Thursday, December 3rd, asking whether Herb still works with the district and whether the school would host the activity. Attendance and the value of repeating the event were discussed positively, noting photos and good feedback from the last occurrence.
* The Thursday, December 3rd schedule will include a "stroll down memory lane" at the high school and a later meet-and-greet

Recruitment and outreach strategy
Members emphasized active outreach across Facebook and local reunion pages to locate classmates, with a target of daily recruitment efforts over roughly 212 days before the reunion as of the meeting. The committee discussed sharing posts across Rockledge reunion pages and using existing email lists to add missing classmates.

Volunteer assignments and follow-up
The committee formed an email and marketing subcommittee of **Cheryl, Gary, and Mallory** to contact **Herb** about the Thursday event and to work on expanding and consolidating the class email list, with an agreed plan to report back at the next meeting. Members confirmed willingness to begin outreach and to prepare a generic message for social sharing.
* **Cheryl, Gary, and Mallory** were assigned to contact **Herb** and expand the email list and social outreach
* Multiple low-cost venue options for Thursday night were identified for further vetting, including parks and local restaurants

Thursday evening venue options and logistics
The committee evaluated several venue options for a low-key social after the stroll and meet-and-greet, including **Lee Winter Park pavilion, McLarty Park, Oyster Shooters, downtown Cityfront, Beach Fly, and Levitt Park,** and discussed whether events should **be BYO or provided by the committee and whether reservations would be required.**
* **Levitt Park** was identified as a possible pavilion site and likely requires a reservation

Thursday evening format and tone
The group clarified that Thursday should be a second, lower-key event following the stroll down memory lane and not an over-the-top production. They favored a relaxed sit-and-chat format with seating for groups and discussed family-friendly considerations and whether attendees should bring or buy food. The committee agreed to table final venue selection and to present researched options at the next meeting.

Venue assignments and preliminary venue concerns
Members assigned specific venue checks: Cheryl to confirm Levitt/Levitt Park availability with her family, and Bill to contact Shooters, Beach Fly, and Gary will contact King Grill (Twisted Birch) to assess suitability and menu variety. The group noted concerns about seafood-focused menus and emphasized the need for casual, shareable food rather than full meals.
* Specific venue checks were assigned for Levitt Park, McCarty, Schultz, King's Grill, Shooters, and Beach Fly to confirm availability and cost.

Food plan and logistics for Thursday
The committee agreed to preserve funds by sponsoring a simple charcuterie/cold-cuts-style spread for Thursday and confirmed that an outdoor park would

accommodate the desired seating and casual format. Members indicated general agreement and concluded Thursday planning was effectively decided pending venue checks.
* The committee decided on an informal, outdoor Thursday night gathering with a sponsored charcuterie-style food option to preserve funds.

Friday daytime options and events research
Participants discussed keeping events local to the Cocoa/Rockledge/Viera area to maintain accessibility and assigned park checks (McCarty, Lee Winter, Schultz) with agreed owners for each check. They reviewed local event resources (Google/Brevard events, Facebook) and flagged Cocoa Village's Moonlight Music and holiday activities as potential Friday evening or daytime options.

Fishing, golf, and Friday coordination
The group assigned fishing coordination to **Bill** and agreed for **Jeff** to send a doodle poll to determine interest; boats seat six with options for multiple boats if needed. Golf interest will be checked via **Jeff Antoniewski**, and members will send suggestions for other Friday activities (beach day, shopping, thrift stores) to include in the scheduling email.
* A doodle poll will be sent to gauge interest in a Friday fishing trip and multiple boats can be arranged if needed.
* The group will research Friday daytime activity options (beach, Cocoa Village events, golf, thrift store visits) and use the updated email list to collect attendee preferences.

Saturday picnic and evening plans
Saturday daytime will be a family picnic at **McLarty Park from 10 AM–5 PM**, with **Jeff** will check Parks & Rec availability and costs and **Bill** will coordinate hamburgers and music. **Saturday evening** options under discussion include an alumni dance from **6 PM–12 AM or a banquet,** with remote participants joining and proposing preferences.
* Saturday daytime will be a family picnic at **McLarty Park** with hamburgers and music, pending Parks & Rec availability and cost confirmation.
* Saturday evening options include an **alumni dance or banquet; further clarification and decisions will be made after venue research**.

Venue and tone for Saturday night
The discussion opened with consideration of changing the usual casual venue (Jeff's Music Studio with the RockLogic Band) to a more formal ballroom setting

to mark the reunion differently. Concerns were raised about preserving the low-cost tradition and whether a formal event would require charging attendees.
* **Costs and attendee affordability are primary constraints guiding the decision between informal and formal Saturday events.**

Music choices and inclusivity
Attendees emphasized music selection that accommodates diverse tastes and proposed switching from live rock bands to a DJ to broaden appeal. The group acknowledged that a **DJ would be at a costs but could improve inclusivity for classmates who prefer non-rock music.**
* The **fun committee** (**Lisa/Charetta/Cheryl/Mallory**) will prepare **two Saturday night options**:
1. A free event with free Rock Band & paid DJ-based casual event
and
2. A paid formal dance with DJ, formal venue and catering
Once the costs are provided by the researching committee members, both options will be used for polling to classmates to decide what kind of event is preferable.
* The committee agreed to collect class contact information and run a doodle poll to gauge preferences once the email list is updated.
* **Lisa** offered to source reasonably priced venues to keep the formal option affordable, as well as DJ costs for both.

Cost trade-offs and two-option plan
Participants framed the 45th as potentially a warm-up for a grander 50th and recommended preparing both a low-cost option and a formal paid option to solicit feedback and donations for a future larger event. The committee agreed to research venue, catering, and DJ costs and present both options at the next meeting for a member poll.
* The formal dance should be planned centrally (**Rockledge/Cocoa/Viera**) to minimize travel for classmates.

Scheduling and meeting cadence
The next meeting date and ongoing cadence were confirmed (May 28 at 6 p.m., last Thursday monthly with possible increased frequency as needed) and the group discussed flexibility for members with scheduling conflicts. Alternatives for communication outside meetings (emails/texts) were proposed to include those who cannot attend live.
* The next committee meeting is scheduled for May 28 at 6 p.m..

Sunday brunch planning
Sunday brunch logistics were reviewed, noting the previous brunch location (**Twisted Birch at Turtle Creek/King's Grill**) **Twisted Birch** (**Was Kings Grill**) is closed for renovation and reopening timing is uncertain, prompting research into other brunch venues. The group acknowledged brunch as a stable, likely free option for those who cannot attend a paid formal event.
* Sunday brunch options require research because the previous venue (Twisted Birch) is closed for renovation and reopening timing is unknown.

Formation of subcommittees and tasks
Organizers agreed that committees for invitations, decorations, and communications will form as decisions are made and specific needs arise. The expectation is that committees will produce deliverables (email lists, invites) tied to meeting deadlines.
* Subcommittees for invitations, decorations, and communications will form as event plans are finalized.

Collaboration tools — Basecamp vs. website
Jeff demonstrated Basecamp as a project-management solution to host projects, files, to-dos, calendars, and deadlines and recommended it for committee work and tracking progress. The reunion website was presented as the public repository for finalized materials, with the site administrator offering to post completed documents and photos that organizers send.
* **Jeff** demonstrated Basecamp as a recommended project-management platform for storing documents, tasks, and schedules.
* The reunion website can host finalized documents and photos if organizers send completed files to the site administrator for posting.

Website and Basecamp adoption
The committee agreed to place clear advertising and instructions on the website and to use that space as an easy access point for attendees. Members decided to introduce Basecamp over the next five years for file storage and coordination, and the organizer committed to set it up and invite others to participate.
* The committee agreed to introduce Basecamp for file storage and invited committee members to join, with the organizer (**Jeff**) committing to set it up.

Meeting format and food planning
The discussion moved to meeting logistics and whether to provide packaged catering or allow attendees to choose a la carte, and the committee asked for dietary requirements for planned charcuterie boards and other meals. The group

confirmed that food for the meet-and-greet would be handled by the committee and that local options were preferred.
* The group decided to plan catering either by purchasing packages or offering a la carte options and to collect dietary needs for events. (**Bill** will handle)
* Gary and Cheryl will contact Herb Johnson about a specific memory-lane item and work on outreach list building with Mallory and others.
Communications, attendance estimates, and meeting follow-up
The organizers committed to post minutes and maintain the website and to distribute and update the email list, with members asked to add missing contacts. Attendance was estimated conservatively at 100 for paperwork and planning purposes despite historical attendance closer to 75, and the meeting time was adjusted to Thursday, May 28, 2026, with a new Zoom invitation to be sent.
* The committee will use the website **RamblinRaiders81.com** as the central information hub and will post minutes there.

Action Items:

* **Gary Fletcher** will work with **Charetta Covington, Lisa Davis Randall, Mallory Harwood, Cheryl Simmons Grant** to consolidate and expand the reunion email list
* **Charetta Covington, Lisa Davis Randall, Gary Fletcher, Mallory Harwood, Cheryl Simmons Grant** will create a generic outreach message and post across Rockledge and related reunion Facebook pages to recruit classmates
* **Cheryl Simmons Grant and Gary Fletcher** will reach out to Herb to arrange the stroll down memory lane at the high school
* **Cheryl & Gary** will attempt to obtain Herb's contact number from Miriam Oquendo to facilitate coordination
* **Cheryl Simmons Grant** will check with her family and confirm Levitt/Levitt Park availability and requirements.
* **Bill** will contact Shooters to discuss availability and options.
* **Jeff** will contact Beach Fly to discuss availability and options.
* **Bill** will contact King regarding availability and suitability for events.
* **Bill** will check McCarty, Lee Winter, and Schultz Park/venue availability and report back.
* **Jeff** will put out a doodle poll to determine interest in the Friday fishing trip & Contact Jeff Antoinewski about the Golf event.
* Meeting participant(s) will update the email list so the committee can send event-option surveys to alumni.
* Meeting participant(s) will Google Brevard events for the reunion dates and list local festivals and activities.

* **Mallory Harwood** will search and compile Cocoa Village and local event information to present options.
* **Jeff Antoniewski**, (or meeting participant coordinating with him) will confirm interest and arrangements for a golf outing.
* **Jeff**, will contact Brevard Parks & Rec to check McLarty Park availability, cost, and requirements for the Saturday picnic.
* **Bill** will coordinate food for the Saturday picnic (hamburgers) and music playback.
* Committee will run a doodle poll to collect classmates' preferences for a free social versus a formal paid dance after the email list is updated
* **Lisa** will search for reasonably priced venues to accommodate a formal dance option
* **Charetta Covington, Lisa Davis Randall, Gary Fletcher, Mallory Harwood, Cheryl Simmons Grant** will research and document venue, catering, and DJ cost options for a formal ballroom event and a low-cost DJ alternative
* **Charetta Covington, Lisa Davis Randall, Gary Fletcher, Mallory Harwood, Cheryl Simmons Grant** will prepare both event option summaries and present them at the next meeting
* **Bill** will research alternative brunch venues due to Twisted Birch renovation and report findings
* **Jeff**, will set up Basecamp and onboard committee members if the group elects to use it for project management
* **Jeff** will send completed invitations and other finalized documents to the reunion website administrator for posting
* **Jeff** will set up Basecamp and invite committee members to join.
* **Charetta Covington, Lisa Davis Randall, Gary Fletcher, Mallory Harwood, Cheryl Simmons Grant** and any volunteers will begin assembling and expanding the event email list.
* **Jeff** organizer will send the current email list to the **FUN STUFF** committee for review and additions.
* Cheryl Simmons Grant will check availability and costs for Levitt Park with her contacts.
* The organizer will change the Zoom invitation and send a new meeting invite for **Thursday, May 28, 2026.**
* **Jeff** will post tonight’s minutes on the committee page of RamblinRaiders81.com.

Key Questions:

* Do we know if Herb still works at the district and can coordinate the high-school activity?
* Do you have to reserve Levitt Park for a pavilion gathering?
* Do we want the Thursday event to be family-friendly or include grandchildren?
* Can we bring band instruments to the football game as part of Friday's activities? (TEEHEE – Ms. Mallory, if the band plays, you can play flute of Piccolo on some tunes, especially some Marshall Tucker songs)
* When is the next meeting and what is the regular meeting cadence? (May 28, 2026, at 6pm, it be every last Thursday until the reunion. We will meet more often when we get closer.
* Is Twisted Birch the location near Viera that hosted the last brunch?
* What is a reasonable headcount to plan for when reserving parks and venues?
* What is the correct spelling and URL for the event website? https://ramblinraiders81.com/

Next Meeting Date: Thursday, May 28, 2026, 6:00 PM

Adjournment: 7:25 P.M.