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**AREA 5 RESCHEDULED FRIENDSHIP
CAMPOUT
(FIVE IS ALIVE AND SO IS BERNIE!)**

Area 5 Friendship has been rescheduled for October 8th and go home Friday October 11, 2013 at Hope, Arkansas Fairgrounds. Reservations are not necessary. There is water and electric. Rates are only \$15.00 per night and we have a great building for meeting. There are also shower facilities that are always very clean. For those who are coming for the first time set your GPS to 800 Mockingbird Lane, Hope, Ar., 71801.

We will have bingo, games, a cake walk, Chinese auction, crafts and maybe a few surprises. Judy and I will provide our special potato cheese soup, and there will be a breakfast of biscuits and gravy one morning with donuts and coffee other mornings. Wednesday night is dinner on your own to take advantage of the many meal door prizes from Mellon City Sams.

We hope to see many of our friends from outside Area 5. We need your support, and we want to thank you in person for your prayers and well wishes that were so important to Judy and I during my recent health adventure. If you can make it, I promise you will find the folks of Area 5 and our cousins from Area 4 will make you welcome, treat you like family and show you a fun time. Come join us, you won't be sorry!

Bernie and Judy Bauer, ASD's Area 5

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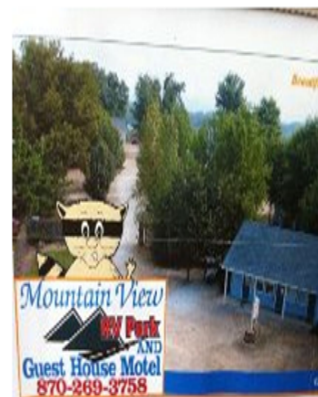
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Sept. 9-12 will be in the Next
Newsletter.

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Paul and Pat Smith ASD AREA 2





So much has been going on this past month I almost forgot to get this in !!! We've been very busy this past month with several Chapter Campouts, but oh have we ever had a good month!!! When we are having our Samborees and Friendships, we get to enjoy everyone; but visiting individual chapters has created an awesome one-on-one relationship.

We do need to mention that a Camping World/Good Sam Days Event is scheduled for October 4-13. Any Chapters or individual member that would or could help out at North Little Rock or the new store in Lowell, AR please contact your ASD. This is a good way of recruiting new members, meeting people, promoting Good Sams and also helping out with serving hot dogs/hamburgers, etc. And, it is a good way to earn volunteer hours. This is a National Challenge for all Camping World/Good Sams stores. Let's get in the running and show what Arkansas can do.

We have a lot of sick members. Let's keep everyone in our prayers. Also, let's remember the families that have lost a loved one.

Until next time , take care and God Bless.

Bill and Dee Nery

John 14:6 Jesus saith unto him, "I am the way, the truth and the life: no man cometh unto the Father , but by me"....

Important Information for you to do:

The *Highways* magazine will be replaced by 4 FREE issues of either *Trailer Life* Magazine or *Motorhome* magazine beginning February 2014. This information came out in the May-July, 2013 *Highways* magazine issue on pages 4-5 under article entitled "Progress Through Trust". Here is what you need to do to get the replacement magazine: If you already subscribe to *Trailer Life* or *Motorhome*, you won't need to do anything. If you currently DO NOT subscribe to *Trailer Life* or *Motorhome*, log on to **GoodSamClub.com/magazine-preference** or call **1-800-508-9755**. Simply let them know which magazine you prefer: *Trailer Life* magazine or *Motorhome* magazine.

ROCK CITY SAMS

Four Rock City Sams couples and Anna Sanders met Thursday July 11, 2013 at Leisure Landing in Hot Springs for their July campout. We were small in number but not in enthusiasm.

Thursday evening we met State Directors Bill and Dee Nery for dinner at the Hot Springs Dixie Cafe. We had a very enjoyable evening. Sorry the rest of the chapter had to miss it.

Friday evening, our hosts John and Pat Kincannon served chili dogs for dinner, with the other couples adding this and that for a delicious and delightful meal. After dinner several members played "31", with the big winners that night being Jennie Mauldin and Anna Sanders.

Pat and John served fruit, danish, and coffee for breakfast Saturday morning. Thanks Pat and John for a very nice breakfast. At 10:00 a.m. we held our monthly meeting. It was a short and informative meeting. After the meeting, Jennie, Pat, and Anna went shopping for personal items to be donated to Women and Children First.

Saturday evening G. W., Anna, Judy, and Richard went to Grampa's Fish House for dinner. After dinner Richard, Judy, G. W. and Anna stopped at the Dollar Tree to pick up the remaining items for the bags for Women and Children First. On returning to Leisure Landing they found the others ready to play a game of Pegs and Jokers. The game was new to a lot of the group but they caught on fast. We had a lot of fun learning the game or improving our skills, which ever fit. The game was a big success.

Sunday morning we all put together a very good, impromptu breakfast. The campout was a huge success. Thanks Pat and John for a mighty successful gathering. Sorry the others had to miss out on it.

Hope to see everyone in Mountain View at Ozark R V park on August 8 - 11, 2013.

Paulette's Palette



Well, what can I say?? We are still in Iowa and the Fair is over. However, we have events coming out our ears which is the community's and our hope for this campground! Britt, IA has been very surprised at the happenings in their small town: The Iowa Winnie Hawks held a week-long meeting here before travelling on to the Winnebago HQ for the annual rally, the 60th anniversary of the Hancock County District Fair held on these grounds for 60 of its 113 years, the Annual Hobo Convention and Hobo Days, a nationally accredited Draft Horse Show, and the last event of the season — The Iowa Fur Trappers meeting. There have been small gatherings all summer that include weddings, concerts, fund raisers, and weekly auto races.

It has been Arnie's and my pleasure to work together with the Fair Board doing anything we can to enhance the grounds. My right hand will probably be in the shape of a paint brush for at least 2 months to come. I've used 3-1/2 gallons of white paint. We're both very proficient at driving a golf cart and using a "grabber" to pick up trash on the fly! I've even had a chance to hone my skills at driving a John Deere tractor while Arnie drags the hose on a 300-gallon water tank and waters more than thirty 4x4x4 foot tubs of flowers every 3-4 days. Arnie takes over and uses the front end loader.

It's not all work and no play. The groups that come here have been kind enough to include us in their meals and activities, our youngest granddaughter is coming to spend 4 days with us during Hobo Days, and many others have stopped by to visit in response to a very nice article about us in the Britt Tribune newspaper.

We know there are other Good Sammers out there who volunteer or perform host duties and we'd like for them to share their experiences. Director Nery is excited about Arkansas' collective volunteer hours. Let's give him our most.

For the **September 2013 issue** please address your articles to me at **General Delivery, Britt, IA 50423** or write your article as the body of an email and send it to me at

redhead.smith2002@gmail.com.

Deadline each month is the **25th**.

Paulette

All Chapter Presidents and Assistant State Directors:

Please forward this to your Secretaries:

A question was asked: When does my volunteer time start? When you leave home going to your volunteer job until you return home. All this time plus mileage is counted.

Another question: When I volunteer at Samborees, does my time count? Yes (but not mileage to Samborees).

Another question : Do we need two people to do a volunteer job? Answer is NO. One person or a dozen is legal. The old rule was two or more but that has been changed.

Please have your Chapter Secretaries keep a monthly record of their volunteer hours/money/mileage. This should be from Jan thru Dec. 2013. Please have them to your ASD by Jan. 15, 2014 (please do not send these to your ASD monthly). He/She, will then send to us, and we will make a tally for the State. Remember, every hour counts!!!!

Please do not hesitate to ask questions, there's no such thing as a "dumb" question.

Have a great day, Bill & Dee Nery

ROADRUNNERS SAMS

Hello everyone. Yes, I know it has been a long time, but I have sad news to report. I had a message this P.M. that Helen Menninger's Mom passed away July 23rd at 5:30 P.M.. Our most sincere sympathy to Helen & the family.

Please keep those of our members who are on the sick list in your prayers. They are definitely needed.

Connie & I did go to the designated campout at Mt. View. We had a good time. We met up with some of the Toad Suck Sams chapter. They were getting ready to leave when we got there, although Shirley Freyaldenhoven stayed long enough to go out to breakfast with Connie & me.

Soon after they all left the N.E.A.T. Sams started to arrive, and they invited us to join in their activities. We had a very enjoyable time playing games, eating, visiting & playing more games, & EATING some more. Thank you NEAT Sams for including us in your group.

REMEMBER OUR AUGUST CAMPOUT WILL BE AT GOLDEN POND RV PARK IN SHIRLEY, AR, AUGUST 12, 13 & 14. MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS SOON. [866-723-1723](tel:866-723-1723).

Hope all the sick people and the ones who have lost loved ones are comforted by the loving arms of our Lord.

Until next time, Mary Gerg

SUGARLOAF SAMS

We had 27 members attending our June meeting at Mack's Fish House in Heber Springs. We put off ordering a screen tent until the summer sales. Frank McElwee won our 50/50 raffle taking home \$19.50. A committee (Pat Smith, Jenny Rodgers, and Sandra McGinness) was named to find a game for the 2014 Samboree. Our picnic at JFK Park had 13 in attendance and 3 rigs stayed to camp out.

July 9-11 was our Denton Ferry campout with 9 rigs; August 20-22 will see us at Cloud Nine. The Friendship campout is September 9-11 at Mountain View RV Park. Our June Brown Bag at Lake and River Inn had an attendance of 15, while the July Brown Bag in Greer's Ferry only had 6 members attending. The meeting at D.J.'s at Drasco on July 24th had 12 members and no guests. Summer is a time of travel and company, so attendance really varies. Reba Wallace took home \$9 in the 50/50 raffle.

The next campout will be August 20-22 and the next meeting will be August 28th at the Western Sizzlin' at 11:30 in Clinton. Our next Brown Bag will be at 4pm at the Lake and River Inn in Heber Springs on August 27.

A garage sale is planned for the latter part of August to benefit our charities. Although some have serious health problems and others are gone most of the summer, when we get together WE HAVE FUN! We care about one another and for some, this chapter IS their family!

JOLLY ROGERS SAM

The Jolly Rogers Sams July campout was at the Coachlight RV Park in Carthage, MO on July 10-13 with 14 rigs present. There were 22 members and 4 guests present at the chapter meeting on Thursday afternoon. Business included approving the chapter's SOP and voting new member Thelma Stone into the chapter. A moment of silence was held in memory of member David Bauer who died on June 4. A pot luck dinner followed the meeting with two additional guests present. Guest Frank Hamilton entertained the group with his singing along with his guitar music after the pot luck dinner.

Wednesday and Friday nights were dining out dinners at local restaurants. Campers spent time shopping, playing dominoes and visiting.

The next camping date is August 14 to 17 at Wanderlust RV Park in Eureka Springs, AR.

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 A tree that looks at God all day,
 And lifts her leafy arms to pray;
 A tree that may in summer wear
 A nest of robins in her hair
 Upon whose bosom snow has lain;
 Who intimately lives with rain.
 Poems are made by fools like me,
 But only God can make a tree.

The poem is...Trees
 by Joyce Kilmer (1886-1918)

Happy moments, praise God.
 Difficult moments, seek God.
 Quiet moments, worship God.
 Painful moments, trust God.
 Every moment, thank God.

ARKANSAS VETERANS CHAPTER

To all Arkansas Veteran Sams,

For those who have not paid their 2013 Dues, please send them to our Chapter Treasurer (who is back in better health, thank God). We have been having trouble with the mailing addressee; please send to Bernie:

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NORTHEAST ARKANSAS TRAVELERS (N.E.A.T.)

The June meeting was held at Mountain View, AR. Connie and Mary Gerg were also at the park representing the Roadrunners Chapter. They had attended our Friendship, the Sambo-ree, and this meeting so we encouraged them to join our chapter. They are our newest members and we are delighted.

Even though we were small in number, we had a good time. Mary Gerg taught us Mexican Train dominos. We also learned Rumicube and Sequence. Dennis and Peggy Card came Thursday along with their friends Chester and Lou Baker. They ate with us at JoJo's on the White River. It was good to see Dennis doing so well.

Peggy Lomax took some of the women to a shop on Main Street that sold discounted items from Macy's, Bloomingdales, etc. We can always find something to do in Mountain View. Wednesday night was potluck. The hostesses furnished the ham. Everyone else provided the sides. We all ate too much. Ham was left over for breakfast Thursday morning and sandwiches Thursday afternoon. Inell Pease baked a German chocolate cake for Thursday afternoon and Bob and Peggy Lomax provided the ice cream. Coming late Thursday afternoon was Lavon and Inell's daughter, husband and granddaughter. They had a fun time playing Skip Bo.

If you weren't with us, we missed you. We thank the hostesses Caples, Costner, and Lomax for a job well done. Our next meeting will be at Denton Ferry RV Park at Cotter, 870-435-7275. Call for reservations. Please try to make plans to join us. For the potluck Wednesday night, we will have crappie, catfish, hushpuppies, French fries, and pinto beans. Bring sides to go with the fish.

Safe travels--Tresa

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WHISPERING PINES SAMS

The July meeting was called to order at 2 PM at Mountain View RV Park. Our Vice-President Bobby Duckworth led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 9 rigs present. Richard Zelnick made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes and Buffy Zelnick seconded the motion. After hearing the Treasurer's Report, Lisa Duckworth made a motion to accept and Mary Thompson seconded it.

Ben Kelley announced that the Christmas Party will be **Thursday, December 19** at the same place we met last year, Taylor Farm. Ed has maps and can resend or bring to a campout.

We need to remember our members and past members who are having problems now, Ty and Mary Tyson, Ken and Jo Foutch, John and Billie New, and John and Melba Presley.

Just a reminder about August Camping in Eureka Springs. Be sure and make your reservations and let Mary know you will be there. We will be at Wanderlust.

Bobby asked Ben to close with a word of Prayer. Church will be at 9 AM Sunday morning.

Henry Plunk made the motion to adjourn, and it was seconded by Mary Kelley.

submitted by Phyllis Plunk

2013 SAMBOREE SCHEDULE

Missouri Fall Samboree Theme: Meet us in Missouri	Date: Sep 26-29, 2013
Kansas Fall Samboree Theme: Let's Go to the Fair	Date: Oct 3-6, 2013
Oklahoma Fall Samboree Theme: Once Upon a Time	Date: Oct 17-20, 2013
Texas Spring Samboree Theme: Pirates of the Carribean	Date: Apr 3-6, 2014
Louisiana Spring Samboree Theme:	Date: Apr 10-13, 2014
Arkansas Spring Samboree Theme: Arkansas County Fair	Date: Apr 17-20, 2014

QUEEN WILHELMINA GOOD SAMS

The Queen Wilhelmina Good Sams left Mena, AR on Tuesday, July 9, 2013 to go to Waveland Park on Blue Mountain Lake. The Park is located 17 miles East of Booneville off of Highway 10. The sites are located on a hill above the beautiful lake. There were four rigs attending and 6 guests. Also coming for an hour was John Lyon who had come to get his sons to take back to Little Rock. The weather was hot but the group had a couple of fans cooling everyone. The Montgomery's site had a nice wooden cover over the concrete table and the Johnson's brought their long canopy to add to the shade. Skylar, the Montgomery's great granddaughter kept everyone busy playing "31", her new best game. She went hiking with Wingo and did she outdo him. She walked the dog and generally was active the entire time and was enjoyed by all.

Several excursions were taken on Wednesday with groups going three different ways. Food, Food, Food....when you get our ages, you plan your day around Breakfast, lunch and supper/dinner. Tuesday everyone had hot dogs and lots of side items to choose from. Steak and baked potatoes were enjoyed by all with Pat fixing a shrimp pizza appetizer and an "all but the kitchen sink" salad.

During the Business meeting next year's officers were nominated. Bettie Montgomery is our Historian, an appointed position. After the Business meeting, the group ate dinner at Lin's Garden in Booneville.

This campout was the first that our Chapter had at this park, and we all agreed it was a very good place to camp. Since we camp during the week, we did not have too many other people camping. Leaving on Friday, we encouraged the Wagon Master to lead us there again.

Our next campout will be held at Daisy State Park, August 6-8.

Happy Trails, Pat Johnson, Secretary

SPA CITY SAMS

The Spa City Sams July 2013 campout was held at Aux Arc Park in Ozark, AR. Members began arriving at the park Sunday afternoon making a total of 12 members. Roger & Linda Robbins were camp hosting at Lake Catherine State Park and could not attend. In the evening we just sat on the bank overlooking the river and visited.

Monday we enjoyed a day at the park and had a wonderful Taco/Dessert dinner. Tuesday we visited A to Z in Alma, AR, and then some ate lunch at Cracker Barrel and some ate at Burger King. Afterwards some went back to the park for a nap and some went to White Rock Mountain and Shores Lake.

Wednesday everyone except Elton & Virginia Robbins went to Reed Mountain Park & Overlook. We saw a small barge go through the Ozark Lock & Dam. Then we drove down by the Lock and Dam. Also we visited the 100 years old St. Mary's Church in Altus. For lunch we went to Wiedekehr Restaurant which was very good. After lunch the men went back to the park and the ladies went downtown Ozark shopping.

Thursday we had a delicious pancake breakfast at the RV of Don & Linda Dale, and afterwards we had our monthly meeting at the camper of Ron & Sue Bugg. Dave & Barbara Edminister drove in for the meeting.

Virlene did a wonderful job and I truly appreciate her taking all the notes creating the newsletter in my absence. See you at Bull Shoals in August.

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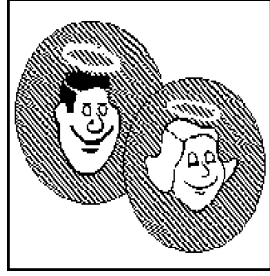
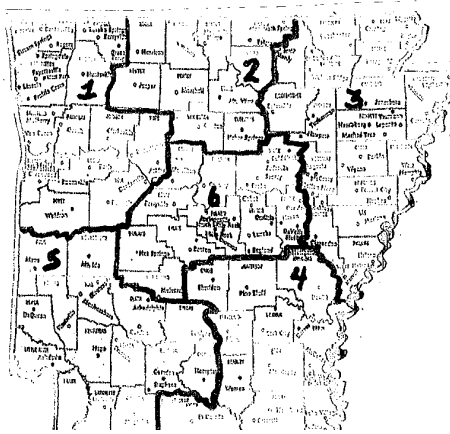
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Obituaries are also posted. To have an obituary posted online, please provide the Webmaster with name of the one who has passed, name and city of the funeral home handling arrangements. Ron will then go to the funeral home's website to obtain information for posting on the Arkansas Good Sam Home Page.



Camping World was on the grounds at the AR Good Sam Spring Samboree and provided invaluable support with seminars, RV's on display, a well-stocked booth on the arena floor, and a complement of staff from the North Little Rock store that included a mechanic whose calendar was full every day of the Samboree.

Samboree attendees made good use of the expertise brought to them by the associates attending the Samboree:

Store Phone Number:	501-219-4420	
Doug Cheek	Retail Store Manager	Extension 1101
Marty Stansbery	RV Sales	Extension 1209
Robert Minnick	Customer Service	Extension 1121
Blake Overturff	Mechanical Tech	
Emily Overturff	Retail Sales Register	

Stop in the store and let these people know how much Good Sams appreciates all they do for the RV community. Their help doesn't stop at the Samboree; they'll be glad to assist you in any way they can.