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**Be a Good Sam neighbor.
If you're an ASD, visit with your chapters about attending other Area Friendship Campouts.
Encourage each other!**

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A big refreshing hello to all... We're enjoying the beautiful cool mornings at Lake Catherine, up and ready to go at 5 am !! Parking hosting is one of the best programs Arkansas Good Sam has for our chapter members. If you have never gotten involved, you don't know what you are missing.

As for us, we have had a very busy, exciting month. After the Rally, which was one of the best we've had, we attended Area 4 Friendship which was awesome! We did a sight inspection of "White Oak State Park" while camping with Melon City chapter for a couple days. It's a very nice, secluded place, great for a quiet retreat with your chapters.

Our next "biggie" trip will be to the Wisconsin State Rally where we hope to bring back some great ideas to share for our own Rally. Also Bill will visit his family while there, some he has not seen in many, many years. We are really looking forward to this trip. Hope all of you have a great summer and we certainly plan on visiting as many chapter campouts as we possibly can in the next few months.

Let's don't forget our Area Friendships coming up in the near future. It's a super way to really get to know each other. Please inform your chapter Presidents to plan your chapter meeting at the friendships and rally. You will have entertainment, games , prizes, and fellowship all rolled into one!

We have several new members joining our Arkansas GS chapters; let's all work together to make them welcome! Be safe, we love ya and will see you all soon.

Bill and Dee

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**2016 Area 6 Friendship:
September 6-9 (date change)**

Just want to remind everyone that if you would like to attend Area 6 Friendship September 6-9 at North Little Rock RV River Park you need to call and make your reservations. They are getting filled up, and I cannot save you a place. Sheila will make your reservations. I would like to see everyone there. We will have entertainment, door prizes, and alive auction again this year. I know we will have catered catfish & chicken strips. (Crossroads Cafe & Catering. Cost is \$13.00 per person.) Then Tom and I will serve a meal that will be announced. Would love to see everyone there. NLR River Park – Sheila [\(501\) 340-5312](tel:5013405312).

*Girtie VanHoven
Area 6 ASD*

**AREA 2 Friendship Campout
September 13-17, 2016
Golden Pond RV Park, Shirley, AR
Phone 501-723-8212**

This is a park on the move. New owner and upgrades. Cost is \$18/night; full hookups.

Follow the newsletter as the dates get closer. And you'll have plenty of time to gather items for the Chinese Auction. There'll be bingo and baseball, too. And, of course, GOOD FOOD.

Make your own reservations. We look forward to seeing you there.

Pat Smith
Area 2 ASD

**August 2-5, 2016
Area 3 Friendship
Mt. View RV Park & Hotel Phone [870-269-3758](tel:870-269-3758)**

We plan to have bingo, a Chinese Auction and games. The taco dinner potluck will return, and there will be another main meal with the meat provided along with a breakfast. Plans are still being finalized. More information will be given at a later date. Make your plans to join us!!

Charles & JoAnn Van Pelt, 870-588-7274

**Paulette's
Palette**



The 2017 RV Rally Registration form is now on the last page of this newsletter. Start down your personal "yellow brick road" now to reserve your part in "The Wizard of Oz."

Thanks for the articles you send each month. Sounds like you all are having fun in your travels and friendships. I hope you enjoy hearing the great places that other members visit and talk about in their columns. It's a great guide that can be trusted.

Don't forget to again check the park hosting schedules. The date at the top of each schedule indicates how current the info is. All 3 have changes listed and Roger has made additional comments on page 8.

Anyone can share camping related information in this newsletter. If your chapter doesn't regularly participate in the monthly issues, give it a try on your own. Did your chapter find a new restaurant or visit a new place that you just know others will enjoy? Tell them about it through The Arkansam News!

If you run into any problems or anything you're not sure of, just let me know. I'll be glad to help in any way I can. You will always be able to reach me by phone: Paulette 479-644-7461 or Arnie 644-6492.

We have rented a P O Box 54 in Britt, IA 50423. If you use this box, your snail mail will reach me much more efficiently. or send me an email with your article as the body of the email (redhead.smith2002@gmail.com).

Deadline each month is the 25th.

Paulette

DERRICK CITY SAMS

There were 8 rigs present at the Derrick City Sams regular monthly business meeting held on May 6 at Pecan Grove RV Park in Lake Village, AR. The meeting was called to order by President Marilyn Hartsfield; Bennie Langheld opened with prayer.

April minutes were read and approved. In the absence of Vona Smith, Carol Kee gave the Treasurer's report. A motion to approve the financial report was made, seconded and carried.

LaVerne Bowden was present as a guest and asked to join the chapter. A motion was made and seconded to vote on this request. Motion carried and secret ballots were passed out to all members. The vote was 100% "yes."

President Marilyn Hartsfield gave out the Rally patches to those who had attended the Rally in Texarkana. She also gave a report from the Presidents' Meeting from earlier that morning. She asked for a volunteer with a motor home to participate in the Special Olympic Run on May 23. Lyn Fite stated that he would consider doing the run. Marilyn also passed out the financial report for our area for the year. She reported that next year a meal could be catered for all participants at the Friendship. The meal would be at J J's at a cost of \$7.00. A motion to approve this suggestion was made, seconded and carried. The Presidents had also discussed purchasing a flag pole and flags to be put up on the property at the Pecan Grove RV Park. Derrick City chapter discussed the proposal but no action was taken.

The Wagon Master report was given by Robbie Williams. A June campout will be at Crater of Diamonds State Park June 13-17. The Kees will host. Jack Godwin also reported that he had already asked for 10 sites for the group at Mountain View for the August campout.

Closing prayer was voiced by Lyn Fite. Motion was made by Vivian Langheld and seconded by Robbie Williams to adjourn. Motion carried.

NORTH EAST ARKANSAS TRAVELERS (N.E.A.T.)

A note from our President:

I would like to thank everyone for keeping me in their prayers and for the cards and phone calls. The prayers are working and the cards and phone calls help keep my spirits up. We are hoping to see you all as soon as possible. Jerry

Our May campout had a small group due to graduations, births, illnesses, park hosting and rig problems. Only 3 rigs made it to Dam Quarry but we had a good time. Lavon and Inell treated us to a fish fry; and, as usual, it was delicious!

A note about Dam Quarry, it is a very nice COE Park with 50 amp service and water. The sites are fairly level and the road is perfect for walking or biking. It is below the dam on Norfork River and the fishing is good.

Our next meeting will be June 7-10 @ Mt View RV Park, Mt View, AR [870-269-3758](tel:870-269-3758).

May you all find smooth roads and level sites.

Jo Ann

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ARKANSAS ONE

Arkansas One members had a really good time at the Area 4 Friendship at Pecan Grove RV Park in Lake Village, May 4-7. We had a good group in attendance and enjoyed camping with the members and chapters from southeast Arkansas.

There were lots of opportunities to eat! Groups went to JJ's , Greenville, and South Shore. Lawrence fixed pulled pork Wednesday, the Bunkers fed us Mexican for Cinco de Mayo, and pot luck was on Friday. There were pancakes, breakfast casserole, Jack's homemade biscuits and gravy, and JD and Lawrence always had a pot of coffee, donuts and a basket of candy.

The weather was perfect: Sunny and warm enough to open the windows in the mule barn but cool enough to have a fire in the big stove occasionally. We played ladder golf, washers, and sandbag baseball outside. Some of us are still trying to figure out the lopsided scores for baseball with one team having 21, and the other two teams having 3 runs and 0 runs! Doug Carter celebrated a big win over Jack Godwin in bean bags. There were always card games and dominoes in the mule barn, and a bit of line dancing. We all got lots of good stuff at the Chinese auction, and a few won some nice coins in Bingo.

A few folks made trips to Greenville and Walmart, up the road to the Amish Store, or to Paul Michaels. A couple of them might have stopped at the casino. A crop duster overhead told us that it was farming time in the delta. A great Friendship ended with a devotion by James Elmore on Saturday morning.

Pecan Grove is a unique RV park and a fun place for a friendship. ..so good that almost everyone in attendance has already picked out their spot and made reservations for next year. Joy Godwin has posted some of Jack's pictures of all the fun on JD's Good Sam facebook page.

We had a brief meeting, sort of, with members who were all together in the Mule Barn one day at Pecan Grove. The only information from James was that members needed to make reservations for the June campout at Cloud Nine. We reminded everyone again, when James came on Friday.

JUNE CAMPOUT, June 22-26, CLOUD NINE RV PARK, Hot Springs, 501-262-1996

This is our joint campout with Thundering Sams. Not much info about meals yet. James says he is fixing pork roast one day. He will send an email if he gets more news.

SUGAR LOAF SAMS

The April meeting of the Sugar Loaf Sams Chapter was held on April 27th. We enjoyed a delicious breakfast at Bentleys in Greer's Ferry. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Bob Carr followed by prayer.

Roll Call was called with 21 members present. Harriette Hood introduced her son, Tommy Hood, #3 son from Illinois. It was so nice to see her family coming to visit her and help catch up on some of the "honey-do's".

Secretary read the minutes from the last meeting. Pat Smith announced she would send a nice thank you to Paulette Smith for the donation from the raffle to go towards our charities. Treasurers report was read.

Next meeting will be May 25th at York Girls in Drasco for breakfast at 9am. A report was made from the Rally in Texarkana. The memorial Table was very nice. Flea market had several items of which those that were left over will be used at the Chinese Auction for the Area 2 Friendship in September. Patches from the rally were given out by Bob Carr. It was voted on at the executive meeting that the contribution checks will double from \$10 to \$20. A person is really limited with \$10.

The campout was at Woolly Hollow in Greenbrier with 9 rigs present. What a wonderful time was had by all. The weather was perfect and the cards were played day and night. Grover was keeping watch over the black snakes going in and out of the water. James entertained us with his kayaking. Sarah and Henry Allen were our hosts and did a fine job. Next campout will be at Devils Den near Fayetteville, May 31-June 2. See you next month. Bob Carr won raffle. Congratulations.

Secretary, Pat Smith

AREA 4 FRIENDSHIP:

From Tuesday until Saturday, Lake Village had near-perfect temperatures for the Area 4 Friendship, May 4-7.

Occasionally it was almost cold enough to stoke the familiar pot belly stove. Wednesday night Lawrence and JD furnished the meal of pulled pork, barbecue beans, coleslaw and potato salad. Thursday night the Bunkers served Mexican food and had some great enchiladas. Friday night was potluck, and there was so much yummy food. Friday morning there were pancakes and pounds & pounds of bacon! All week there were scrumptious desserts to eat. We were happy to have several special guests: Bill & Dee Nery, Directors; Tom & Shirley Blackwell, Past Directors; Jess Hoffpauir, Past Louisiana Director; Tom & Girtie VanHoveln, ASD Area 6; and James Stinson, First Area 4 ASD. Special attendees also included five Arkansas One members and Don and Iris Schroeder from Fayetteville-based Belle Point Sams.

There was heated game competition all week. Someone playing Bean Bag Toss scored 42 points, and Doug Carter & Jack Godwin needed a gold star for their rivalry. The following also played: Tom & Shirley Blackwell, Laverne Bowden, Frances Talley, Kenneth Dixon, James & Marie Elmore, Don & Sharon Feltenberger, Lynn Fite, Pat Gilbert, Jack & Joy Godwin, Bill Hartsfield, Jess Hoffpauir, Jacky & Carolyn Holt, Claudia Horton, Jerry & Jean Hosto, Danny & Juanita Hutchinson, Bennie Langheld, Judy Larson, John Moore, Linda Messina, Lenora Murray, Bill & Dee Nery Roger & Judy Reves Dave Thompson, Tom VanHoveln, Rex & Katy Weaver, Harold & Joyce West and Robbie Williams. All games players need a cheering section, and we had Dave Murray, Jane Thompson, Girtie VanHoveln, Debbie Williams, Judy Carter, Marilyn Dixon, Marilyn Hartsfield, Ray Horton, Vivian Langheld, Gene Larson, and Butch & Carol Kee.

Big Pines set up the Chinese and Silent Auctions. Thanks to all those who bought tickets or made bids; our intake was \$545. We appreciate James and Linda Niblett driving from Hot Springs just to bring the yard lamp, Ray Williford for the Razorback clock, Camping World for the Fire Pit and Bill Nery for the two nights Rally Certificate. Friday night the Mallard's chapter members treated us to a camping skit with plenty of laughs. Saturday morning Jack & Joy Godwin treated all to breakfast casserole and biscuits with gravy. Afterward hymns were sung, and James Elmore gave an inspirational devotion then sent us all to pack up with a prayer for safe journeys.

Attendees this year were treated to 2 free dinners and 2 free breakfasts. You can't beat that. Yes, you can - come join us next year - all 3 dinners will be furnished at no charge plus the usual Friday breakfast and maybe Saturday brunch.

AREA 4 GAME WINNERS 2016

SKIPBO: Pat Gilbert & Karen Cain 1st ... Joy Godwin & Lenora Murray 2nd

SEQUENCE: Claudia Horton & Jean Hosto 1st ... Lenora Murray & Shirley Blackwell 2nd

HAND & FOOT: Danny & Juanita Hutchinson, Lenora Murray 1st
Harold & Joyce West, Shirley Blackwell 2nd

DOMINOES: Doug Carter 1st ... Jerry Hosto

SAND BAG BASEBALL: "OUTLAWS" 1st Rex Weaver, Katy Weaver, Sharon Feltenberger, Donald Feltenberger, Bennie Langheld, Jerry Hosto, Lenora Murray, Roger Reves, Judy Reves

SAND BAG BASEBALL: "THREE PEATS" 2nd Claudia Horton, Frances Talley, Laverne Bowden, Doug Carter, Carolyn Holt, Joy Godwin, Robbie Williams, Lynn Fite, Jack Godwin

WOMEN:

WASHERS: Dee Nery 1st ... Joy Godwin 2nd

POOR MAN'S GOLF: Karen Cain 1st ... Katy Weaver 2nd

BEAN BAG TOSS: Katy Weaver 1st ... Claudia Horton 2nd

MEN:

BEAN BAG TOSS: Bennie Langheld 1st ... Robbie Williams 2nd

POOR MAN'S GOLF: Bill Hartsfield 1st ... Rex Weaver 2nd

WASHER TOSS: Dave Thompson 1st ... Jess Hoffpauir 2nd

ROCK CITY SAMS

Rock City Sams' chapter campout for the month of May was held at Wanderlust RV Park in Eureka Springs, AR. The journey started Thursday with rain, lightning, claps of thunder, and strong winds. On any journey we seem to meet up with the dreaded road construction, and this trip was no exception. But once we passed Clinton we began to see evidence that spring is really here. Driving up Hwy 65 past the Buffalo River we marveled how the trees, thick with leaves in numerous shades of green, provided a beautiful backdrop for our drive. The smell of honeysuckle and other blooming wildflowers along the highway helps us to realize why Arkansas is called The Natural State.

Our camp hosts, Manny and Fran Werfelmann, had everything planned for the weekend. Thursday evening kicked off on the patio at Sparky's eating a burger, fish or chicken sandwich, and catching up on all the news with good friends. It also gave everyone the opportunity to meet some new friends to our group, Chris and Sandra Wheeler.

The men started Friday morning off in the social hall with coffee and conversation at the round table. As the ladies arrived in the social hall it was obvious that Pam Harrell and Ann Scott were having a very difficult morning: There was no hot water. Two of the men were able to make a fix with just a turn of the electric switch. Fran taught the chapter a new card game called Seven. After a morning of playing cards and some lunch at the RV, it was time to ride the trolley to town. Some went to shop while others stayed on to ride the trolley on different routes to see the city. The Blue/Yellow route winds down Highway 62, showing how the city has grown over the years with many hotels, inns, B&B's, cafés and specialty shops. My favorite stop of the day was at The Big Dipper. They serve Blue Bell ice cream in dishes or waffle cones, as well as in sundaes, shakes, malts and cobbler. Yum yum!!! The Red route passes many Victorian-style homes which helps make the beauty of this town. As we passed the Crescent Hotel it brought to mind all the ghost stories that have been told about this big limestone building. Eventually it was time to return to camp, where the hosts and others prepared a Mexican potluck dinner. Did I mention strawberry shortcake, ice cream, homemade sugar cookies with chocolate, and lemon bars for dessert? Fran certainly can cook. Several ladies finished the night off with a good game of Hand and Foot while the men sat around the camp fire in the cool of the night.

Saturday morning started off very chilly, and thankfully early morning coffee was ready in the social hall for everyone. It was a good thing the coffee was hot because Pam and Ann came in shivering, thanks to no heat. Two of the men went to check it out and found they forgot to turn the gas on! One of the guys playfully reminded them that it is called a gas hot water tank and gas heat for a reason. As everyone was warming up the ladies prepared for the breakfast potluck casseroles, sweet rolls, and fresh fruit. We finished our morning with the regular chapter meeting. Our Chapter Charity for the month of May was Dorcas House, and the chapter's servant hearts and labor of love provided 19 handmade pillow cases and 18 donated pillows.



Lunch was held at The Sweet N Savory Shop, and we have to mention the Reuben, chicken, and veggie sandwiches. We had great food and friendly service. Saturday was an afternoon of parting ways. Some went to the Saunders Museum, one of the best kept secrets in the Ozarks, while others headed to Wal-Mart or stayed at camp to pass the afternoon with card games. Ruth Wheeler taught the group a card game called Ten. After a full day the group had dinner at the Catfish Cabin.

Sunday morning saw some members headed to church at Thorncrown Chapel while others began packing up to travel home. Safe travels to everyone, and we will see you in June at The Lake End Park in Morgan City, LA.

Happy 38th Anniversary to the Rock City Sams' chapter!

BELLE POINT SAMS

Belle Point Sam Chapter Members met at the Shoal Bay Recreation Area for the May Campout, meeting and potluck.

Once everyone was set-up we gathered at Pavilion #1 for our meeting followed by a delicious potluck supper with sides and desserts. Most of us hung out swapping stories until bedtime.

Wednesday morning we gathered again at Pavilion #1 for a scrumptious potluck breakfast. Some members got on with their plans to go shopping, golfing or go back to get the needed items they left back at the house. In the afternoon some of the ladies played cards/games, and there were different groups gathered at different rig's swapping more stories. By 5 pm. we started to all gather for peach cobbler and ice cream followed by more visiting and story swapping.

Thursday a group of ladies attended an open house at The Center for Hearing, Ltd, another group went to a local quilt shop, and a group of fellows completed the Chapter sign. The Dinner Bucket was the restaurant of choice for supper, and a very good meal was had by all. Afterwards, some gathered at Gayle Smith's rig for some more good fellowship and John Prell got a good fire going from the well-seasoned wood that Johnny Johnston had thoughtfully brought from home. The makings for S'more's was brought out and several enjoyed roasting marshmallows, putting them together and consuming the tasty treat.

Generally, just a lot of good fellowship, story swapping, dog walking and light exercise was had throughout the three days.

Safe Travels,
Ann Martin, Secretary

2016 Park Host—Petit Jean – Updated 5/25		
FROM	TO	Host
March 14	March 28	David and Brenda Miller
March 14	March 28	Dennis and Peggy Card
March 28	April 11	Duke and Barbara Monroe
March 28	April 11	Ray and Normal Willford (FI)
APRIL 14–APRIL 17 ARKANSAS SAMBOREE		
April 18	April 25	Orlan and Mollie Abernathy
April 18	May 2	C W and Betty Hinton
April 25	May 9	Orlan and Mollie Abernathy
May 2	May 16	Ty and Mary Tyson
May 9	May 23	Jim and Jennie Mauldin
May 16	May 30	Bob and Peggy Lomax
May 23	June 6	David and Lenora Murray
May 30	June 13	Elton and Virginia Robbins
June 6	June 20	Lawrence and J D Henley
June 13	June 27	Duke and Barbara Monroe
June 20	July 4	Ray and Norma Willford
June 27	July 11	Wingo and Pat Johnson (FI)
July 4	July 18	Robert and Nancy Welborn
July 11	July 25	James and Ruth Ann Harriston
July 18	Aug 1	Tom and Shirley Blackwell
July 25	Aug 8	Ed Jette and Donna Aldrich
Aug 1	Aug 15	Bob and Lisa Duckworth
Aug 8	Aug 22	Duke and Barbara Monroe
Aug 15	Aug 29	Joe and Bonnie Galewski
Aug 22	Sept 5	Don and Iris Schroeder
Aug 29	Sept 12	Johnny and Ann Martin
Sept 5	Sept 19	Paul and Mary Jane Fisher
Sept 12	Sept 26	Don and Linda Dale
Sept 19	Oct 3	Roger and Linda Robbins
Sept 26	Oct 10	John and Phyllis Prell (FI)
Oct 3	Oct 17	Bob and Peggy Lomax
Oct 10	Oct 24	James and Linda Niblett
Oct 17	Oct 31	Charles and Kay Shearer
Oct 24	Oct 31	David and Brenda Miller

2016 Park Host—Lake Catherine – Updated 5/25		
FROM	TO	Host
March 14	March 28	G W and Anna Sanders
March 14	March 28	Bob and Sue Whitley (FI)
March 28	April 11	David and Brenda Miller
March 28	April 11	Bud and Jean Wright (FI)
APRIL 14–APRIL 17 ARKANSAS SAMBOREE		
April 18	April 25	Steve and Donna Brown
April 18	May 2	Doug and Helen Tinkle (FI)
April 25	May 9	Robert and Nancy Welborn
May 2	May 16	Richard and Michelle Hittle
May 9	May 23	Roger and Linda Robbins
May 16	May 30	Bill and Dee Nery
May 23	June 6	Tom and Gertie VanHoveln
May 30	June 13	James and Ruth Ann Harriston
June 6	June 20	Bob and Sue Whitley
June 13	June 27	Doug and Helen Tinkle
June 20	July 4	Richard and Jimmie Barieteau
June 27	July 11	Bill and Marilyn Hartsfield (FI)
July 4	July 18	Morris and Mary McKinnon
July 11	July 25	Gene and Surita Hicklin
July 18	Aug 1	A W and Jolly Martin
July 25	Aug 8	Buss Goodwin and Betsy Smith
Aug 1	Aug 15	Bud and Jean Wright
Aug 8	Aug 22	James and Linda Niblett
Aug 15	Aug 29	John and Pat Kincannon
Aug 22	Sept 5	Elton and Virginia Robbins
Aug 29	Sept 12	Bill and Barbara Friday
Sept 5	Sept 19	Bob and Peggy Bundy
Sept 12	Sept 26	Wingo and Pat Johnson
Sept 19	Oct 3	Benny and Vivian Langheld
Sept 26	Oct 10	Randy and Sharron Gibbons **
Oct 3	Oct 17	Ken and Marilyn Dixon**
Oct 10	Oct 24	Tom and Shirley Blackwell
Oct 17	Oct 31	Roger and Linda Robbins (Fi)
Oct 24	Oct 31	Tom and Shirley Blackwell

SPA CITY SAMS

On Sunday May 15th the Spa City Sams made their way to Treasure Lake RV Resort in Branson, MO. When everyone got settled in there were 9 member rigs present and one guest rig.

Everyone visited at the Rough's rig until it got too cold to stay out. The hot dog cookout on Monday was a washout. The day was not lost, though, as the group converged on Tequilla's for lunch and then enjoyed the musicians in the clubhouse that night and games after that. It was decided what shows everyone wanted to attend and tickets were planned and purchased. Helen Tinkle's sister, Wilma and her husband, William, joined us for the music and games. There was lots of shopping and eating out while we were in town. Some of the favorites were the Tanger Outlet Shops with clothing and kitchen items for the ladies and a tool shop for the guys. The eating out favorites were Dana's Barbecue and the Belgian Waffle and Pancake House. The ice cream at the clubhouse was great, too.

The whole group enjoyed the Murder Mystery Dinner Show. Jimmy Fryar was one of the audience actors, Thomas the Train Rep. Some of the group enjoyed the Dixie Stampede and several enjoyed Moses as well.

Thursday we had our business meeting and a Mexican themed potluck. David and Deborah Blees were voted into the Chapter. Our Chapter is definitely growing!

During the night, on Thursday, someone decorated the Dale's rig for their 50th anniversary on Friday the 20th. They were delighted to find the decorations on Friday morning before pulling out. Linda reported that numerous vehicles honked while they passed them on the way home. Some even blew kisses to them. Happy Anniversary Don and Linda!

Many of the members were off to family member's graduations in the coming week. Almost everyone texted someone in the Chapter telling them they made it home safely. Colleen texted that she was able to park her new trailer completely by herself. We missed those members who normally attend the campouts and hope they'll be in Jacksonport.

Upcoming Campouts:

June 12-17 Jacksonport State Park 870/523-2143 (The Tinkles have space 3 reserved and can't use it. If you'd like that one, call them.)

July 17-22 Devils Den State Park 479/761-3325

From the Park Host Coordinator.....

We had an awesome State Rally this April in Texarkana. Once again our State Staff did an outstanding job putting our Rally together with the amazing help of all of the volunteers.

I want to thank everyone who attended our Park Host Seminar. We gained some new members who are interested in our Park Host Program; and, as the need arises at one of our parks during the remainder of this year, I will be contacting these new members asking if they can fill in.

Please remember your fellow Park Hosts in your prayers as some of them are experiencing health problems.

As each of us have time, let's practice our Dutch oven skills while park hosting. Duke and Barbara Monroe did an outstanding job at our Rally with the Dutch oven seminar and cook-off. Hopefully we can come up with some excellent recipes for the competition next year.

Also, please try to meet as many campers as possible while fulfilling your park hosting time. This is a way that we can get new Good Sams members.

One last thing, please remember that it is the responsibility of the park hosts to deliver the rounding lists to the park office at their requested scheduled times.

Enjoy your park hosting.....and we look forward to seeing you down the road somewhere.

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2016 Park Host—Bull Shoals Update 5/25

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March 14	March 28	Roger and Linda Robbins
March 14	March 28	Don and Linda Dale
March 28	April 11	Merle and Helen Mennenga
March 28	April 11	Don and Joann Cowell
APRIL 14–APRIL 17 ARKANSAS SAMBOREE		
April 18	April 25	James and Linda Niblett (FI)
April 18	May 2	Bruce and Donita Balfour
April 25	May 9	Connie and Mary Gerg
May 2	May 16	Charles and Melinda Wiggs
May 9	May 23	Duane and Joan Johnson
May 16	May 30	Charles and Jo Ann VanPelt
May 23	June 6	Franklin and Gladys Kirby
May 30	June 13	Raymond and Delois Staggs
June 6	June 20	Merle and Helen Mennenga
June 13	June 27	Bob and Peggy Lomax
June 20	July 4	Johnny and Ann Martin
June 27	July 11	Paul and Mary Jane Fisher (FI)
July 4	July 18	Stewart and Risa Russell
July 11	July 25	James and Linda Niblett
July 18	Aug 1	Don and Iris Schroeder
July 25	Aug 8	Doug and Helen Tinkle
Aug 1	Aug 15	Lawrence and JD Henley
Aug 8	Aug 22	Don and Jo Ann Cowell
Aug 15	Aug 29	
Aug 22	Sept 5	Richard and Michelle Hittle (FI)
Aug 29	Sept 12	Jerry and Linda Webb
Sept 5	Sept 19	Dennis and Peggy Card
Sept 12	Sept 26	Steve and Donna Brown
Sept 19	Oct 3	Charles and Kathy Hair
Sept 26	Oct 10	Harry and Katie Ringler (Fi)
Oct 3	Oct 17	Levon and Inell Peace
Oct 10	Oct 24	Gene and Surita Hicklin
Oct 17	Oct 31	Duke and Barbara Monroe
Oct 24	Oct 31	Gene and Surita Hicklin

THUNDERING SAMs

Our May campout in St. Louis was a big success. In addition to attending a winning Cardinals baseball game with fantastic seats, we toured the city (Fun Time Tours \$20 per person and money well spent), toured Anheiser Busch Brewery, viewed the Arch, saw the tallest geyser in the U.S., visited the "new" old cathedral, and shopped at Ikea.

We delighted in some amazing restaurants. One was Fitz where they manufacture their own root beer and cream soda. Their food was delicious with wonderful service, large portions, and reasonable prices. If you go there, we suggest sharing floats. They are served in large mugs of drink topped with four large softball-sized dips of ice cream. In addition to the Old Spaghetti Warehouse we recommend Pappy's Smokehouse. They have been featured on the food network and in several food/travel magazines. Now we understand why. The lines are sometimes long but worth the wait. Prices are reasonable, and we all agree that their dry-rub ribs are by far the best we have eaten anywhere. We camped at the Casino Queen RV Park which was a little pricey at \$53 per night but the location was well worth the money.

June 22-25 we will have a joint campout with Arkansas 1. We are planning good fellowship, good food, and some live entertainment. There is still time to join us at Cloud 9 RV Park (near Hot Springs). Sites are still available, so please come.

2016-2017 SAMBOREE SCHEDULE

Texas (Deep in the Heart of TX)	March 30-April 2, 2017
Louisiana (Hopping Down the RV Trail)	April 6-9, 2017
Arkansas (The Wizard of Oz)	April 13-16, 2017
Missouri (Sweet Land of Liberty)	September 22-25, 2016
Kansas (Good Sam: 50 Years of Caring & Sharing)	Sep 29-October 2, 2016
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**AREA 1 2016 FRIENDSHIP CAMPOUT
SEPTEMBER 22-25 (note date change)**

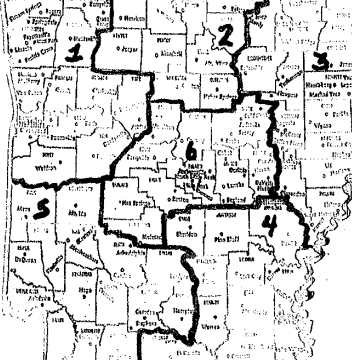
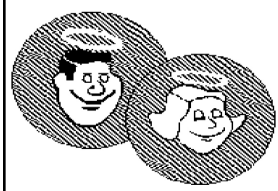
As always Cedar Oaks RV Park in Grove, OK does NOT require reservations. However, they have asked that if you plan to arrive early (before the 22nd) please give them a call at **918-786-4303**. Other chapters are always welcome, and we encourage other Area ASD's to consider our Friendship when putting together your 2016 camping calendar. The Park is on Grand Lake and there's always plenty of sites.

Watch this box for upcoming info:

Thursday afternoon Sep 22nd we will travel to Miami, OK to the Newell Motor Coach plant. They will give us a tour of their new facility where they manufacture one of the nicest and "most" expensive motor homes in production. They are looking for us by **1:30 PM** which will give us plenty of time to see not only their new motor homes but also used rigs. It's a new facility and should make for a very interesting afternoon. We hope you will come early; the plant is closed on Friday and weekends so Thursday is the only day available. Go to their web site for more publicity, www.newellcoach.com.

Saturday night's music concert will be provided by the New Revival Quartet. Their publicity material can be down loaded from their website, newrevivalqt.com. They will join us for dinner and we will have a chance to visit with them.

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First State RV Rally? Yes _____ No _____ First Arkansas RV Rally? Yes _____ No _____

Do you require Handicap Parking? Yes _____ No _____ HC# _____

Children's Names and ages attending (under 18 - no charge) _____

Please refer to the appropriate RV Rally fee amounts:

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By your signature, you understand and agree to abide by the terms and conditions indicated below:

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Signature _____

Date _____

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