"As a member of Good Sam Club, I pledge to give aid to others, respect nature and the environment, give back to the community and those less fortunate, treat others with dignity and respect and wear a smile (like Good Sam and Good Samantha's) and promote the pledge of the Good Sam Club to others."

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TEXARKANA, ARKANSAS (see page 8 for all South Region dates)

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Area 5 ASD's Bernie and Judy Bauer,
Phone :501.920.3784

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May 30-June 2, 2013 (please note change of date from September to May)
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GENERAL SAMBOREE INFORMATION:
(Check the Information Board for daily program changes)

SIGN IN: Make sure you sign your state or chapter attendance sign-in sheets located at the Registration Table.

VENDORS: Each exhibitor has paid a fee which helps offset the expenses of our Samboree. The vendors also donate prizes. Please visit their booths and let them know how much we appreciate their support.

DOOR PRIZE DRAWINGS: Save and write your name on your merchandise sales receipts. Drop them into the hopper for the merchandise drawings held during the evening programs.

REGISTRATION TIMES

MONDAY:	**1:00 - 3:00 PM**
TUESDAY thru THURSDAY:	9:00 - 11:00AM and 1:00 - 3:00 PM
FRIDAY:	9:00 - 11:00 AM

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FROM THE DIRECTOR

"THE SPRING SAMBOREE IS HERE"

A Happy Greeting to All,

Now, the fun starts!!! It's time to load up and head for our Spring Samboree at Four States Fairground in Texarkana.

We have enjoyed being at Chapter campouts and friendships. If we could get them scheduled right, we would not have to buy too many groceries; there are some awesome cooks in all our groups.

Our State has a lot to talk about so please have your President and Secretary or their representatives at our Committee and Secretary meetings.

As you know we put a rough draft of our schedule in March's Newsletter so everyone can see what all we have going on. We've even advanced our early registration to Monday at 1:00 PM for those who can't wait to get started with the fun! We now have our Vendors and Seminars scheduled and ready to go. We will have more than we've had in a long time. MORE ACTIVITIES, MORE ENTERTAINMENT AND MORE FOOD! Don't forget to read the schedule!!!!

I do not have anyone to do Stage Decorating for next April 2014. I know it's a long way off but we need to have a theme for our Registration form. If not, then we will have a generic registration. Two (2) Chapters working together on this project might be a suggestion.

This has been the best and the busiest last few months, but we have loved every minute of it! We hope you will consider us for the next term coming up in December.

See Ya in Texarkana!!!

Bill & Dee Nery

May our Lord ride with you as you travel.

JOLLY ROGERS

The Jolly Rogers Sams February meeting was held at the Golden Corral in Fayetteville on February 8 with 10 members and one guest present. A thank you from Hope Distribution, a food bank, was given in response to the chapter's $75 donation. After the luncheon meeting members went to the Fayetteville VA to distribute lap quilts to the patients.

The March meeting was held March 8 at the Rogers Golden Corral with 20 members present. Changes were made to the chapter's SOP. The 2013 camping schedule was approved as follows:

April 17-21	AR Spring Samboree
May 8-11	Horseshoe Bend COE, Rogers, AR
May 30-June 2	Area 1 Friendship, Grove, OK
July 10-13	Coachlight RV, Carthage, MO
August 14-17	Wanderlust RV Park, Eureka Springs, AR
Sept 11-14	Lakeside RV, Branson, MO
October 8-11	Natural Falls SP, West Siloam Springs, OK
November 5-8	Ft Smith SP, AR

Planning for the AR Spring Samboree was also discussed.

GOOD SAM MALLARDS

Camping Season is finally here! Our first campout of the year was at the Area 4 Friendship in Lake Village. We had 12 members who could make it. We were sorry to hear that Harold West was ill. Get well soon! And someone had to watch the store--- we missed you Martha and William. Our chapter meeting was held on Feb 7. The secretary and treasurer reports were read and approved. Tommy and Shirley Blackwell will host the April campout on April 11-13 at Cane Creek Campground near Star City, not Willow Beach. We have 3 rigs going to the Arkansas Samboree April 17 -20. Our reservations for the whole chapter are set for the May campout—a working week at Petit Jean April 29- May 3. Jerry, Tommy and Lenora were appointed to organize our Standard Operating Procedures to go along with the new nationwide Good Sam Constuitution. There being no other business the meeting was adjourned for a soup lunch in the Mule Barn.

The Friendship found all the Mallards very busy: Our skit won second place. Thanks Jean Hosto for arranging it. Mallards did very well in all the games earning 20 "Winner Pins" in various contests. Congratulations to all. The food all week was delicious, starting with a great meal on Tuesday at J.& J's. About 40 Good Sam members almost overwhelmed the staff, but the catfish was super. J.D. & Lawrence Henley, our hosts, served up a great vegetable beef soup Wednesday, with the campground owners serving a spaghetti supper Thursday. Then Friday was the potluck with just too much good food. Even the weather cooperated and stayed sunny!

Saturday, as we were breaking down, the Murrays were reminded again just what Good Sam's stand for. As Dave was trying to hitch up, our tongue jack stopped working. No power, no height, no hook up. Mike Havlik, Lawrence Henley, and two other Good Sam members got the camper hooked up so we could get home. I can't say THANK YOU enough to these great guys--- and their patient wives who waited so we could all get home safely. GOOD SAMS HELP OTHERS. Thanks again to all those who helped us !!

Respectfully submitted, Lenora Murray, Secretary

Paulette's Palette

Arnie new cell phone 479-644-6492

It's only a couple of weeks until the Spring Samboree. Yeah!!! It's always good to see old friends and make many new ones. The schedule of events for the Samboree is again on pages 5 & 6 of this newsletter. An exciting change is the early registration on Monday, April 15, beginning at 1:00 PM. Don't be concerned that your parking early will be wasted time. Bill & Dee have some exciting activities lined up for early birds. And, you'll get a chance to do more visiting!! It's also much easier to bend someone's ear when the crowd is smaller earlier in the week. A lot of work goes into a Samboree to make it interesting and enjoyable for everyone. You have a voice not only through your chapter President but by attending and talking to the staff.

Our webmaster, Ron Mooney, is working hard at keeping the AR Good Sam website updated with chapter officer information, obituaries, and organization changes. If you haven't logged onto the website for a while, take a look. If there are state-wide activities or chapter activities open to members outside the chapter, let Ronnie know. He can post it to make it stand out for visitors to the website. The monthly newsletter is online the first week of every month on the www.arkansasgoodsams.com website.

I've received a few chapter logos. Please check your records and see if you have a picture or computer file that I can use in the newsletter.

On a more personal note, Arnie has a new cell phone number (479-644-6492). It's also included on the staff page (page 10). It's with Verizon instead of AT&T and we're getting much better coverage. I will change over soon but plan to keep my same number.

For the **May 2013 issue** please address your articles to me at **15554 Gann Ridge Road, Garfield, AR 72732** 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

WHISPERING PINES

The meeting on February 21 was called to order by President Ed Jette at the Western Sizzler in Jacksonville. We gave the Pledge of Allegiance led by Ed Jette. We had 2 guests. Roll Call was held and we had 13 rigs in attendance.

The minutes were read and, after a correction of deleting Pam's attendance in January, were approved. The Treasurer's Report was given. The only correspondence was a letter from Alzheimers of Arkansas thanking us for donating and asking us to do it again. Jeanette is collecting the aluminum tabs from cans. Bring them with you to Cloud 9 and Jerry M. will collect them. The Standing Operating Procedures will be gone over by Phyllis, Anita, Ed and Buffy. A final copy, after revisions, will be sent to Bill Nery, AR State Director.

Bill and Dee talked about increasing the state dues $5 (increase of $5). That will mean sending $10 to state instead of $5. Buffy made motion and Phyllis seconded it. This will take effect January 1. Our dues will increase from $12 to $17.

Dee needs cornbread, beans and onions for the Samboree. We also need purchased cakes, not homemade, for the cakewalk. We are expecting about 250 rigs.

Whispering Pines does breakfast on Friday. The chapter was also asked to give 2 door prizes, and Ed will take care of that. A motion was made by Bobby and seconded by Buffy to sell the broken golf cart and all other extra merchandise the State organization has. It passed.

Wagonmaster report was to make sure that you let Mary know if you will be at Cloud 9 and call them to make reservations. The activities are to eat at Stubby's and bring your coupon you got at Leisure Landing. There will be "special surprise" entertainment sometime during the weekend. We don't know, but Mary knows!

There was $62 in the 50/50. Ben Kelley won it and donated it all back to the chapter.

Respectfully submitted, Bettye Francis

ARKANSAS ONE

The March meeting of Arkansas One was held at on Saturday, March 16, Smokin' in Style Restaurant in Hot Springs with eight members attending. We all enjoyed eating some good barbecue at one of our favorite places. Business discussed included responsibilities for the upcoming Samboree:
Door Prizes - Dolly & Katy
Cornbread for bean dinner night (we will take cornbread mix to have if needed)
Cakes for Cake Walk – we will purchase in Texarkana
Katy and Donita will work on items for goody bags.
Upcoming meetings:
Arkansas Samboree, Texarkana, April 18-21
Area 6 Friendship, Catherine's Landing, Hot Springs, May, 16- 18 – Contact ASD Pam Harrell, 501-262-2550 for reservations.

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MAYFLOWER PILGRIM SAMS

Mayflower Pilgrims met for the first campout of the year March 14-16 at Toad Suck Park in Conway. We had 6 rigs represented, and the Baileys came to visit twice which made us 100%. Yeah!!!!!. Thursday evening we all went to Toad Suck Bucks for steaks; they were delicious. The weather was perfect so the guys did some fishing. We had a fish fry with all the trimmings Friday evening. We had two guests Billy & Virginia McCaghren; we enjoyed their company. Saturday evening Frank & Nancy Rippeto joined us for hamburgers & hot dogs. Good to see them again. Business meeting was held and we agreed to eat at Pizza Inn again in April. Some of us are planning to attend the Spring Samboree in Texarkana. Good food, fellowship, & lots of sunshine were had by all. It was a good campout.

Lena Coker

SUGAR LOAF SAMS

We met in Heber Springs this month at Rustic Inn Restaurant with 24 members and a former long time member, Nola Kettle. It is great when members who have moved away come back to visit.

Our President, Diane Plummer, and others have worked hard to finalize plans for the April Samboree stage. After the Bull Shoals cleanup, with 7 rigs from Sugar Loaf and all the hard work that went on, we are fully concentrated on having a great Spring Samboree. June Stribling donated a beautiful Arkansas State Parks throw and Reba Wallace donated a necklace, bracelet and earrings to raffle besides our annual 50/50 raffle. One of our fellow Brown Bag Game Night attendees has provided some Pegs and Jokers boards that we are proud to offer for sale at our raffle table. So we ask everyone to stop by and take a look. We will help to tutor on Tuesday night at 7pm for all those who want to learn how to play pegs and jokers. Most chapters have their own versions of the rules, but come learn the basics, and you will see why we had to start a Brown Bag Game Night to fulfill our "addiction" to playing. Our next meeting is at Clinton at the Western Sizzlin' at 11:30am on April 24th.

ROCK CITY SAMS

Rock City Sams held their March meeting at Leisure Landing RV Park in Hot Springs, AR on March 13-17. Nine members were present. Bob & Ann Scott and Benny & Pamela Harrell were park hosting at Petit Jean SP. We missed them, but I am sure they were enjoying themselves on the mountain. We missed all the others that could not be with us.

Everyone there enjoyed good food Thursday night at Grampa's Fish Place, a good place to eat if you like fish with all the trimmings. A game of "31" was enjoyed by some on Friday night. Donna Brown was the big winner that night. Saturday night everyone enjoyed steaks on the grill. After dinner most of us enjoyed planning a game of Taboo. If you haven't played the game you should find a group ready to play and join in on the fun.

Rock City Sams will be serving food at the Diabetes Run an April 13 at Murray Park in Little Rock. We really appreciate the opportunity to help with such a worthy cause.

Our next outing will be at the Arkansas Spring Samboree in Texarkana on April 18 – 21. We are hoping to have 100% attendance. If you haven't sent in your registration, better get it done real soon. April 18 is just around the corner. Several of the chapter ladies will be cooking beans for Wednesday night dinner, so be there if you can for a good dinner you don't have to cook yourself.

Our outing for May will be Area 6 Friendship May 16 at Catherine's Landing in Hot Springs. I can't wait for that outing. Pamela Harrell has some exciting things planned for the Friendship. Hope to see all of you there on the 16th.

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At the Samboree, for the Ladies....A couple of special things are being planned "just for us girls."

One is the "I Made It in My Camper" crafts-to-share session where we will have a show and tell of fun things we make and do in our spare time.

The other is a "Ladies Tea and Style Show" (I think Dee said we could use the fine arts building) We will decorate a bit, have some light refreshments, and enjoy a style show that will be a bit unusual.....don't want to give away the details, but not a dressy department store fashion show. (If Katy puts it together...you know it will be different, but fun!)

SAMBOREE SCHEDULE
(Subject to change)

TUESDAY, APRIL 16

AM	7:00	Coffee only	
PM	7:00	Game Night: No Competition (Just for fun!)	

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17

AM			
	7:30	Hospitality--Coffee and Finger Foods (compliments of Delta Sams and N.E.A.T.)	
	7:45	Golf Scramble	
	8:00	42 Dominoes/Hand & Foot	Room B, AG Building
	9:30	Seminar (to be announced	Cowboy Room
	9:30	Line Dance Lessons w/ Mary Jo Litton	Behind Stage Area
	10:30	"Things I Made in My Camper" w/Katie Weaver	, Room A, AG Bldg
	11:00	Seminar (to be announced)	Cowboy Room
	PM		
	1:30	Bean Bag - Men & Women, Singles & Doubles -	Behind stage area
	3:00	Seminar (to be announced)	Cowboy Room
	5:00	Bean/Cornbread/Onion Supper	(Arena)

	6:30	Introduction of Commercial Representatives Entertainment: Movie Night 50/50 Raffle Ticket Drawing Door Prizes from Parking Numbers.	(Arena)

THURSDAY, APRIL 18

AM			
	7:00-8:00	Biscuits and Gravy (Dudley Wells)	Ag Building
	8:00	Skip-Bo -	Ag Building, Room B
	8:30	Seminar	Ag Building, Room A
	8:30	Seminar	Cowboy Room
	9:00	Line Dance Lessons w/ Mary Jo Litton	Behind Stage Area
	10:00	First Timers Meeting, (If this is your first Samboree, please attend.)	Ag Building, Room A
	10:30	Seminar "Body Treats" w/Paulette Smith	Ag Building, Room A
	11:00-12:30	"Samantha's Snack Shack"	
PM			
	1:00	Sandbag Baseball -	Arena
	3:00	Seminar, Camping World	Cowboy Room
	6:30	Grand Ceremonies (Staff marches in and are introduced) Invocation by Tom Anderson, State Chaplain; Presentation of Colors; Pledge of Allegiance; National Anthem (led by Charles Wiggs, State Song Leader Post Colors Welcome by Mikki Wright, Vice President of Tourism for Texarkana; Bo Rester, Executive Director, Four States Fairgrounds; Helen & Don Woodard, South Region Director Entertainment - Cash Samgo	

PLEASE - NO GAMES DURING ENTERTAINMENT --

Door Prizes after entertainment

THE BUZZARD
THE BUZZ

SAMBOREE SCHEDULE

(continued)

FRIDAY, April 19

AM

7:30	Coffee and Finger Foods (By Derrick City Sams and Whispering Pines Travelers)	
8:00	Sign up for Arts, Crafts, and Flea Market tables, Marzell Carmickle -	**Registration Area**
8:00	Dominoes, Single & Double	Ag Building, Room B
8:30	Horseshoes and Bull Toss (Men and women rotate)	Game Area
9:00	Seminar (to be announced)	Cowboy Room
9:00	Line Dance Lessons w/Mary Jo Litton	Stage Area
10:00	"Cake Walk" by Belle Point Sams	Arena Area
11:00-12:30	Samantha's Snack Shack	
11:30	Ice Cream Social (bring ticket & spoon). Toppings furnished by Spa City Sams.	

PM

1:00	PARK HOST SEMINAR. - All Park Hostsare expected to attend. All Arkansas Chapter Members interested in Park Hosting must attend. Everyone is welcome. Presentations by Good Sam Park Host Coordinator Bob Scott; Jon Brown; Park Superintendents Richard Boyes, Tracy King, Wally Scheery.	(Arena area)
2:30	Seminar (to be announced)	Cowboy Room
3:00	Secretaries' meeting (All secretaries, please attend.	AG building, Room A
6:30	Evening Ceremonies: Parade of Flags, South Region and	visiting states
7:00	Entertainment: Gomer & Patsy. Don't miss this!!	
	Door Prizes from cash receipts	

SATURDAY, APRIL 20

AM

7:30	Coffee and Finger Foods (By AR Second Chance, Arnie & Paulette Smith, Jim & Pat Mason)	
8:00	Arts, Crafts & Flea Market (No set up prior to 7:30, then only by Marzell Carmickle)	
8:30	Bocce Ball and Washer Toss (Men & Women)	Game Area
10:00	Arkansas State Committee Meeting. All AR Chapter Presidents or their Delegates must attend.	Ag Building, Rooms A & B
11:00	Seminar (to be announced)	Cowboy Room

PM

1:00	Turtle Race followed by Egg Toss	Outside Stage Area
2:30	Free Samgo	Stage Area
4:00	Catholic Mass -	Ag Building, Room A
6:30	Evening Ceremonies - Parade of Arkansas Chapter Flags.	
	Special Awards: Special Drawings; Awards Presentations, South Region & Century Patches & Stars.	
7:30	Entertainment: Frank Martin	
	Gilligan Band (Bring beads & bangles, hats umbrellas!! Come join the FUN…	
	Door prizes after entertainment.	

SUNDAY, APRIL 21

AM

7:00	Hospitality - DOUGHNUTS Served by Arkansas State Staff.
8:00	Non-denominational Worship Services - State Chaplain, Tom Anderson.
	Singing led by State Song Leader, Charles Wiggs
	Special Tribute to deceased Chapter members

MAKE YOUR PLANS FOR OTHER SOUTH REGION SAMBOREES (see dates on page 8 of this newsletter).

BELLE POINT SAMS

On March 12 we met at Aux Ark State Park in Ozark, Arkansas; there were 29 people and 14 rigs present. We had our business meeting at 4:00 p.m. and then a wonderful potluck meal. The 7 people who only drove out for the meeting visited for a little while and then drove home. One member came back the next morning with her tent for the rest of the week.

Those with a rig stayed from two to three or more nights. There was camaraderie around the campfires with lots of stories and watching the barges go up and down the river and the trains run beside the river. By Friday the temperature had warmed up and a campfire was not needed. A good time of fellowship of RVers was had by all, and everyone left full of good cheer!

DERRICK CITY SAMS

We held our March meeting at the annual Area 4 Friendship Campout at Pecan Grove Campground in Lake Village. Nine rigs out of thirty two were from Derrick City. For the first time in several years there was no significant rain, and the weather was perfect. The games were fun and the food was really good. Talent night was a huge success with Derrick City taking home first place honors with our production of "the old man and his suit". Thanks to our director Vona and our stars FH, Sharon, Vona, Carol, Joy and Barbara.

The Texarkana Samboree in April will be our next campout. Registration link is: http://www.arkansasgoodsams.com/registeration.htm You need to get your registration in by April 1.

LA PETITE ROCHE

La Petite had their first campout of the year at Willow Beach Park. The weather was cold and windy, and we all decided not to do the morning coffee. However, Thursday turned out to be beautiful for our potluck, and we all gathered at Cecil and Shirley Kingrey's campsite for some good food. Cecil cooked a big pot of beans over the fire… So Good….Harold & Katie Ringler and Harold & Betty Keen were able to make it for the potluck and the meeting.. Good to see them. Harold & Betty have been snow birding in Texas. Also joining us were LeRoy & Peggy Longcrier. They are La Petite members but they also manage this park.

Next meeting will be the Samboree in Texarkana, and in May we have Area 5 Friendship at Hope May 7-10. No reservations needed. For Area 6 Friendship at Hot Springs on May 16-18 contact Pam Harrell for reservations.

June will be at Maumelle 10-14; if you don't have your reservations yet you really need to make them. We will be in area "A"; if it is full, try for "F". Also, you need to make your reservations for October 14-18 at Woolly Hollow. A lot of us made our reservations right after the meeting, so if you don't know where you want to get, just ask were the La Petite bunch is going to be.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the Samboree!!!

Judy Bauer

AREA 4 FRIENDSHIP CAMPOUT

Game winners were:

SKIP-BO
1st Shirley Blackwell/Jane Thompson
2nd Mary Jones/Lenora Murray

SEQUENCE
1st Joe Hoffpair & Lenora Murray
2nd Shirley Blackwell & Sherry Hoffpauir

DOMINOS
1st Jerry Hosto
2nd Lenora Murray

BEAN BAG
MEN 1st Randy Gibbons
2nd Kenneth Dixon
WOMEN 1st Vona Smith
2nd Marie Elmore

WASHERS, SINGLES
WOMEN 1st Shirley Blackwell
2nd Pat Ware
MEN 1st David Thompson
2nd Tommy Blackwell
DOUBLES
1st Bob Dunwoody & David Thompson
2nd Tommy Blackwell & Randy Gibbons

POOR MAN'S GOLF
WOMEN 1st Katy Weaver
2nd Pat Ware
MEN 1st F.H. Taweel
2nd Joe Hoffpauir

SANDBAG BASEBALL

1st WIGGLE WORMS	2nd WOOLY WORMS
Tommy Blackwell	Blackwell, Shirley
Jeannie Dunwoody	David Hogg
Marie Elmore	Jean Hosto
Billy Hartsfield	Danny Hutchinson
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SPA CITY SAMS

Our March, 2013 campout/business meeting was held at Lake Ouachita SP in Hot Springs, Monday, March 18-22. There were a total of 17 members present with 8 visitors/ guests for the meeting. Guests included our State Directors, Bill & Dee Nery. Don & Linda Dale and Allen & Virlene Claire, our Wagonmasters, were park hosting at Petit Jean and not able to attend our first campout of the year.

Bill & Dee discussed several items that will be covered at the Samboree. They also talked about hoping to get volunteer chapters as well as individual members at the Samboree to help out in any way, and especially with distribution of the Goody Bags at registration. Bill also mentioned that the Samboree is for all the members and hoped that we could really have an increased number of members in attendance.

Be sure to make reservations for next year, March 2014 here at Lake Ouachita SP before leaving this year to guarantee yourself a site. Section A (501-767-9366).

The next Spa City Sams Chapter meeting will be held during the Spring Samboree in Texarkana, AR. Registration forms are online at the State Good Sam Website. If you would like to caravan with a group, meet at the Rest Area near the Gurdon exit off I-30 at 11:00 am on Monday, April 15. We will have a picnic lunch there and continue on to the fairgrounds in Texarkana. The **May** campout will be at Lake Catherine SP, May 13 – 17. Call the park to make your own reservations. For those of you planning on attending the **Area 6 Friendship** at Catherine's Landing, May 16 – 19, contact Pamela Harrell for a site # then contact Catherine's Landing to lock in and pay for the reservation. **June's** campout will be at Maumelle Corp Park, June 17 – 21. (Recreation.gov) now available online or call Reserve America @ 877-444-6777 after March 1, 2013. The **July** campout will be at Aux Arc Park, Ozark Lock & Dam in Ozark, AR. July 15 – 19. (Recreation.gov) now available online or call Reserve America @ 877-444-6777 after March 1, 2013.

2013 SAMBOREE SCHEDULE

Texas Spring Samboree Theme:	Date: April 4—7
Louisiana Spring Samboree Theme: Louisiana Adventure	Date: April 11-14
Arkansas Spring Samboree Theme: The Natural State	Date: April 18-21
Oklahoma Spring Samboree Theme:	Date: April 25-28
Missouri Fall Samboree	September 26-29
Kansas Fall Samboree	October 3—6
Oklahoma Fall Samboree	October 17-20
Texas Fall Samboree	October 24-27
Louisiana Fall Samboree	Oct 31—Nov 3

AREA 4 FRIENDSHIP - FUN, FOOD, AND FELLOWSHIP

A giant "thank you" to all the Area 4 chapters who helped at our Friendship. A special thank you to Dorcheat Sams - they are always willing to work hard. Thirty-three rigs plus three walk-ins met at Pecan Grove March 6-9. Many Good Sam members arrived Sunday to have an extra three days of fun and visiting. This included eight newcomers. Randy and Sharon Gibbons were in charge of the games and did a fantastic job. We appreciate the way they volunteered (unknowingly!) for this arduous job. Of 61 attendees, 45 played one or more games (74%). With those numbers, you know there was heavy and sometimes heated competition.

Tuesday night, 36 went to JJ's Restaurant for dinner. James, owner of JJ's, donated 10 free buffets and 2 huge pans of cornbread and we were appreciative. A number of members returned the next 3 days for lunch.

There were 13 ladies line dancing under Katy Weaver's leadership. Katy did a wonderful job and all the participants enjoyed it. Several who were not line dancing joined in for the "Chicken Dance" and for the Macarena dance. Sorry for those who missed seeing Lawrence and Tommy do the Chicken Dance!!

Anytime Good Sammers get together, there will be food - lots of it. The chocolate candy bowl was always full as well as the sweet roll box. Wednesday night JD and Lawrence furnished stew, Thursday night Mr. Bunker cooked a spaghetti dinner, and Friday night was potluck. Every meal had a wide selection of delicious desserts. We had a cakewalk and those cakes were mainly donated for desserts, also.

Thursday night was entertainment night by three chapters. The judges voted all three in as first place and had to be pushed for decisions. All three skits were fantastic. We can hardly wait to see what they have in store for next year. Derrick City, Dorcheat Sams and the Mallards were hilariously funny.

Friday was pancake and sausage breakfast prepared by all the chapter presidents and Tommy Blackwell: the third FREE meal of the week. Big Pine Sams set up the Chinese Auction and sold tickets. Grand prizes were an RV outdoor rug (won by Buzz Goodwin) and a large Igloo cooler (won by Vona Smith). Friday night we played Samgo and gave out door prizes.

A number of state staff joined us for the week; Bill and Dee Nery came for the day. We were honored to have Betty and Leon Rose join us staying in one of the Pecan Grove cabins. It was also great to have a newcomer on the Friendship scene but well known for Marie's Specialties at the Samborees - Marie Hopson and Ally. Thanks also to Dorcheat Sams - they have always been such an asset to Area 4.

Saturday morning, John Mahurin dismissed us with a prayer for a safe journey home. Thanks to all who came and if you didn't - you REALLY missed out.

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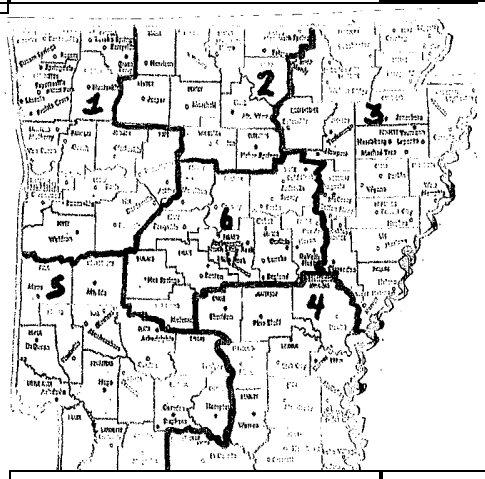

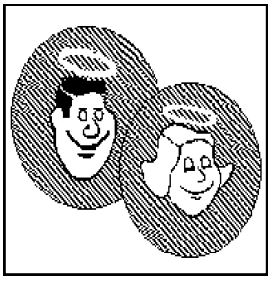

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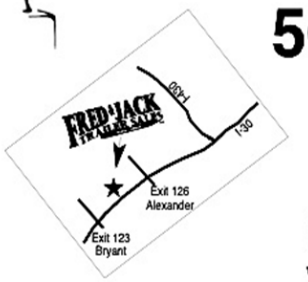

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