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**Area 5 Friendship**

Area 5 Friendship is now in the books, and it was a good one. I want to thank all who came and made it so special. A special thanks to Melon City Sams for all the door prizes and hard work and for getting such good entertainment for us. Special thanks to Queen Wilhelmina Sams for coming early to help Bernie and I unload the truck and setting up tables and chairs. And special thanks to James Elmore for being our Games Master .

Cossatot's biscuits and gravy Wednesday morning were wonderful as always. Betty Montgomery's curly scarves were a big hit, and I thank her for finishing mine. Jolly Martin & Katie Weaver were life savers in the kitchen. I'd still be in there scrubbing pans if it wasn't for them.

Our entertainment Thursday evening was the Cowboy Church Gospel Singers; and let me tell you, they rocked the house. Don't be surprised if you hear from them again.

Every one agreed that they liked the fall time slot for our Friendship, so we have booked the Park again for next year in October. Please put us on your calendars for 2014.

It was also agreed that Area 5 would donate \$100 for golf carts at the Samboree.

Here are the Game results:

<u>Poor Mans Golf:</u>	<u>Women</u>	<u>Men</u>
1 <sup>st</sup>	Jolly Martin	A.W. Martin
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Pearl Brown	Rick White

<u>Bull Toss:</u>		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Katie Weaver	Buzz Goodwin
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Pearl Brown	Bernie Bauer

<u>Baseball:</u>	
1 <sup>st</sup>	TheRed Rascals
2 <sup>nd</sup>	TheWiners

<u>Dominos:</u>	
1 <sup>st</sup>	Rick White
2 <sup>nd</sup>	A. W. Martin

Hope you all had as much fun as Bernie and I did. It was a TRUE FRIENDSHIP.

Until next year,  
Bernie & Judy Bauer

Area 5, of the Arkansas Good Sams RV Club, including the Melon City Sams (Hope), Queen Wilhelmina (Mena), Dorcheat Sams (Emerson), Cossatot Sams (Horatio), Arkansas 1 (Little Rock), LaPetite Roche Sams (Cabot), and the Derrick City Sams were living



up to their name, Good Sams (Samaritans) when each chapter donated numerous food-items for presentation to Hope-In-Action. The act of kindness occurred during the group's Area 5 Friendship campout at Fair Park recently.



October was a busy month!!! We were off to Missouri and Kansas for two great Samborees. We had an unusual "goat milking" experience thanks to Kay and Gail Hulse. We apologize to Oklahoma and we're sorry to report we missed the Oklahoma Samboree. But, many thanks to all our Arkansas members for supporting all our Regional States. If this is any indication of a greater attendance for our Spring Samboree in 2014, we had many registrations given out during our visits to other Samborees.

We missed Bernie and Judy's Friendship as well; but, hopefully, that will not happen next year. Thanks to all chapters that extended the true hand of friendship and helped out there also. A big, big "Thanks" to all the chapter members who helped out at Camping World this month. We had a great trip to the Atlanta Rally where we worked hard, met a lot of folks and talked about a few things for 2014.

It's good to be back home for a few days. But, it's time to get started on holiday plans. We've heard our chapters are planning some good events for their Christmas parties.

A special "thank you" for the help with the SOP project. We got it done. Yea!!! Don't forget about your volunteer hours. Please report them to your presidents; and, Presidents, please report them your ASD by January 1, 2014. ASD's will give us the amount.

Happy Thanksgiving to everyone. May God bless each and every one of you.

Bill and Dee Nery

**Quote for the Month:** Don't shine so others can see you. Shine so that, through you, others can see "HIM," our Lord Jesus Christ.

**DRAW NEW MEMBERS INTO YOUR GS CHAPTER**

Tent campers are in right now; you don't have to have an RV to be a Good Sam chapter member.

Post to Facebook on a regular basis what's going on in your chapter. Share what folks in your chapter are doing, i.e., camping, volunteering, projects, etc. Include pictures. People want to join chapters that are active.

Follow up on local parades like Veterans Day, festivals, holidays and popular causes such as Race for the Cure, Alzheimers Research, etc. Walk their routes with them, have balloons & lights, and handouts telling about Good Sam chapters and what we do. They are cheap advertising and personal is always best.

Leave Gloomy Gus at home... Be bright, happy and have a big Good Sams Smile!

**WHISPERING PINES GOOD SAMs**

We had 9 rigs at Park Ridge RV Park in Van Buren.

It rained a couple of days and the park was kind of muddy. We had several run-ins with the management of the park; nevertheless, we still had a good time. Mary Kelley got to play Hand and Foot and 31. There was also dominoes and Card Bingo. Bill Wortham won the 50/50 and received \$15.00.

There were several trips to the casinos (some of us won and some of us lost). We went out to eat a lot and also to Braum's for ice cream.

We had hamburgers on Friday night and the men fixed breakfast Saturday morning. The breakfast really hit the spot. I'll have to say that our guys are pretty good cooks.

Our next campout will be at Leisure Landing in Hot Springs, November 13 = 17. There will be no cooking at this campout, so you will not have to bring a lot of food. Wednesday we will go out for Mexican food, Thursday it will be seafood, Friday is BBQ, Saturday morning we will go to Perkins for breakfast and that afternoon we will have wine and cheese. Then Saturday night the park is furnishing hot dogs.

We will be playing Card Bingo; and, instead of playing for money, Mary Tyson wants everyone to bring something (White Elephant) for prizes and be sure to wrap them.

Looking forward to seeing everyone in Hot Springs, Phyllis Plunk

## *Paulette's Palette*



We are settled into our "new home" where we'll be until the middle of April when we attend the Samboree in Texarkana. Caddo Lake State Park is approximately 70 miles south of Texarkana on Hiway 59/43 and about 40 miles northwest of Shreveport, LA. We've never attended another state's Samboree and are working at getting TX and LA on our travel plans in the Spring.

Several chapters have turned in hours of their volunteer activities, and it's important that each Good Sam member keep track of the projects they work on. The deadline for turning in 2013 hours is January 1, 2014.

November 1 is the deadline for chapter rosters. Please send to your ASD and State Treasurer Ann Scott.

Remember, also, that since we've gone to digital publication of the Arkansam News it's possible to relay so much more information to AR Good Sam members, i.e., pictures, schedules, special information, and larger articles. Thank you to all secretaries and others in each chapter who are passionate about sending in this information to share with our special "family."

For the **December 2013 issue and the January-April 2014 issues**, please address your articles to me at **245 Park Road 2, Karnack, TX 75661** or write your article as the body of an email and send it to me at

[redhead.smith2002@gmail.com](mailto:redhead.smith2002@gmail.com).

Deadline each month is the 25th.

I would personally like to thank our Webmaster Ronnie Mooney for all he does for me and all GS members in getting this newsletter to you all online.

*Thank you, Paulette*

### SUGAR LOAF SAMS



Well, another successful year of campouts is almost over. We have the Mississippi State Park camping trip November 4-6, and November 6-8 at Tunica, Mississippi. Some will stay at the Mississippi State Park and some will do both campouts. Next year, Harold Stribling will be the Wagon Master, and we look forward to seeing what he has planned for us. Other officers for 2014 are: President, Diane Plummer; Vice-President, Rich Kellison; Treasurer, Paul Beaton; Secretary, Pat Smith. Our Brown Bag Night closed out the year with 13 attending. We ate, played card games, and laughed with each other and at ourselves.

At our Christmas Party on December 2nd new officers will be installed. Bill and Dee Nery (our State Directors) have been invited to attend and have graciously accepted. James McGinness (one of our very talented members) will direct the entertainment.

We are a very fortunate chapter to have so many members who contribute so much to the well-being of our special "family". We hate to lose members but understand when age causes us to slow down, distance intervenes, or other things dictate how we will spend our time. So, so long and farewell to these friends: Stan and Myra Bartos, Charlie Beverage and Erma Doty, Kathy Emmons and Kenneth Ridgeway. We do have former members drop in to visit our meetings, so don't be strangers; you're always welcome!

### MAYFLOWER PILGRIMS

Mayflower Pilgrims enjoyed a four-night campout at Branson Landing September 23-26. The Turners treated us all with a wonderful meal of barbecue & all the sides including dessert. The ladies had 2 whole days of non-stop shopping. I think we found every sale rack in Branson. The guys enjoyed Bass Pro Shop & just hanging out at camp. A very relaxing & fun trip for all.

### JOLLY ROGERS GOOD SAMS

The Jolly Rogers October campout was held the 8th though 11th at Natural Falls State Park in Oklahoma. The chapter had ten rigs camping with 23 members and one guest at the chapter meeting. New officers were elected and then installed by Assistant State Director Paulette Smith.

The new officers for 2014 are President, Julie Hearron; Vice-President, Marion Cowan; Vice-President, Mari Bieker; Secretary, Gary Hearron; Treasurer, Frances Andersh and Wagonmaster, LaVerne Andersh. It was voted to return to Natural Falls SP November 5-8 as Lake Ft Smith would not be able to accommodate us during that date. It was also voted to have a chapter yard sale November 16 at a member's home in Rogers. The group also accepted ASD's Arnie and Paulette Smith as new chapter members for 2014. The meeting was followed by a pot luck dinner.

### LA PETITE ROCHE

Our campout this month was at Woolly Hollow. We had an informal meeting Monday evening and set a date of November 14<sup>th</sup> at The Hook at 1:30 PM as our next meeting. It was agreed the dues would be sent to Judy Bauer until Cecil is feeling better. Since no one else wanted the jobs, all officers agreed to continue serving until next year. A pot luck featuring a turkey furnished by the Anderson's was on the menu for Wednesday. The McSweenys were able to come up and join in the gathering. Sorry Bernie and I couldn't make it. Would rather have been there than having a Heart Cath anytime!

Look forward to seeing everyone at the eat'n meet'n in Nov.

Judy Bauer

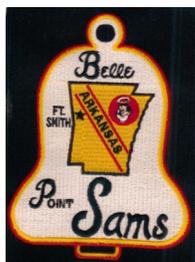
### MAYFLOWER PILGRIMS

Mayflower Pilgrims October campout was at Crabtree RV park in Alma, AR. Present were Halls, Turners, Wheelers, Dickens, Cokers, Faye McCoy & guest Jeff McCoy. As always we ate well. Homemade spaghetti & salad Thursday night, homemade tacos Friday night. Everyone did a little shopping at A-Z and some did a lot!

New officers were nominated & elected for 2014.

It was a good time with good fellowship.

### BELLE POINT SAMS



Due to the Government shutdown our Maumelle Campout had to be cancelled. Instead on October 8th members met at Western Sizzlin' on Rogers Avenue in Fort Smith, Arkansas; there were 23 people present. We shared an awesome meal, good fellowship and our monthly meeting.

Members present elected the nominated officers by acclamation: President, John Martin; Vice President, John Prell; Secretary, Ann Martin; Treasurer, Sue Edwards; Wagon Master, Gene Boone. The President appointed the Chaplain, Otis Edwards.

Members met again on October 18, this time at Grandma's House Cafe on top of Mount Gaylor on Hwy 71 in Winslow. Again we shared an awesome meal and good fellowship. When we finally broke up, some members headed back home and some members headed back to their rigs at Devils Den State Park, where for the last several years they camp out to participate in an annual Spook-a-Ree Trick or Treat.

We are looking forward to our final campout of 2013 next month with our Mystery Trip.

Safe Travels  
Secretary, Ann Martin

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## ARKANSAS ONE



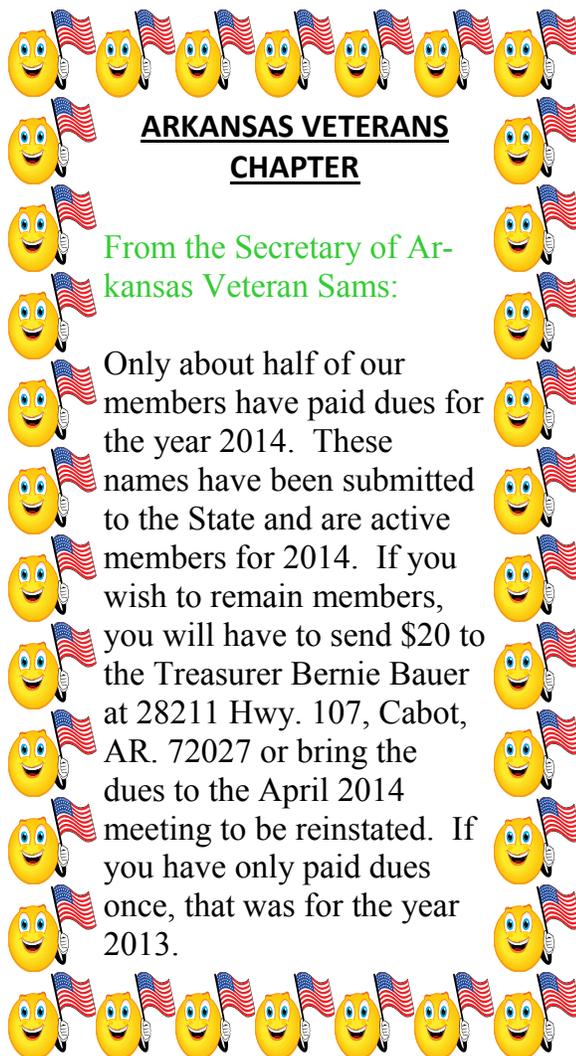
The November campout is our annual "Adopt A Park" Work Week November 3-7, 2013 (Sunday night thru Thursday night) at Lake Catherine State Park. Bud Wright has made reservations for us in Section A. It looks like we have a good group planning to attend. Contact Bud (home -753-5753, cell-590-8715) if you have questions. Don't forget your work clothes for work during the day. On Thursday we usually fix a potluck meal and invite the park staff.

Jean will make jambalaya and Donita is bringing pies. Plan on bringing something that will go with that. We also eat together sometimes at night. Tim Choate will be staying in one of the cabins so we will have a nice inside place to eat and play games. Linda and Katy talked about making taco soup one night, James could probably be talked into making dumplings one night, and of course, we'll have to roast hot dogs. Tim said he'd make a pot of beans, too, but we'll have to save some for Tommy! Sounds like a good end-of-year campout!

At the November campout we will also plan and discuss our Christmas Party at Rex & Katy Weaver's home in Hot Springs and our annual Angel \$\$ Project. Look for more details in your next newsletter.

The October campout hosted by David and Brenda Miller at Merrisach Park was attacked by complications from every direction. Since it was a Corps of Engineers park, it was closed up until the last minute by the government shutdown. David and Brenda did finally get there, but other members were scattered. In spite of diversions, Arkansas One members still managed to camp together. Kirk and Dolly Flanakin and Rex and Katy Weaver went to Hope for Judy and Bernie Bauer's Area 5 Friendship campout and enjoyed lots of fellowship with friends from SW Arkansas. Then Katy and Rex met Bruce and Donita Balfour and Linda and James Niblett at the Oklahoma Samboree in Claremore. On Friday, James fixed a pot of chicken and dumplings...just what we needed on a cold, rainy day. We decided to call our president and see if we could make that our Arkansas One meeting. So with Bud on the phone we discussed a few things that needed to be taken care of...mainly the November campout. Dues are now due (\$15.00) and need to be paid to our treasurer, Dolly Flanakin. We also discussed our volunteer hours, since James had just returned from a volunteer aid trip to Colorado. We have those figures to turn in at the next meeting.

**DUES: \$15.00 + POSTAGE \$6:00**, if you want a paper copy by mail. Angel project donations can also be included. If you aren't attending the Nov. campout, send dues ASAP to Treasurer: Dolly Flanakin, 500 Lakeshore, Hot Springs, AR 71913



## ARKANSAS VETERANS CHAPTER

From the Secretary of Arkansas Veteran Sams:

Only about half of our members have paid dues for the year 2014. These names have been submitted to the State and are active members for 2014. If you wish to remain members, you will have to send \$20 to the Treasurer Bernie Bauer at 28211 Hwy. 107, Cabot, AR. 72027 or bring the dues to the April 2014 meeting to be reinstated. If you have only paid dues once, that was for the year 2013.



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## COSSATOT SAMS

Cossatot Sams held the September campout and meeting at White Cliffs Park on the 16-20th. The meeting was called to order by President Bob Kellums. Minutes were read and approved; the Treasurer's Report was given.

The Friendship Campout will be October 8-11. We will do biscuits & gravy on Wednesday. Please bring auction items and cakes for the cake walk.

A motion was made to keep the same officers for the coming year, and it carried by a unanimous vote.

Meeting was adjourned after a motion was made and seconded.

### DERRICK CITY SAMS

We held our September meeting at the Crater of Diamonds State Park on October 7-11. Vona sent the following report:

"Got back Oct.11th from another camping trip with Derrick City Good Sams of El Dorado, AR. We went to Crater of Diamonds at Murfreesboro. There were 6 rigs: The Kee's, Hogg's, Smiths, Hartsfields, Traylor's & Fites. Weather was great—cool mornings and nice days. Three couples went digging for diamonds. No diamonds, but got to take this off their bucket list!

"Monday night we celebrated birthdays for October. We ate at Los Agave Mexican Restaurant. Then played Sequence until dark. Had a great fire each night. Thanks to Butch finding the wood; I will never tell! The Hogs were the camp hosts for the week. They cooked a brisket, and we all prepared the fixings. We had a potluck meal with Butch Kee cooking the chili, and we furnished the fixing for that also. Vona Smith cooked a peach cobbler in a dutch oven over the fire; and, oh yes, we had ice cream provided by the Traylor's. It was so good. Thursday night went back to town for supper at Rattlers Den where we ate fish, shrimp, steak, chicken & salad. Dessert was Granny's homemade fried apple, peach & chocolate pies. OH SO GOOD!!!!

"Enough of the eating. Now down to Business. Friday morning at 10:00 AM Joy Godwin, our Secretary, drove up for our meeting. It was decided on charities to give to: Parkinson's, Dogs for the Deaf, and Operation Christmas Child. Then had prayer list. Then left for home. It was a great week for camping."

#### Camping Dates:

October 28-November 1	Treasure Lake	Branson	Holly and Gibbons Hosting
December 6	Chinese Buffet (Old Ryans)	El Dorado	11 AM

Hope to see everyone there.

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

Five rigs were present for the unofficial campout held at Davidsonville State Park. The park employees already had the park cleaned up after the "ghost" visit so there was no work for us to do. Those that arrived on Monday donned rain gear to help the ones who didn't make it before the showers started on Tuesday.

Luckily the rain let up just long enough for us to enjoy the traditional hot dogs that evening. The men kept fires going wherever we happened to be gathering. It sure was nice to have weather cool enough to enjoy having a roaring blaze. And on Wednesday while the men were gathering around the campfire the women made up for not playing cards during the September gathering. Also on Wednesday we enjoyed a short visit from a potential new member. He and his wife are planning to attend the Samboree in April to see what Good Sams is all about. Hopefully when they retire from working they will join our chapter.

Wednesday we had the traditional breakfast of sausage gravy & biscuits. That evening we stuffed ourselves with pulled pork BBQ with baked beans, slaw and dessert. Thursday we enjoyed pancakes with bacon for breakfast and went out to Don's Steak House in Poca-hotas for lunch. Thursday evening we all enjoyed Dutch Oven peach and apple cobblers made by Charles Van Pelt.

President Pease contacted the remaining members who have not renewed for 2014, they all said, "the check is in the mail" so it appears that we have 100% renewals!

As always,

"May you all find smooth roads and level sites."

Jo Ann Van Pelt

### POTATO GUN CONTEST AT NEXT ARKANSAS SAMBOREE

At the 2014 Arkansas Spring Samboree we are going to have a potato gun contest. This is open to both male and female above the age of 21. Louisiana has been doing this for years, and it seems time for the rest of us to have some fun. Louisiana has also said they would have some of their people come to our Samboree and challenge us in our contest. These potato guns are easy to make and do not have to be fancy.

Go to any of the following web sites to see how they are make and come join the fun:

[www.advancedspuds.com](http://www.advancedspuds.com)

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## ARKANSAS ROADRUNNERS

The Arkansas Roadrunners had a good turnout for our Oct. meeting. Nine rigs were represented with one guest, Bea Stalder who is a faithful supporter of the Chapter, being one of the first roadrunners. We are always happy to see her smiling face.

Since I have last written the news, we have had a few things happen. We attended the Area 2 Friendship & had 2 rigs present. Jim & Becky Myers were on their way but wrecked & totaled their trailer & pickup; also Jerry & Peggy Chopp were on their way when a rotor went bad & almost caused a fire. Becky was hurt in their accident, she has a badly broken right wrist and had to have surgery on it with all the pins & screws & that sort of thing. She is in therapy now & coming along well, but it's still painful.

Also Sunday A.M. we received word that long-time member Clara Schulte passed away on Sat. October 12th. Clara had a fight with cancer for the past year. Clara was not a charter member, but she & her late husband Tom were among some of the first to join.

We were happy to have Larry Nelson back among us. It was Larry's first meeting since March park cleanup.

The CHRISTMAS PARTY!!!! will be held at the Gergs' house on Dec. 9th. Come as early as you would like & stay as late as you would like. Dinner will be a noon pot luck and Mary Gerg will cook turkey, gravy & a couple of pies. I will send out a later letter letting you know what you are supposed to bring. Helen already has a partial list. There will be a \$10.00 gift exchange.

November, Instead of a campout, we will be having our Chili Pot Luck at Gergs'. So bring 1 quart of chili. A few other suggestions--- Crackers, Fritos, Hot Dogs, Cheese, Chopped Onions, Salad Or Dessert. In the next few days I will let everyone know what they are supposed to bring for Christmas Dinner.

Until next time----- Happy Trails, Mary Gerg

# 2013/2014 SAMBOREE SCHEDULE

<b>Kansas</b> Fall Samboree Theme: Let's Go to the Fair	Date: Oct 3-6, 2013
<b>Oklahoma</b> Fall Samboree Theme: Once Upon a Time	Date: Oct 17-20, 2013
<b>Texas</b> Spring Samboree Theme: Pirates of the Caribbean	Date: Apr 3-6, 2014
<b>Louisiana</b> Spring Samboree Theme:	Date: Apr 10-13, 2014
<b>Arkansas</b> Spring Samboree Theme: Arkansas County Fair	Date: Apr 17-20, 2014

### QUEEN WILHELMINA GOOD SAMS

The Queen Wilhelmina Good Sams traveled to Fair Park in Hope, Arkansas for their October Campout. The Campout was in conjunction with the Area 5 Friendship Rally.

Wingo & Pat Johnson and Rick & Jane White traveled on Monday to help our ASD Bernie Bauer set up. They stopped in Old Washington and ate at Williams Tavern Restaurant. Really delicious home-style cooked meal. Bernie and Judy then joined with the Johnsons and White for dinner at Sheba's in Hope. The meal was very good and the fellowship was even better.

Jim & Bettie Montgomery arrived Monday evening since Bettie was in charge of the craft time on Tuesday morning. Several women learned how to knit the curley lacey scarves. We even got in some visiting while knitting. The group continued to knit in another session after lunch. The others from our group arrived about lunch time on Tuesday. They were Ira and Thelma Berg and Rae Grasso. Some of the guys participated in the Tuesday afternoon games competition. Tuesday night we all enjoyed a brownbag supper with lots of desserts, chips, and dips shared. Bernie opened our first official meeting about 7 on Tuesday night. After the welcoming meeting, door prizes were drawn. Everyone present received food door prizes.

Wednesday morning we enjoyed biscuits and gravy by Cossatot Good Sams. They always bless us with this hearty meal and we all sure appreciate their work. Our chapter provided the orange juice for the meal. James Elmore, game coordinator, started the game competition. Some of our guys won pins for 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup>. The ladies continued crafting and visiting. Laughter was heard most of the morning from both the ladies and the men. These activities continued after lunch on your own. About 2:00 we had a cake walk of sorts. Since there was only a small group present, they just pulled tickets. The number of cakes and pies won by the Queen Wilhelmina chapter will not be mentioned....just know.....it was too, too many! Wednesday evening we played Bingo for prizes and also more door prizes were drawn.

Thursday morning more knitting went on and then our Chapter set up for the Chinese Auction. We had 6 or 7 tables set up with "stuff" for the Chinese Auction. Some of our group got their picture made at the back of a van filled with food for the Hope in Action Food Bank. We helped them with money and canned goods. The Food Bank had been broken into and all the food taken. Our Thursday evening meal was "Soup" by Bernie and Judy. Everyone brought sides and desserts, and we stuffed ourselves as we visited with others. We had 3 Razorback items that were auctioned off and more door prizes were given. After that we had a band from the Hope Cowboy Church come and sing for us. Everyone was invited to join in on those songs that they knew. This was a great group of singers and instrumentalists. We enjoyed them immensely!

Friday morning found some of our chapter gathered in the Community Building to help clean up and pack up Bernie's truck.. Since we didn't have to take down the chairs and tables this time, the work time was short. Our Chapter members had a great time! Don't miss next year! We will meet again the first week of October, 2014.

Happy Trails, Pat Johnson, Secretary

### SPA CITY SAMS

Our October, 2013 campout was held at Lake Catherine State Park in Hot Springs. Elton was not feeling well and had to be taken to the hospital. He was admitted with pneumonia. Virginia, Linda, and Virlene went to the hospital with Elton. The men started working on the rails at the park cabins. Part of the ladies went out and picked up trash in the park. Linda and Virlene came back to the campground and reported that Elton had been admitted into the hospital and was being given antibiotics. Monday evening, we had hot dogs with all the fixings and desserts for dinner at the camper of Don & Linda Dale. All was really delicious, and everyone left satisfied after visiting for a while.

Tuesday we all pretty much stayed in during the morning since it had rained Monday night and a good part of Tuesday. Part of the group spent the afternoon and evening playing cards. It was reported that Elton was doing better but still really weak. Wednesday we stayed in or around the campers just visiting and having a good time. The men decided we should all go out to eat lunch at Smokin'-in-Style. In the afternoon, the ladies had a crochet party/class with Kay Shearer and Virlene Claire having the necessary supplies and helping out everyone else. In the evening we played cards. Elton was doing much better today. Thursday all the men went to finish up with the painting at the cabins. The ladies gathered up again and worked on their potholders. Everyone stopped in time to prepare for the evening meal. Joe & Yvonne Jingle came for the potluck and the meeting as well as Clovis & Jean Norman. Tommy & Shirley Blackwell were Park Hosting, so they came down to join for the meal. We had a delicious dutch oven plus potluck for our evening meal, then we had our monthly business meeting at the camper of Don & Linda Dale. Don even told Doug that he almost.... had his dutch oven peach cobbler to the point that it was good. It just needed ice cream now. It had to be Blue Bell not Blue Bunny, but homemade would be even better. Everything was really delicious and enjoyed by all.

We broke up for the evening to begin getting ready for the home going on Friday. Everyone left for home. Elton was going home today from the hospital. Part of his family was going to pick up the camper and take it home. We pray he will continue to get better and see us next month at Petit Jean. Even with the rain, everyone had a wonderful time. We put in a total of 94 volunteer hours during this week in the park.

Helen Tinkle, Secretary-

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## THUNDERING SAMS

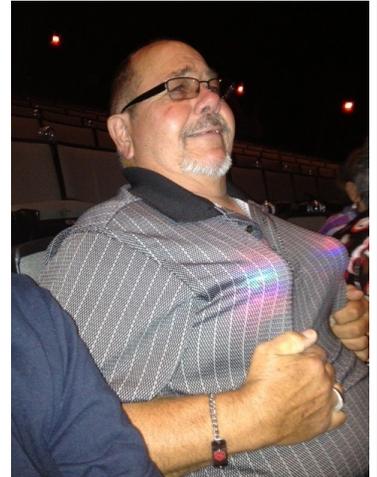
The Thundering Sams had a Great turnout for the Branson Missouri outing October 7-11. We stayed at the Branson Landing RV on the River, a very nice RV Park and handy to everything. There were 14 rigs attending. A few came in Sunday and several stayed till Saturday. The Officers for 2014-2015 were elected: Vice President, Dale Moren; Secretary, Ronnie Mooney; Treasurer, Marilyn Cheatham; Wagon Master, Gene Hicklin; Historian, Sue Whitley; Sunshine Lady, Anita Alexander.

The Thundering Sams voted to donate \$10.00 per rig to the Wounded Warrior's Project, again this year. It was decided to have 7 meeting campouts a year. January, February and November were dropped because of the cold weather and several members go to the Valley in January & February. July & August were dropped due to the hot weather. There will be a March, April, May, June, September and October campout. December is the Christmas party and counts as a campout. April is the Samboree, May is The Friendship. It was suggested that we could have a chapter meet & eat at some local restaurant for the months when there is no scheduled meeting.

The Camping Schedule for 2014:

Branson, MO Again. We Like it..	Kenneth Reece
Wooly Hollow AR	Don Alexander
Devils Den, AR	Ronnie Mooney
Grove, OK	Sue Hicklin
Gatlinburg, TN (an alternate)	Nancy Welborn

Dates for these will be set at the November or December meeting..



Monday was dinner on your own, with a couple groups. Tuesday was dinner on your own, also, with a couple groups. Wednesday 10:am Meeting, a Cookout held at 4:00 PM at the pavilion. Hot Dogs, wienie or sausage and all the trimmings. Thursday was dinner & show, Jakov Smirnoff.. He was ABSOLUTELY AWESOME, a great 2 and a half hours. He is in Branson October and November only; and, IF you are in Branson and have the time, see it. You won't regret it. Ronnie has some serious competition for Chapter Comedian in Gene Hicklin <grin>. See below. Picture Compliments of Dave & Jimmie Bariteau (Taken at Yakov Smirnoff Dinner Theater).

Friday: Breakfast, Biscuit, Gravy & Eggs. Several will Head back to Home & Arkansas and the rest Sunday.

Submitted by Ronnie Mooney, standing in for Su Rita Hicklin.

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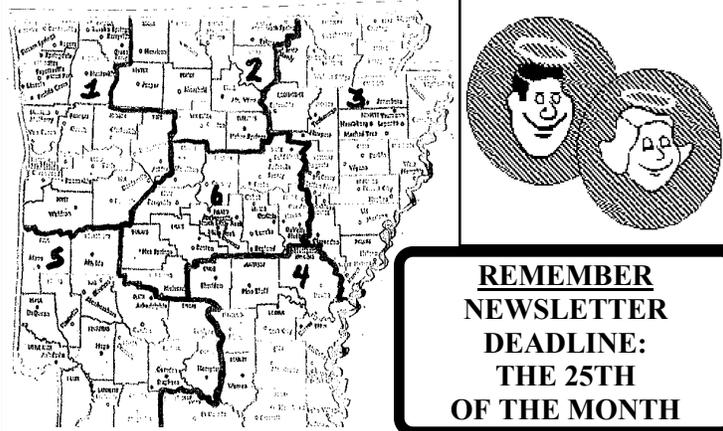
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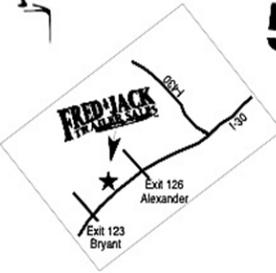
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