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Area 2 FRIENDSHIP CAMPOUT

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AREA 5 FRIENDSHIP CAMPOUT

The Area 5 Friendship will be at Hope, AR beginning October 7 and going home Friday October 10. Several have said they will arrive on Monday October 6. Rates are \$15.00 per night for water, 30 amp and no sewer is available but there is a dump station. No reservations are required. A full schedule of events is planned and will be published later; but, if you like fun and action, plan to attend. Last year's live entertainment rocked the house on Thursday night with good, old-time gospel. We hope to have them again along with games, a cake walk and lots of other events.

We urge those outside Area 5 to join us and see how much fun a Friendship Campout can be.

Bernie and Judy Bauer

INFO REGARDING AREA 6 2015 FRIENDSHIP CAMPOUT
May 14-16, 2015 (leave May 17th)

I was so glad to see the ones that came out for the Friendship this year. Just sending everyone an update for our 2015 Friendship. It will be held in North Little Rock at North Little Rock Riverside RV Park May 14-16 leaving on the 17th. Everyone will need to call me to get a parking number. We cannot go in until the 14th due to another rally being there though the May 13. We will have an ice cream social one night and also a tour of Hasting Museum on Friday morning. The Museum requests donations instead of an entry fee which are then given to charity. Will be having BBQ sandwiches Thursday so bring a side dish. And there will be a lot of games and prizes so come and join us. Oh yes: the price will be \$25.64 which includes tax. It is a first-come, first-served basis; so call soon to get a spot. The cut-off date is May 1, 2015 (that is when the spots go back to the park). I will not be able to reserve a spot for you after that date. Hope to see everyone there!

Girtie & Tom VanHoveln
Area 6 ASD's

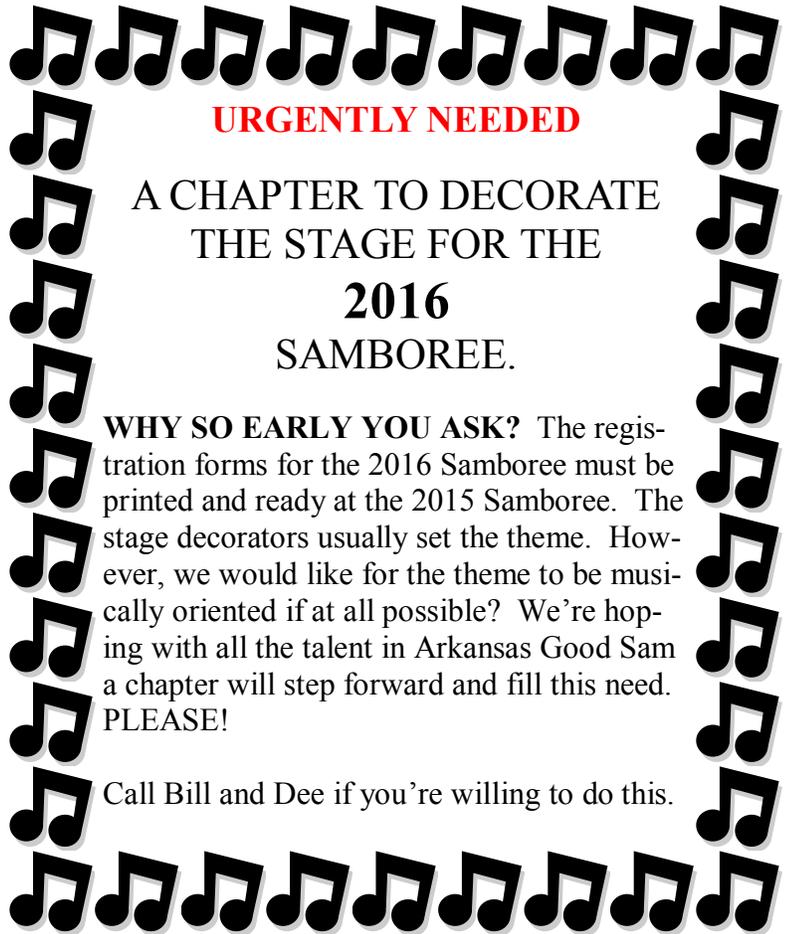


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URGENTLY NEEDED

A CHAPTER TO DECORATE
THE STAGE FOR THE
2016
SAMBOREE.

WHY SO EARLY YOU ASK? The registration forms for the 2016 Samboree must be printed and ready at the 2015 Samboree. The stage decorators usually set the theme. However, we would like for the theme to be musically oriented if at all possible? We're hoping with all the talent in Arkansas Good Sam a chapter will step forward and fill this need. PLEASE!

Call Bill and Dee if you're willing to do this.

DORCHEAT SAMS

Dorcheat Sams Chapter held it's annual campout at Ruston with 4 rigs present. The park was busier than we were used to, but the weather was cool and breezy in the AM. Our usual potluck was held Wednesday with red beans & rice, salads and desserts. We played chicken foot that afternoon. Thursday several went to the Landing to eat and were joined by Ray Anderson.

We held our business meeting on the 9th with President Doug Carter calling us to order. Otto opened with a prayer. May's minutes were read and approved. New Business was to name a new Treasurer as JoAnn will be giving up the position. Otto nominated Dave to take over and Dale seconded. All approved. Dave will be moving funds and setting up a new account. After a motion by Dale to change our camping schedule, seconded by Otto, we voted as follows:

Shady Pines	Aug 18-22
Ruston	Sep 15-19
Area 5 Friendship	Oct 7-10
Lake Catherine	Oct 20-24
Lake Claiborne	Nov 10-14

Meeting was adjourned after a closing prayer.

Judy Carter, Secretary

*Paulette's
Palette*



The above picture is of the RAGBRAI (Register's Annual Great Bicycle Ride Across Iowa). It almost defies the imagination — 20,000+ riders on a week-long ride from the Missouri River on the west border and the Mississippi River on the east border of Iowa!

The Hancock County District Fair ended Sunday. All accounts show that it was the most successful fair in the over-100 years of existence. Arnie and I feel so privileged to be a part of it, and we are assured that our volunteering makes a difference. If you're not active in your community programs, we encourage you to help them in any way you can.

For the September 2014 issue, please address your articles to me at General Delivery, Britt, IA 50423 or write your article as the body of an email and send it to me at redhead.smith2002@gmail.com.

Deadline each month is the 25th.

You can reach me at 479-644-7461 if I can help you in any way. And I'm always glad to hear from you.

Paulette

WHISPERING PINES TRAVELERS

Whispering Pines Travelers' July campout was held at Mt. View RV Park in Mt. View with 16 rigs present. Bill Wortham found a Senior Center where they served lunch Monday- Friday for \$3.00 per person. Tom & Girtie missed the music before the lunch. When they got back to the campground and Mary Kelley had made it back, we sat down and played cards. She had not been with us this year and we are glad she is better and still likes to play Hand & Foot. Tuesday night we went to Pizza Inn for the buffet and ice cream. We had lots of good food and fellowship.

Wednesday we were on our own and played more cards. That night we went to JO JO's for very good fish. The men and Mary got into a domino game, but I don't know how that game turned out. Our leader and Lisa made it through the storm and got there around 9 pm. They had to go the long way around due to trees down in different areas.

Thursday Ruby, Barbara & Girtie went shopping. They called Bill, Duke and Tom to come meet them at Woods Drug Store for lunch. The whole Whispering Pines chapter met us there. We could not leave without their homemade ice cream. Thursday night we had pot luck. Then most of the group went down town to listen to the music and watch Hank play his guitar with a group. Some played cards.

Friday we started out with cards then that night we went to the Valor station for fish with peach or apple cobbler topped with ice cream. They also had fried Jalapenos which taste like fried okra with a bite, which was great with the beans. Most of the group then went back to the square for the music.



Ed & Lisa dancing!

Saturday the men made breakfast, which included pancakes, eggs, sausages and bacon. They did a great job. We had wine & cheese about 2:00 pm and went into the meeting. We had a good meeting with Lisa letting us know where we would be at Pettit Jean August 20 -24. Everyone needs to call and make their reservations. September 17-21 we will be in Cotter. October 22-26 we'll be at Crater of Diamonds and November 12-16 at Pecan Grove. Please make your reservations for the rest of the year and call Lisa to let her know if you are going to be there.

We are asking for your volunteer hours if you could please email or call Girtie with those hours. They are due by November 1st; we would like all our hours to count. Bobby, Lisa, Jeanette & Buzzy took 55 pounds of tabs to the McDonald House. These tabs are used to help parents stay close to their children when they are in the hospital.

Ed gave us an update on June's campout. There were 10 rigs and they had fun since none of the officers could attend. Phyllis won our 50/50. Sunday Brother Ben did a Sunday service and we all left to go home. To sum it up we played games, ate a lot of food and ice cream and listened to some great music.

BELLE POINT SAMS

The Belle Point Sam Chapter members met at the Rest Area on HWY 71 South of Fort Smith to caravan to Cloud Nine RV Park for the July Campout. Once everyone was set-up we gathered in the Park's Club House for our meeting followed by a delicious potluck supper with sides and deserts. The Park even had a homemade decorated cake for Belle Point Sam waiting for us in the Club House - delicious. Most of us stayed in the room visiting and telling stories until time for bed.

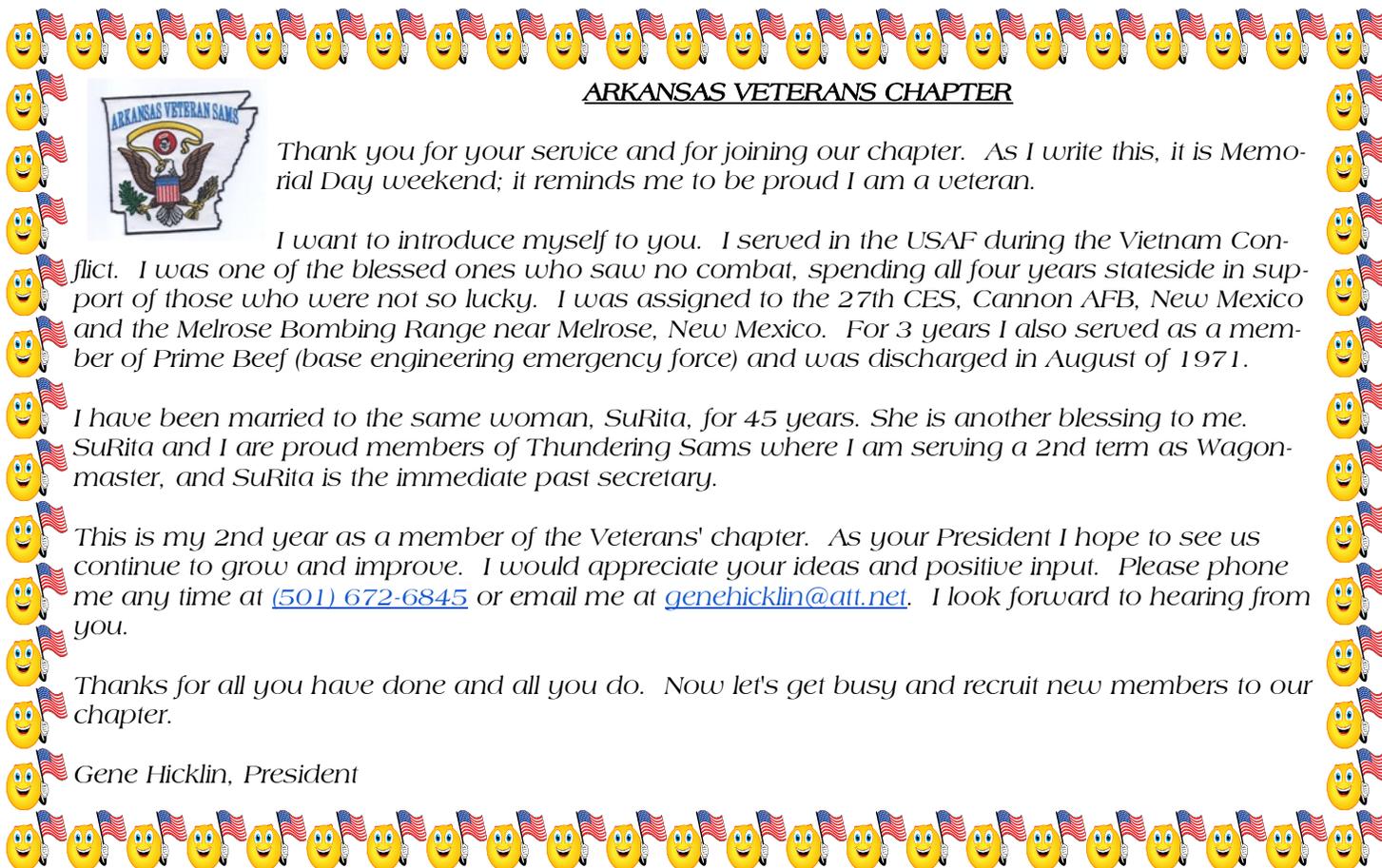
Wednesday morning the weather was so nice we gathered around the Boone's rig, for coffee, banana bread and more swapping of stories until lunch time followed by naps and whatever. At 4:00 p.m. we loaded up in a few vehicles and drove to Jose's Mexican Cantina Restaurant for supper where the service was good and so was the food.

We came back and again gathered around the Boone's rig not just because of the nice weather but because somehow the door locked on them and they could not get in and get their little dog Spike or the cake we had planned for our desert. Gene used his Good Sam Roadside Assistance Service and they called for a Pop-a-Lock. The young man showed up a little over two hours later (he was busy with other customers) and was able to unlock the door, YEAH! We finally had our slice of cake and then everyone headed for their rigs.

Thursday morning the Schroeder's and Edward's packed up and pulled out because they had obligations back home. We wished them safe travels and hoped to see them at the next campout. Thursday the weather was hot so we gathered inside the Boone's rig until there was enough to move us over to the Club House. Bill & Dee Nery stopped in to visit with us as well as an afternoon storm complete with lots of rain, high winds and some hail. As you can see from the pictures below, the guys watched the storm while the ladies discussed important matters.

That afternoon we decided to go to Jason's Hamburger Restaurant and the Nery's joined us there. After supper we gathered at the Club House for Pineapple Cobbler cooked by John in his Dutch oven with charcoal. Ruby's daughter, son-in-law & grandson were visiting and the grandson and Ki enjoyed a good game of pool. After a delicious bowl or two of cobbler we swapped a few more stories until bedtime. Friday morning everyone packed up and headed home until the next campout.

Safe Travels,
Ann Martin, Secretary



ARKANSAS VETERANS CHAPTER

Thank you for your service and for joining our chapter. As I write this, it is Memorial Day weekend; it reminds me to be proud I am a veteran.

I want to introduce myself to you. I served in the USAF during the Vietnam Conflict. I was one of the blessed ones who saw no combat, spending all four years stateside in support of those who were not so lucky. I was assigned to the 27th CES, Cannon AFB, New Mexico and the Melrose Bombing Range near Melrose, New Mexico. For 3 years I also served as a member of Prime Beef (base engineering emergency force) and was discharged in August of 1971.

I have been married to the same woman, SuRita, for 45 years. She is another blessing to me. SuRita and I are proud members of Thundering Sams where I am serving a 2nd term as Wagonmaster, and SuRita is the immediate past secretary.

This is my 2nd year as a member of the Veterans' chapter. As your President I hope to see us continue to grow and improve. I would appreciate your ideas and positive input. Please phone me any time at [501\) 672-6845](tel:5016726845) or email me at genehicklin@att.net. I look forward to hearing from you.

Thanks for all you have done and all you do. Now let's get busy and recruit new members to our chapter.

Gene Hicklin, President

GOOD SAM MALLARDS

The theme for our Mallards' July campout was a salute to America with half our campers decked out in the red, white and blue.

With Martha and William Hosto as our hosts and perfect attendance, members from all 6 rigs celebrated a four-day-long 'birthday' from July 11 to 14 at Willow Beach Campground. Except for the big rain storm with strong winds Thursday evening, the weather really cooperated. Although it was in the 90's, the gentle breezes kept us cool, and kept the pesky mosquitoes mostly at bay. Friday Martha planned an interesting afternoon game of 20-question ice cream. The ice cream was in a ball which needed shaking for over 45 minutes. We all ran out of energy before the time was up, but the ice cream was pronounced delicious. Peggy and Leroy Longcrier joined us for the evening meal. Hostos provided baked potatoes with all the fixings, Hutchisons added home grown tomatoes, and everyone brought way too many desserts. As usual, the Mallards enjoy eating well.

Saturday we had visitors: Doyle Sullins stopped by long enough to play a few rounds of rummikub, while long-time member Ruth Foster and her daughter Amber Pollard stayed for lunch. After lunch, we gathered for birthday cake and ice cream. Everyone sang to our three July birthday people: Ruth Foster, William Hosto and Tommy Blackwell. Saturday's dinner was a traditional July meal of hamburgers and hot dogs, with sides and, again, too many desserts to count.

After dinner, our president Danny Hutchison, opened the short business meeting with prayer. Treasurer and secretary's reports were given, and service hours were turned in. Danny announced that Harold and Joyce West have resigned from our chapter. Sherry and Joe Hoffpaur will be the hosts for the August campout to be held August 14-16 at Mississippi River State Park.

Sunday morning, Martha Hosto led the patriotic-themed worship service, with an inspiring a capella solo by Juanita Hutchison. We followed with breakfast, and then everyone reluctantly broke camp and headed for home. Thank you again Martha and William Hosto for being great hosts for our Happy Birthday America weekend.

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

The weather was perfect for our return trip to Mt. View in July. There was a lot of sitting on the porch, catching up and enjoying the view.

We actually had 2 potlucks this time. Craig smoked some Boston butts Tuesday evening and everyone else chipped in with the fixings. Then Wednesday evening was fried chicken, lots of fresh veggies and peach and apple cobblers with ice cream. Lavon and Inell were able to join us for the Wednesday meal. It was good to see Inell get some of her appetite back.

After the meal we had a short informal meeting. Those attending who had not received a copy of the sample SOP got them; also, since we have had several address/phone # changes, new copies of the mailing list were given out. Later that evening several of us made a trip to the square to listen to some of the locals play music.

With rain threatening on Thursday afternoon, half of us decided to head home early. The remaining enjoyed leftovers for lunch and traveled over to the Folk Center Thursday evening to enjoy some more music.

Thanks to the Caples and Costners for hosting and keeping us well fed! Hope to see you all at Denton Ferry next month. May you find smooth roads and level sites.

Jo Ann

MELON CITY SAMS

Melon City Sams held its May "mystery Campout" in Jefferson, TX at Cypress Valley RV Park with 5 couples attending and guests Jessie and Julia Sewell. The group rode the steamboat and train during the Civil War Reenactment weekend; we also played games and ate a lot of good food.

In June the chapter met on the Wylie houseboat at Kirby Landing on Lake Greeson. Five couples attended with the Sewells as guests. The Stacy Wylie family helped prepare a great meal and everybody enjoyed their visit.

James and I visited White Oak State Park recently. They offer fishing, hiking, and camping. Their campground is very clean and neat. They are able to accommodate large rigs with electric and water. There is a dump station available. Their busy times are the summer holidays and a special Halloween in the Park; otherwise, there is usually plenty of campsites available. The superintendent, John Stewart, would love to have some Good Sams chapters camp at their facility and has some very fun, enticing activities for Arkansas Good Sams. Give him a call [870-685-2748](tel:870-685-2748) and see what he has to say. They may/could even arrange a few games or programs especially for you. White Oak State Park is located about 16 miles south of Prescott, AR.

Ruth Ann Hairston, President

ARKANSAS ONE

The July 2014 meeting of Arkansas One was held at Woolly Hollow State Park on Tuesday - Friday, July 15-18 with Charles and Kathy Hair as hosts. Others attending were Bruce & Donita Balfour and Rex & Katy Weaver with Cat Wachob. Bud & Jean Wright drove up Wednesday afternoon to visit and eat with us. Our main activity was eating or discussing what we were going to eat next. Tuesday, Charles and Kathy fixed hot dogs and chili with all the trimmings. Wednesday morning they had pancakes and sausage, and biscuits with sausage links on Thursday. A few blueberries were contributed to add to the pancakes, and some gravy to go with the biscuits. Wednesday night Donita fixed birthday dinner for Bruce with chicken tetrazzini, cake, candles, and homemade ice cream. Her little Cuisinart freezer makes just enough ice cream for our group and only takes about 20 minutes. We managed to find time to go shopping in Greenbrier one day, and Conway, the next. Since Donita got Bruce the new truck he wanted for his birthday, they went RV shopping this time. (They drove up pulling their trailer with their new truck and surprised us all!) We were supposed to include a picture for James, but it never was taken. ... oops!

There was a sign on the road to Woolly Hollow that sent us down another road to an orchard with peaches ready for picking, so we spent one morning picking peaches. With Cat and Rex picking, too, Katy, Cat, and Kathy spent a good bit of time around the picnic table, peeling peaches while others visited. We had fresh peach cobbler one night, and peach jam with our biscuits. We started a game of Mexican Train, but as usual, it didn't get finished the next night. Our first trip to Woolly Hollow was very enjoyable and the cool weather couldn't have been any more pleasant for a July campout. On Friday the Weavers and Balfours left for Eureka Springs. When we got to Wanderlust RV Park, there was a Good Sam chapter sign in front of the recreation room... Will Rogers Sams from Tulsa. It was fun to see Betty and Edward Franz and other members of the Oklahoma state staff and chapter members. They were excited when we told them we would see them again in October. Then on Tuesday, just before we left, Northwest Arkansas Sams came in and we visited with a few of them for a bit. Some days, being a Good Sam member is fun in ways you didn't expect.

AUGUST CAMPOUT

Lake Catherine State Park
August 14-17 (Thurs.-Sun.)

Bud and Jean Wright will be at Lake Catherine as park hosts: Thursday night, they will have hot dogs, chili, buns, and cheese. Bring something to go with. Saturday, pot luck, they will provide meat, maybe ham, bring something to go with...dessert, salad, veggie, etc.

**ADDITIONAL COMMENTS FROM
ARKANSAS STATE DIRECTOR
BILL NERY:**

As has probably been reported to most chapters by their President or delegate attending the State Committee Meeting on Saturday morning at the 2014 Samboree, 2 motions were made and carried to change the Samboree registration fees.

Even though the affirmative voting on each of these motions was the majority, I have decided to not implement these motions for the 2015 Samboree.

I will be personally contacting each Chapter's President to discuss this with them.

**2014-2015
SAMBOREE
SCHEDULE**

Missouri (Sedalia) Fall Samboree Theme:	Date: Sep 25-28, 2014
Kansas (Hutchinson) Fall Samboree Theme:	Date: Oct 2-5, 2014
Oklahoma (Shawnee) Fall Samboree Theme: Wish Upon a Star	Date: Oct 9-12, 2014
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LA PETITE ROCHE

La Petite Roche had its July meeting at the Lonoke Café in Lonoke, Arkansas. It was the first time we had been there and it was such a nice place..good food, too. Those attending were: Tom & Lois Anderson, Harry & Katie Ringler, LeRoy & Peggy Longcrier, Bernie & Judy Bauer and our new area 6 directors Tom & Gertie Van Hovel. We were so glad they could join us.

After a nice lunch we had a short business meeting...Tom Anderson told us he is officially retiring as wagonmaster after our August meeting. Our new wagon master will be Harry Ringler. Harry is asking for help and information on good camping sites.

We also discussed changing our camping days and changed the place for our Christmas party to the recreation room at Tom & Lois' new apartment complex.

Our next meeting will be at the Western Sizzlin' I Jacksonville, August 13th at 1:30 pm.

Judy Bauer, Secretary



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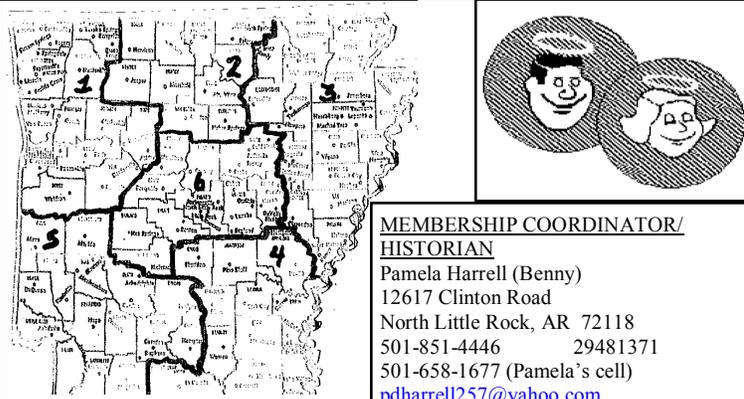
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CAMPING WORLD

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

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

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