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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 16, 16 leaving on the 17th. Everyone will need to call me to det a parking number. We can

date 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



Hello to all,

Another month here and gone, and a cool one I might add. Hope everyone had a great Mothers' Day. It's always special when you can spend time with family.

We had a great time with the Rally Chapter in Branson and 46 rigs. We saw several shows; and, as always, great food and fellowship.

Area 6's Friendship was a blast with 40 rigs. While there we had lots of planning with Thundering Sams who are decorating the stage and setting the theme at the Samboree in April 2015.

We are planning on leaving Thursday May 29 from Lake Catherine (Park Hosting) and going to Paulette Smith's Friendship in Grove, OK. She has worked very hard on this and is expecting a good number of rigs from the 4 chapters in Area 1 (will give that report next month). Then it's on to Hastings, NE for their Samboree. We log lots of travel time but enjoyable.

We are very excited to announce the stats from the 2014 Samboree and Camping World support. Blake the mechanic worked 30 hours and did 102 service calls. Camping World's shop rate is \$129.00/hour. At the Samboree there was no charge for the service calls and Good Sammembers were saved a lot of money. Thank you Camping World (Blake, Robert Minnick, and others who gave their time and support to the AR 2014 Good Sam Samboree)!!

Until next time, Bill & Dee

'but we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the world' Acts 6:4

SUGARLOAF SAMS

The Sugarloaf Sams Chapter held their campout on May 21-24, 2014 at Riverside RV Park in North Little Rock. We had eight rigs present. The first night, Tuesday, is always potluck night; and we had plenty to eat. We also played Pegs 'n Jokers by the river.

The main activity on Wednesday for most of us who were able was a tour of the Arkansas Inland Maritime Museum and the submarine, USS Razorback. Contrary to popular belief, it's not named for the mascot of the University of Arkansas but is named for a species of whale. It was a test of our strength to go down the hatch and up again, but the tour guide was very knowledgeable which made the trip interesting. We all went to Cregeen's Irish Pub in North Little Rock for lunch where the carved wood and other furnishings had been brought from Ireland. In the evening, we had an impromptu supper with what we had on hand and enjoyed visiting, again by the river. At dusk the lights are turned on on the bridges, changing colors every few minutes from red to blue, and yellow-and are beautiful.

Thursday noon we were joined by J. T. and Jenny Rodgers for lunch at "42", the restaurant at the Clinton Library. The food and company were both excellent. The newest exhibit at the library is a collection of fabulous blown glass, some pieces of which are huge, by the artist Dale Chihuly. Various members did individual activities of interest to them: trolley rides, The Arkansas Arts Center, walking (the Rock Island railroad bridge is now a walking bridge), bike riding and shopping.

Our meeting will be Wednesday May 28th at Bentleys in Greers Ferry.

Pat Smith, Secretary

MAYFLOWER PILGRIMS

Mayflower Pilgrims met at Larry's Pizza in Conway for a feast of several different flavors of pizza. Present were: Felix & Carole Hall, Howard & Ruth Wheeler, Jerrell & Betty Dickens, Jackie & Judy Turner, Leonard & Lena Coker, & Fayrene McCoy. After everyone ate all they could, we traveled back to Mayflower Senior Center for our meeting. Going to Friendship Campout at Lake Catherine was discussed. Some members plan to attend. June's campout will be in Mountain View, AR June 19-20-21.



This issue of the Arkansam News is a little late. apologize but hope you'll not hold it against me too long.

Arnie and I arrived at our summer park hosting job yesterday (June 7th). We are set up in Arnie's hometown of Britt, IA and have already had visits from some family and some friends.

We had the best Area 1 Friendship Campout yet during the last weekend in May. We were blessed to have 75 members in attendance including AR State Directors Bill & Dee Nery. And it was FUN, FUN, FUN. We again played Urban Golf, several old standby games (SkipBo, Canasta, Dominoes) and the Chinese Auction had an unusual twist this year. Iris Schroeder took the part of Auctioneer and afterwards auctioned items that weren't taken or not wanted. She followed up by auctioning 3 items donated by Camping World. Thank you, Iris.

Entertainment this year was a wonderful, young family from White Oak near Vinita, OK. The dad backed the kids up by playing bass guitar. The 15-year old boy played acoustic guitar, the 12-year old boy played mandolin, and the 10-year old girl played fiddle. It was a memorable evening to have the opportunity to interact with these young people during our dinner and afterwards when we had root beer floats!

After cash Bingo on Saturday night, we gave away door prizes donated by Bill & Dee Nery, Camping World, Danny Norris Nationwide Insurance, Little Debbie Bakeries and Arnie & Paulette Smith. We sincerely thank all these sponsors who believe in Good Sam.

As always, a special thanks to Cedar Oaks RV Park and their fantastic support of this event over the past 5 years. AND, it wouldn't be a Friendship without the support of all our Good Sam friends who attend and participate. Your willingness to provide food items and anything else when asked is phenomenal. THANK YOU ALL!

For the <u>July 2014</u> 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

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

The NEAT chapter met for a fun week in Mountain View, MO for the May 2014 meeting with a total of two rigs present. That's right, 2! The Eubanks and the Webbs were in attendance. Monday after resting for a while the 4 of us journeyed to Mt. View around 3:00 PM for a gourmet meal consisting of chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, coleslaw and hot biscuits (KFC \$1.99). Sorry you missed this Lavon. After returning to camp it was decided we'd take our lawn chairs and sit on the edge of US Highway 60 and count cars---what fun. We counted 128 cars, 114 18-wheelers, and 156 pickups (11 with dogs in the back). After a while 7 fire trucks came by with sirens full blast, one right after the other. Jerry said he'd bet there was a fire somewhere; we all looked at each other and agreed!

Tuesday morning Glenn and Jerry had arranged for a chartered bus to take the whole group on a tour of Eminence, Mo. After counting heads it was decided to charter a pickup instead. It was a good day as Eminence is the world capitol of horseback trail riding with 4,000 expected this weekend. After a wonderful lunch at Ruby's Diner we decided to head back to camp since none of us had a horse anyhow.

Wednesday the entire group (4) toured several springs and also Rocky Falls in the same chartered pickup. A good time was had by all as we took a picnic lunch and ate in the chartered pickup because the gnats were terrible.

Thursday the group met for the monthly meeting with Glenn in charge. We started to have the Pledge of Allegiance, but it was discovered we didn't have a flag to pledge to. Glenn declared the meeting adjourned with no business conducted. The rest of the day was R&R.

Friday we broke camp and returned home, a good time was had by all.

Respectfully submitted, Glenn Eubanks

A really big thank you to all the Good Sam members who helped with the Special Olympics Torch Run and Summer Games: Tommy & Shirley Blackwell, Bernie Bauer, Tommy Ferrell, Shirley Freyaldenhoven, Gene Hicklin, Marie & Ally Hopson (and her sister), and, of course, our leaders Bud & Jean



Wright. If you have a motorhome, there are routes available for the 2015 Torch Run. This is a really rewarding project and the day spent following the Runners giving them a place to refresh with

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ter and take a rest is a really fun time.

At 3 schools the kids came out to cheer the runners on.



WHISPERING PINES

Whispering Pines May meeting was held at Area 6 Friendship, Catherine's Landing, Hot Springs, AR. Bobby Duckworth called the meeting to order and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. We had 10 rigs on the ground. We had no visitors, but it was good to see Don & Barbara Massey. We all had a good time. Barbara got to play Hand & Foot with some of the ladies. Don got to talk with the men and catch up on what everyone has been doing.

Buzzy, Jeanette, Lisa & Bobby took 59 pounds of tabs to McDonald House. The collage picture that the chapter was going to pay for at the Samboree did not work out. Bobby would have had to go through over 2000 pictures. So we will try to get Bob Scott to take one for us at the next Samboree.

Thursday we got everyone signed in and tried to stay warm. We kept chasing the sun. Bobby & Duke went to try their hand at fishing. They got to the lake and were back in 10 minutes. We asked if they had caught their limit, then the rain sent us running for cover, too. Thursday we had hot dogs furnished by Tom & Girtie. We played Bingo Thursday night. Steve from Rock City Sams called and Girtie held the balls when the wind wasn't blowing. We were chasing the balls on every draw. Then we gave out door prizes, and Tom, Bill & Ed won free oil changes from Gwatney. Friday we had two craft classes one by Ann Scott (beaded night lights) and one by Katy Weaver (reconstruction of composition books). Friday Girtie and Tom had a nephew graduate, so they were not there for the fun. Everyone went to Smokin' in Style. They gave out more door prizes. Saturday was a busy day; we started with biscuits & gravy fixed by Tom VanHoveln & Doug Tinkle. At 1:00 we started a silent auction followed by a live auction. Everyone got full of fish and chicken that evening at the dinner that was catered. The ones that were left played sandbag baseball which the Aces won. Then it was a time to pass out. But we still had Sunday and a great service by James Hairston.

Lisa went over the camping schedule for June at Lake Catherine 18-20 section A. We will be having hot dogs on Friday night and don't forget to bring your own buns and chips. July camping is at Mt View 23-27; call for reservations. We adjourned at 9:29 on a motion by Bill Nery and a 2nd by Don Frances. So sorry to hear about Ruby Wortham's mother passing late Sunday night.

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 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

LOST! LOST! LOST!

I have misplaced (lost) our Chapter gavel. I took it to use in our skit (for the "judge"), and now I can't find it. I hate to lose it as it was given to Sugar Loaf Sams a number of years ago by a couple who were members. He died a few years ago; and she was a member until last year but has been ill. I can buy another one and have it engraved (if I can remember the exact wording) but it would not quite be the same. If anyone found it, please let me know.

Thanks, Diane Plummer

JOLLY ROGERS

May 14th-16th the Jolly Rogers camped at Horseshoe Bend, a COE Park on Beaver Lake, Roger's AR, for our "Adopt a Park" spring cleanup. Eleven rigs were in attendance. Unfortunately, the first two days were cold & rainy but the last day was at least sunny. The Andersh's tried out their brand new 5th wheel camper, and Fran is happy to report the furnace works just fine.

The domino games were moved indoors to those rigs big enough to accommodate more than two, and the brave enjoyed bonfires by Norm Tackett each night. It was predicted the MEN would win in dominoes this year, and so far this is holding true.

We ventured out the second night to the world famous Monte Ne Chicken for a delicious meal (no menu, just fried chicken and family style sides). Thursday we performed our park cleanup, then had our chapter meeting accompanied by the park's MOWERS zooming around the pavilion. After the meeting we had our chapter potluck of different kinds of soup, perfect for a cool afternoon. We also celebrated Mari Bieker's Birthday.





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ROCK CITY SAMS

Rock City Sams held their May Campout and meeting in Hot Springs at Catherine's Landing May 15th -18th at the Area 6 Friendship. Thursday afternoon there were games to play and a lot of socializing. Dinner was provided by Tom and Girtie VanHoveln with sides provided by others in attendance. Yum, Yum. Bingo followed by door prizes ended the night's activities.

Friday morning coffee and sweet rolls were available thanks to the generosity and hospitality of the VanHovelns. I can tell you that they were very good. A tour of the Rubber Band factory was given to those who were interested. I saw some really large rubber bands brought back by those who enjoyed the tour. Ask Pamela Harrell about it. She really enjoyed the tour and brought back several bands.

Our own Ann Scott provided instruction on making Beaded Night Lights. There were many different color combinations of night light shades made. This was such an enjoyable activity, I am looking forward to making more. Thanks Ann.

Several ladies also enjoyed doing the Composition Book redecorating with Katie Weaver. The individual imagination of each of the ladies produced a lot of different journals. All of the creations were beautiful.

Rock City Sam's members enjoyed a night out at World Buffet for Mongolian food. There was such a variety of different foods on the buffet that no way could anybody could go away hungry. We returned to the campground for an enjoyable game of sand bag baseball. My team won so I was super excited.

Saturday morning we woke up to a breakfast of biscuits and gravy. Don't know who the cook was but She/he outdid themselves. It was a very good breakfast.

Rock City Sams held their monthly meeting at 9:20 Saturday morning. We discussed some things and got the next campout dates and places finalized. Our next campout scheduled was for Wanderlust RV Park in Eureka Springs. Unfortunately it will be cancelled for lack of available campers (the time of year when graduations and other things are going on make it impossible to go.) The rest of the year's campouts are as follows:

July 10 -13, Mt. View RV Park, call Buddy for reservations (870-269-3758)

August 7 -10, Denton Ferry; Cotter, AR; www.dentonrv.com for reservation

(Questions call 870-435-7275)

Sept 11 – 14, Leisure Landing; Hot Springs call for reservations (501-525-3289)

Oct 6 – 12, Pigeon Forge, TN, River Plantation RV Park call (800-758-5267) Nov 13 – 16, Ozark Country RV Park, Branson, MO, Call for reservations (417-334-4681)

December 13, Christmas Luncheon, 2:00 p.m., G.W. & Anna's House (16 Havens Lane, Conway)

Rock City Sams invites everyone to attend our campouts. The more the merrier.

Didn't have anything to bring for the Chinese Auction, but that didn't matter; there was a lot to try to win. Everyone seemed to be happy with what they won and if you didn't like everything, there was an opportunity to give it back. It will be used for another Area Friendship.

Saturday night we all dined on catfish and/or chicken. There was plenty of food. Salty Oyster Grill (formerly Grampa's Fish House) did an excellent job of preparing the food. Fun and games began shortly after dinner with Sandbag Baseball, I think. I didn't attend. I hope everyone had a good time

Sunday morning's Devotional ended the Friendship for this year. Hope everyone enjoyed themselves and hope to see everyone at another campout soon.

Anna Sanders, Secretary









DORCHEAT SAMS

→ Girtie

We camped at our new place in Colfax, LA. It was so pretty and had trees for all of us to sit under with the cool breeze blowing every day. We had 3 rigs attending.

We found a great place to eat with the guys eating "swap burgers." They had a hard time biting the burger because it was so big! We will come back to this place.

We had our meeting on May 7 and it was called to order by President Doug. James opened in prayer. There was no old business. Under new business, it was voted to move our June campout to Poverty Point. We will be leaving on the 2nd and coming home on the 6th. Please call me at 624-1319 to let me know if you can go. Dave made the motion to close the meeting with Marie seconding it. Dave then said our closing prayer.

COSSATOT SAMS

Cossatot Sams held the May meeting and campout at Daisy State Park May 12-15.

Meeting was called to order by President Bob Kellums, the Minutes were read and approved, and the Treasurer's Report was given.

The weather was rainy but that did not stop the fun and games.

June's campout will be at Jefferson Ridge Loop 2, the 16th-19th.

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SPA CITY SAMS

Our May campouts were at the Southgate RV Park in Fayetteville, AR and at the Area 6 Friendship at Lake Catherine's Landing, Hot Springs, AR.

At the Fayetteville campout we had 4 rigs. On Tuesday we all toured the Daisy Air Gun Museum in Rogers, AR. Then we ate at Wesner's Grill for lunch. It was a very good home-cooked meal. Afterwards, we toured the Walmart Visitor Center Museum and The Museum of Native American History both in Bentonville, AR. It was a very enjoyable day.

Wednesday we all went to Cabela's in Rogers, AR; and, of course, everyone made purchases. Then we went to Five Guys Burgers & Fries for a delicious meal. Afterwards, we toured Crystal Bridges and on our way back home we stopped at Camping World in Lowell, AR.

In Fayetteville on Thursday we went to the Farmers Market which is located around the downtown square. Then we toured the Terra Studio where we saw a lady demonstrating how to make pottery and saw a man making glass bluebirds. These bluebirds are the original "Bluebird of Happiness" and "The Pink Bird of Hope" handmade Art Glass. They ship the birds all over the world. Afterwards we ate a delicious lunch at Jason's Deli, and we all had our fair share of wonderful ice cream. It was then time for the ladies to hit the thrift stores and the men went to Walmart and back to the park to try out Charles Shearer's BB guns.

On Friday we lost a rig headed home. The rest of us went to Walmart and toured the Arkansas Air and Military Museum in Fayetteville, AR. We also toured Chotkowski Gardens (Farm of Peonies) and saw lots of beautiful flowers.

Saturday was time to head for home.

We did not have a monthly meeting due to everyone being in different places.

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:

Kansas (Hutchinson)
Fall Samboree
Theme:

Oklahoma (Shawnee)
Fall Samboree
Theme: Wish Upon a
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Texas (Waco)

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ARKANSAS ONE

A couple of Arkansas One members enjoyed camping with other Good Sam members at the Area 6 Friendship Campout at Catherine's Landing in Hot Springs, May 15-18. We only had 2 rigs attending: Linda & James Niblett and Joe & Yvonne Jingle, but Katy, Donita, and Dolly made visits out during the daytime.

It seems like a lot of other activities conflicted with the Friendship for Arkansas One this year: Bud, Jean, David and Brenda were attending college graduation for grandson weatherman, Hayden. Bruce and Donita have been busy with families, too. Rex and Katy's RV was in the shop, again!, and Kirk and Dolly had just gotten back home from park hosting right after the Samboree. Girtie and Tom Van Hoveln did a good job with their first Friendship after being appointed to take the place of Pam and Bennie Harrell. In spite of some rain and unusually cool weather, there were lots of games, crafts, a trip to the rubber band factory, the Chinese auction, and good food!. Hot dogs left over from Thursday night were even good for lunch Friday. Groups went out to eat at Smokin' in Style and World Buffet on Friday night. The fish dinner on Saturday was mouth watering great!

Arkansas One did not have a business meeting in May.

The next campout will be in June at Greers Ferry, JFK Park, Heber Springs. If you are planning to go to Greers Ferry in June, you will need to make reservations at www.Recreation.gov. We will be in B section. It looks like we are going to have a good group in attendance.

At our June Campout the 17th-20th, (notice the date change to week days!) Linda and James Niblett will be our hosts at their favorite camping spot. Linda said they are fixing fish, fried potatoes, and beans for one meal...bring desserts. Other meals, she said we can decide when we get there. She also told me that she had some fun places to take the girls. I forgot to ask James what fishing tackle to bring, but I think we discussed spin cast earlier for trout.

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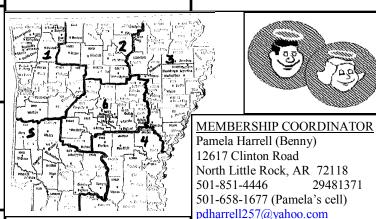
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REMEMBER THE NEWSLETTER DEADLINE ON THE 25TH OF EACH

ROUGH & READY SAMS

Our chapter camp out turned out to be a "camp in". It rained all week and still has not stopped. We did enjoy the visiting and especially enjoyed being joined at Salty Oyster by Leon and Betty Rose. What a wonderful couple. Going home Ray and Claudia had multiple problems from a blow out on their motorhome. We hope they get their RV back to perfect soon. We sure enjoyed the time with them and Mary Lou & John Mahurin and Ray & Norma Williford. Even if Claudia never was able to catch a fish (too much rain).









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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

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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.