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

Area 5 Friendship Campout
March 16 -- leaving on 19, 2016.
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This is a new park with a beautiful club house and outside meeting area. Campers should make their own reservations. Just call the park at phone number [903-306-1364](tel:903-306-1364) and tell them you're part of the Area 5 Friendship Campout. The rate (full hookups) is \$21.65 plus sales tax per night of camping for our Friendship. More information will be available later. Lots of fun and surprises are to be expected. **THINK GREEN.**

Ruth Ann Hairston ASD [870-703-0175](tel:870-703-0175)

Attention Veteran Sams chapter:

Please plan to attend Area 5 Friendship in Texarkana March 16-19 at Texarkana RV Park, 5000 Highway 59 S, Texarkana, TX. Phone [903-306-1364](tel:903-306-1364), \$21.55/night+tax. When you call the RV park for reservations, be sure to tell them you're part of Area 5 Friendship.

Our chapter is part of Area 5 so I encourage all veterans to participate. This will be a great opportunity for fellowship and fun. See you there.

President Gene Hicklin, phone 501-672-6845.

The text is framed by a decorative border of yellow smiley face emojis holding small American flags.





**2016
Area 3 Friendship**

The Area 3 Friendship will be held August 2-5 at Mt. View RV Park, Mt. View AR. Phone [870-269-3758](tel:870-269-3758). The dates have been changed due to a scheduling conflict.

Christmas, here and gone. If everyone enjoyed the "MERRY CHRISTMAS" as much as us, it had to be wonderful. We are so blessed by having family and friends; but, most of all, knowing the real reason for the season...the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Time to turn the page, go into the New Year. So looking forward to seeing everyone. Working toward our first Rally!! Can't wait to get really into it.

Here's wishing all of you a great New Year and many blessings.

Bill and Dee

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given... And his name shall be called WONDERFUL, counsellor, THE ALMIGHTY GOD, the everlasting father... THE PRINCE OF PEACE. Isaiah 9:6

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

We could not find another RV Park that could handle 50 + rigs. So we will be at **River Park North Little Rock** again next year. You will call the park instead of me. That way Sheila will make sure you get the spot that you need to be in. We had a lot of conflict on the dates. It is a first call basis; the one who calls first gets the best spot. That includes the river. The ones that want a River site need to call and make their reservations. The phone number is [501-340-5312](tel:501-340-5312). We are starting to plan it now. Hope to see everyone there.

The menu has not been set, neither has the events.

Girtie VanHoveln
Area 6 ASD

AREA 1 2016 FRIENDSHIP CAMPOUT
SEPTEMBER 22-25 (note date change)

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



**Paulette's
Palette**

Well, the brief snow we had in Britt, IA in October that felt welcoming has been surpassed by the last snow being 12" plus. Now we feel like winter has included us in it's circle!!

I have received rosters from almost all chapters by now. And appreciate your getting these to me. The final information needed from 2015 would be volunteer hours, miles, and monies expended by your chapter members. So, if you're a chapter secretary, please encourage your members to get these to you so you, in turn, can get them to me for compilation and submission to Bill Nery/Don Woodard. These figures are so important to our Arkansas Good Sammers and makes a difference in the monetary support Arkansas receives from national. And, your participation in volunteer projects and causes is very much appreciated. I have received several chapter totals; thank you.

Newsletter articles from your chapters are telling me that this is the time you're filling your calendars with campouts for the coming year. Support is important for the Arkansas Friendship Campouts. If you are an ASD or officer/wagonmaster, please encourage your chapter members to visit around the state and make new friends, enjoy the old, and gain new knowledge about locations. Neighboring is important and Good Sammers certainly know how to do that!

The Registration Form for the April Rally is on the back of this newsletter. Send your form and fees to Melinda Wiggs, our State Registrar, as soon as possible. Her address is on the form.

I want to again remind everyone that you will always be able to reach me by phone: Paulette 479-644-7461 or Arnie 644-6492.

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

Deadline each month is the 25th.

If you run into any problems or anything you're not sure of, just let me know. I'll be glad to help in any way I can.

Paulette

A WORD FROM ROGER:

We are looking forward to a great year in 2016. I have included the 2016 Park Host Schedule in this newsletter. Please check your scheduled dates to see if they will work into your schedule. I have tried to give each park host the same dates as in the past years with a few changes as per the host's request. Please notify me as soon as possible if you can't make the dates fit into your schedule. If you have agreed to the dates but something happens that you can't park host as scheduled, please let me know as quickly as possible so that I can get someone to fill in for you.

We are looking forward to a great year of park hosting. We all know Arkansas has some of the best state parks in the United States and our volunteering to park host helps our park system improve even more.

Once again we look forward to visiting with all the Park Hosts at our Arkansas Rally in April. See you there.

Roger Robbins
Arkansas Good Sams Park Host Coordinator
amroadrider@yahoo.com
901-485-2030

DERRICK CITY SAMS

Derrick City Sams met at Kozy Kitchen on December 4th. Vice President Vivian Langheld called meeting to order. Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Roll call showed 11 rigs present.

Under Old Business members voted on donations to charities: Operation Christmas Child, Hannah Pregnancy Center, Agape House, John R Williams Hospice, Dogs for the Deaf & National Parkinson Foundation and included a donation to Memorial Fund for Carey Hartsfield Fund for his boys.

Installation of Officers for 2016 was conducted by Don Traylor: President: Marilyn Hartsfield; Vice President: Vivian Langheld; Treasurer/Secretary: Vona Smith; Wagonmaster: Robbie Williams; Sunshine Lady: Linda Taweel.

Wagonmaster Bennie Langheld gave a copy of the 2016 campouts to everyone present. Next "camping meeting" will be at "What's Cooking," 113 Adams St, Camden, AR. Bennie turned Wagonmaster over to Robbie Williams to call "What's Cooking" for our next meeting.

We shared several prayer concerns. Vivian asked everyone to turn in volunteer hours to Vona.

Meeting was adjourned. Closing prayer was by Lynn Fite.

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This year's Christmas Party was at Cheryl's Diner hosted by Bobby and Lisa Duckworth. We had 18 rigs and 34 people attending. We had a lot of food and good conversation with extended family. Lisa, Bobby and Tom & Girtie set up the tables. Beautiful decorations was given away after we ate. Would like to thank Bobby and Lisa for all the planning that went into the party. Also, would like to thank Cheryl's Diner for all the good food.

Bill Nery installed our officers for 2016: President, Richard Zelnick; Vice President, Duke Monroe; Secretary/Treasurer, Ginny Zelnick; and Wagon Master, Bob Lomax.

Charitable donations were voted on.

Bob Lomax gave a report for our 2016 Campouts. He needed someone to park host for March and one for the Christmas Party. Buzzy and Jeanette Duckworth will be hosting March. Tom and Girtie VanHoveln will be hosting the Christmas party. March's campout is at Sams Town in Tunica, MS. If you are going, please make your reservations the first of the year or as soon as you can. Still have to get with Cheryl's to make the plans for Christmas.

It has been a great year at all campouts. Hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and will have a safe and wonderful New Year. And, we hope to see everyone at next year's campouts.

Motion was made to adjourn.

BELLA VISTA TRAVELING SAMS

The Bella Vista Traveling Sams held their Christmas Dinner, Thursday, December 10 at the American Legion in Bella Vista. President Gary Reynolds welcomed guests Margie Saldin and Steve August. The hosts for the meeting were John and Arlene Farrell and Hank & Doris Otten.

The Legion served a wonderful turkey/ham dinner for the group. Duane Johnson installed the new officers for 2016: President, Gary Reynolds; Vice President, Rick Hittle; Secretary, Anne Mathis; Treasurer, Jan Horswell; Wagon Master, Don Cowell. President Reynolds thanked last year's officers, Vice President Duane Johnson, Treasurer Vic Johnson and appointed Secretary Margaret Hazzard for their support last year.

Each of the members brought new toys to be given to Toys for Tots and items for the Bella Vista Animal Shelter.

After the meeting the group enjoyed playing Christmas games and Duane Johnson led the group in singing Christmas carols.

The next meeting will be a pot luck at the home of Don & Joann Cowell on January 14.

ARKANSAS ONE

The December meeting and Christmas party of Arkansas One was held at the home of Rex and Katy Weaver in Hot Springs on Saturday, December 19. We enjoyed a holiday pot luck meal with turkey & dressing, mashed potatoes & gravy, ham, sweet potatoes, salad, greens, some yummy desserts and lots of good fellowship. Members attending were Kirk and Dolly Flanakin, Linda and James Niblett, Bud and Jean Wright, David and Brenda Miller, Girtie and Tom Vanhoveln, Don and Sharon Feltenberger, and Tim Choate. A special guest was former member Lola Pracht, who is 92 years old!

Our ASD Girtie Van Hoveln installed James as our new president at the beginning of the business meeting. We discussed campouts for 2016 with a goal of having most if not all of our campouts planned by the January meeting. James is planning on attending as many friendships as possible and is looking for others to join him. Linda and Katy reported on our Angel project.

The January meeting will be at the Niblett's on Saturday, January 16. Address 1411 Savall Circle, Jessieville, AR. *(Directions to the Niblett's: Hwy 7, north of Hot Springs to Hwy. 298, west on 298 for 6.3 miles to Savall Circle, turn left, go 1.8 miles to 1411. Look for their camper, James red truck and Linda's little red car on the left. If the pavement ends you've gone too far.)* James is fixing lunch for us...and he has a new pot he got for Christmas! So there will be at least 3 pots full of dumplin's, chili, and soup! Bring an appetizer, bread, or a dessert.

Girtie and Tom will be hosts in February.

SPA CITY SAMS

Our December, 2015 meeting was held at Smokin'-in-Style at 11:00. We all had a wonderful meal, great conversation, and much fun. We held our business meeting for December prior to having a full afternoon of fun and games with our Dirty Santa Gift Exchange Game. All in all, I think everyone ended up with some really great gifts.

During our Business Meeting, we had our Induction of new officers for 2016. Bill Nery presented our New Officers: President, Doug Tinkle; Vice President, Linda Dale; Wagonmaster, Don Dale; Treasurer, Kay Shearer; Secretary, Helen Tinkle. We all look forward to serving in the new year.



Don Dale our new Wagonmaster passed out our Campout Schedules for 2016. Be sure to call and make reservations.

The next Spa City Sams meeting will be a "Meet & Eat," January 21 at 11:00 am at World Buffet, 1200 Albert Pike Road, Hot Springs, AR. We hope to see everyone there. After our meal, we will hold our business meeting.

February 18, at 11:00 am at Jose's Mexican Grill & Cantina, 5361 Central Avenue, Hot Springs, AR. (Meet & Eat) then Business Meeting.

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

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

2016 Park Host—Bull Shoals

FROM	TO	Host
March 14	March 28	Roger and Linda Robbins
March 14	March 28	Don and Linda Dale
March 28	April 11	Merle and Helen Mennenga
March 28	April 11	Don and Joann Cowell
APRIL 14–APRIL 17 ARKANSAS SAMBOREE		
April 18	April 25	Connie and Mary Gerg
April 18	May 2	Bruce and Donita Balfour
April 25	May 9	Connie and Mary Gerg
May 2	May 16	Charles and Jo Ann Van Pelt
May 9	May 23	Duane and Joan Johnson
May 16	May 30	Charles and Melinda Wiggs
May 23	June 6	Franklin and Gladys Kirby
May 30	June 13	Raymond and Delois Staggs
June 6	June 20	Merle and Helen Mennenga
June 13	June 27	Bob and Peggy Lomax
June 20	July 4	Johnny and Ann Martin
June 27	July 11	Allen and Cleo Kaylor
July 4	July 18	Stewart and Risa Russell
July 11	July 25	James and Linda Niblett
July 18	Aug 1	
July 25	Aug 8	Doug and Helen Tinkle
Aug 1	Aug 15	Lawrence and JD Henley
Aug 8	Aug 22	
Aug 15	Aug 29	Levon and Inell Peace
Aug 22	Sept 5	Harry and Katie Ringler
Aug 29	Sept 12	Jerry and Linda Webb
Sept 5	Sept 19	Dennis and Peggy Card
Sept 12	Sept 26	Steve and Donna Brown
Sept 19	Oct 3	Charles and Kathy Hair
Sept 26	Oct 10	
Oct 3	Oct 17	Arnie and Paulette Smith
Oct 10	Oct 24	Duke and Barbara Monroe
Oct 17	Oct 31	Don and Joann Cowell
Oct 24	Oct 31	Duke and Barbara Monroe

THUNDERING SAMs

The Thundering Sams met at th Bear & Verna’s home for the Christmas Party. Several members brought many things to eat and snack on. Camaraderie and friendship were great, and everyone had a great time.

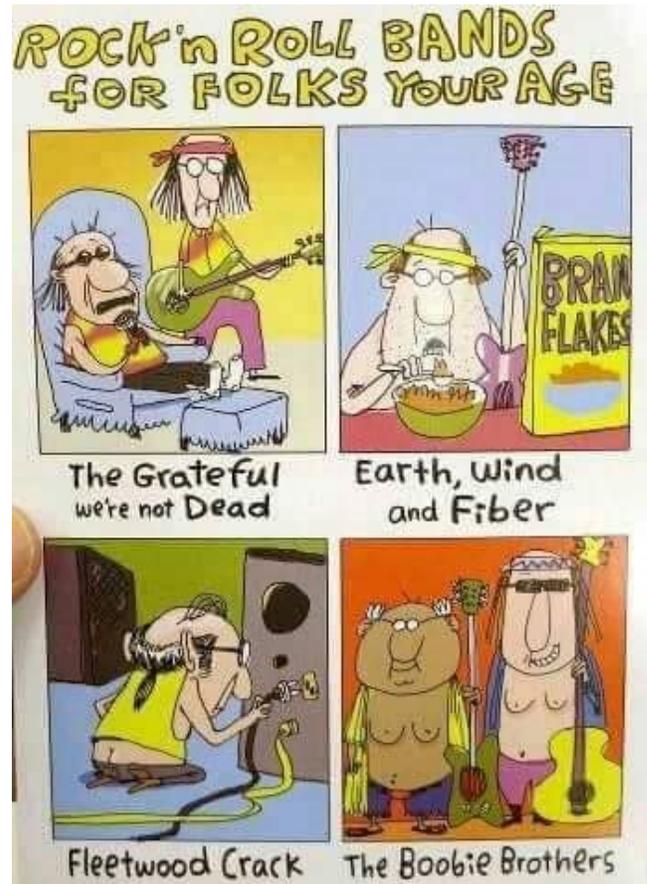
We will continue to pray for those with health problems and hope you have a better, great and healthy 2016.

The chapter meeting was called to order by President Doc Welborn at 6 PM. Doc also led the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call by Secretary Mooney noted 12 members’ rigs present. October meeting minutes were read by Secretary Mooney and were accepted as read as was the Treasurer’s Report.

John & Barbara Owen were voted in as the newest Thundering Sams members. All 2016-2017 officers were installed by outgoing President Doc Welborn.

Incoming President Gene Hicklin announced all officers will meet at his home to select possible 2016 campouts. A time and place for a Meet & Greet to be determined later will be called by Gene where the campouts for 2016 will be chosen.

A motion to adjourn was made, seconded, and passed; meeting was adjourned at 7:10 PM.





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BELLE POINT SAMS

Belle Point Sam Chapter members met at Merle’s Steak House in Alma, AR for the December Dinner/Meeting. State Directors Bill & Dee Nery joined us as guests.

Once everyone was settled we ordered our meal. The room got considerably quieter once everyone was eating! After the delicious meal we had our December meeting where the following were inducted as new members: Billy & Ruth Ann Petty, Jack & Kay French and Jerry & Eddie Scoggins. Bill Nery installed our 2016 Officers: President, Johnny Johnson; Vice-President, Allen Kaylor; Secretary/Treasurer, Ann Martin

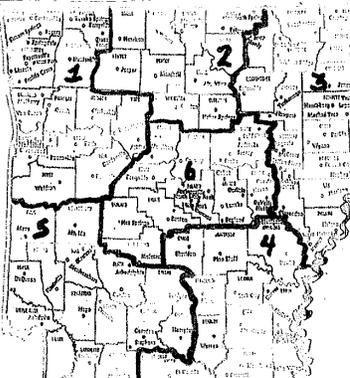
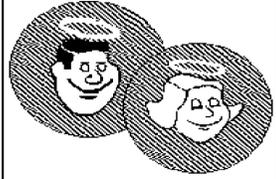
Judy King had an eventful experience burning her fall leaves this year. Our outgoing President got wind of it and managed to bring Judy up for the Fire Marshal award for 2015.

Friday morning starting at 8:00 am with friends/members showing up at the Fort Smith Convention Center to help prepare the Honor Wreaths for the National Cemetery for Wreaths across America. Some friends/members planned to come back Saturday and help place some of these wreaths on the gravesites at the National Cemetery. Afterwards most of us adjourned to Bricktown Brewery for lunch. Some of us had other plans and some were going on to participate in a couple of Christmas parades in the area.

Hope everyone had a very MERRY CHRISTMAS and has a HAPPY NEW YEAR!

**Safe Travels
Ann Martin, Secretary**

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PARKING: Early Bird Parking \$17.00 per night, payable when registering. You may arrive as early as 1:00 PM Sunday April 10, 2016. Come together, Park together. You will be parked by the State Wagon Master and his Staff. Prior to Sunday a Holding Area is available in front of the Fairgrounds Office.

All pets MUST be on a leash. No pets in buildings. PETS POOP - YOU SCOOP

Refunds will be made (minus \$10.00) OR full amount transferred to the next Arkansas RV Rally if requested 30 days in advance.

Pre-registration must be received by April 1, 2016

GAMES BEGIN ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13

First Name _____ Spouse's Name _____
Last Name _____

Street Address _____ City _____

State/Province _____ Zip/Postal Code _____

Home Phone _____ E-Mail _____

Good Sam Member Number _____ Expiration Date _____

If you are a member of an Arkansas Chapter, Chapter Name _____

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

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

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

Please refer to the appropriate RV Rally fee amounts:

1 Rig with 2 Adults, Pre-registered \$70.00 \$ _____

1 Rig with Single Adult \$60.00 \$ _____

Working Man's Special: Friday & Saturday \$50.00 \$ _____

Each Additional Adult \$10.00 \$ _____

If not Pre-registered, \$5.00 will be added \$ 5.00 \$ _____

Enter the total fees included with this pre-registration form: \$ _____

Make check payable to: Arkansas RV Rally and Mail form to:

Melinda Wiggs, Registrar

2501 Skyline Point, Jonesboro, AR 72404

Phone: 870-972-0951 Email: skyline2501@yahoo.com

By your signature, you understand and agree to abide by the terms and conditions indicated below:
"I/We the undersigned understand the Arkansas Good Sam Organization has taken reasonable and necessary safety precaution and I/We accept full responsibility for the welfare of my/our unit and all persons therein while attending the Arkansas RV Rally."

Signature _____

Date _____

The Arkansas Good Sams reserves the right to refuse registration and/or admission to anyone.