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A Note from the Park Host Coordinators, Bob and Peggy Lomax

We hope all of you have had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We have been busy with all the holiday activities as well as making the 2018 Park Host List. After receiving numerous requests and calling members, the 2018 Park Host List is complete. It appears that we will have a great year with many new park hosts. Those of you who are experienced, please welcome and train our new people. They are excited about working with you and the parks. If we can be of assistance, please call: Bob – 501-472-1107 or Peggy – 501-733-7293. Our email address is pqlomax@gmail.com. We look forward to working with each of you. If we have not met, please find us at the Rally so we can put a face with a name.

Scrapbook mania!!

Where's the "mania" you ask?

This year there's money involved for 1st and 2nd place scrapbook winners! And the scrapbooks will be judged against AR only.

They must be submitted for judging at the 2018 AR RV Rally and be labeled and on display by Thursday, April 12.

2018 PARK HOST LISTS ARE ANNOUNCED!

FROM THE DIRECTORS

A big "Hello" to everyone!! We pray that all of you had a great Merry Christmas and wish you a blessed New Year. Hope Santa was good to you!

It's been a very busy November & December with all the chapter Christmas parties and the rich food and plenty of sweets to go along with.

Now it's time to really get down to business with the plans for the 2018 AR State RV Rally. We've lots of new ideas, started work on the schedule, and are lining up new seminars. Don't miss out on the fun. The Rally registration is on the last page of this newsletter. If you haven't sent it in, "What are you waiting for?"

Lots of our chapter members and friends are in South Texas right now braving the cold. We also hope you stay warm and escape this crazy flu bug.

We end 2017 by signing off short and sweet. See ya next year!

Bill and Dee

We have received the greatest gift to mankind...

Jesus.

AREA 1

Bella Vista Traveling Sams—Bella Vista

Belle Point Sams—Ft Smith

Jolly Rogers Sams—Rogers

Twenty eight members and guests attended the *Bella Vista Traveling Sams* monthly meeting November 9th at Rhythm & Q in Bella Vista. The members welcomed new members Eddie & Cheryl Ellis, Cliff & Sharon Shelder and Arnie & Paulette Smith.

Thirty members and guests of the *Bella Vista Traveling Sams* held their annual Christmas dinner Monday, December 11, 2017 at the American Legion in Bella Vista. President Virginia Reynolds called the meeting to order. Treasurer Charlotte Sorenson reported. Wagon Master Don Cowell listed some of the campouts for next year.

After a delicious turkey dinner, Area 1 ASD Joann Cowell installed the new officers for 2018:. President Virginia Reynolds, Vice President Michelle Hittle, Secretary Gail Winsor (not present), Treasurer Charlotte Sorenson and Wagon Master Don Cowell. President Reynolds thanked the 2017 officers.

The December service project this year is the Bella Vista Animal Shelter. Bob and Margaret Hazzard collected the items and delivered them to the animal shelter.

Don Cowell led in a devotion on gifts to give at this time of the year. To close the meeting, Duane Johnson led the group in singing "We Wish You a Merry Christmas."

On Tuesday, November14 the *Belle Point Sam* campout/meeting was held at Tulsa RV Ranch. Once our meeting was concluded and 50/50 winner proclaimed, we headed to our rigs to retrieve our Pot-Luck contribution for the evening meal.

On Wednesday morning we had leftover biscuits & sausage gravy. Afterwards some members caravanned to Gilcrease Museum where we did a self-tour of the museum.
Upon completion of our museum tour we caravanned to Fish Daddy Restaurant for lunch. We ordered off the menu, and everyone enjoyed their meals saying everything was delicious and the service was top notch. We caravanned back to our Rigs for naps and whatever. On Thursday we caravanned to Mamadou's Bar & Grill Restaurant where we ordered off the menu and had a delicious meal. Friday we packed up and left for home.

Paulette's Palette

It's 5:00 AM on New Year's Day; our thermometer reads minus 21 degrees. We have about 4" of snow on the ground. And you know, that OK; we're warm and don't need to get out in it for now!! One of the joys of being retired!

First of all I want to thank our State Treasurer for the great job she's doing for AR Good Sams! And, thank you, all the chapters who sent dues and rosters in to her. Bob is undergoing some serious health problems right now, and you gave her some much-needed help by getting things done. I know she appreciates you.

With Peggy's help I am now working on the AR State roster of members. In this issue of the newsletter you'll find a list of chapter Presidents including phone numbers and email addresses. I hope this will benefit each chapter making it easier to make arrangements to interact with each other and enjoy joint campouts, meals, etc. Good Sams is about helping each other. Not necessarily aid, but sharing of experiences! REMEMBER!

To the right of this column are directions for adding a "bookmark" to the home screen on your smartphone and tablet. With one touch you will be able to access the arkansasgoodsams.org website. You'll have State Staff and chapter officer information at your fingertips as well. You'll then be able to easily read each issue of the newsletter as soon as it's published. You can do this for iPhones and Android phones. We hope this is a step up in the tech world for us "old folks!"

Our Park Host coordinator Bob Lomax has an article on the front page and the park hosting schedules are within this newsletter. Thanks to all who participate in this one-of-a-kind program benefitting all park visitors. Arkansas can be proud of this service!

Our address for snail mail is PO Box 54, Britt, IA 50423. Email is redhead.smith2002@gmail.com. You can also call me at 479-644-7461.

ATTENTION SMARTPHONE AND TABLET USERS:

Add a one-tap shortcut to your favorite website. The process is super simple. Here's how it works.

For iPhone users —
Open up Safari and load a website. At the bottom of the screen you'll see an icon depicting an arrow that looks like it's trying to get away from a square. It represents tapping a button to perform an action; so tap this button.

If you managed to tap that button successfully, you'll have a few options. The one you want to tap is "Add to home screen." So do that. You'll be asked to choose a name for the homescreen icon. Pick a good one and save it. When you're done it will show up on your home screen and you'll never have to type in that stupid URL, ever again!

For Android users —
On your smartphone, use Chrome to open the ARGS website. Click on the 3 dots in the upper right corner of the website screen. This will open a drop-down menu. Select "add to home screen," give the app a name you like (ARGS?), save; and, voila, there is the app on your phone home screen. One touch of this app takes you immediately to the ARGS website where you can easily access information you're looking for (phone numbers, names, dates, etc.).

On your tablet, open the AR Good Sam website. Click on the 3 dots in the upper right corner of the website screen. This will open a drop down menu. Select "more tools, add to desk top." Again, you will be asked to give your new app a name (ARGS?), then select "add." You now have instant access to the AR Good Sam website on your tablet.

I believe plans are in the works to have help available during the April Rally to put these shortcuts on your device.

(Feel free to call me at 479-644-7461 if you have trouble or questions now. I'll be glad to try to help.)

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AREA 1 (continued)

Belle Point Sam chapter members & guests attended the December 13 Dinner/Meeting at Logan's Roadhouse Restaurant. We visited for a while and passed out Christmas cards/gifts. Once everyone was there and some members and guests had turned in their menu selection, Phyllis gave the grace and the staff started bringing out drinks, fresh rolls, salads and eventually entree's. As we started eating the noise level definitely dropped. Everyone seemed to enjoy their meal; I don't think anyone went away hungry and several even got to-go boxes.

Eventually the Chapter President got everyone's attention and called our meeting to order. There was the usual meeting stuff, installation of 2018 Officers by Area 1 ASD Joann Cowell and the 50/50 winner was proclaimed.

Jack & Kay French, Johnny & Ann Martin, Richard & Modena Carkhuff and Don & Iris Schroeder gathered at the Fort Smith Convention Center Friday morning December 15 to fluff the Honor Wreaths to be laid at the National Cemetery on Saturday.
Note: Any pictures taken are posted on our Facebook page.
Safe Travels, Ann Martin, Secretary

Jolly Rogers Sams

AREA 2

Arkansas Roadrunners — Harrison
Sugar Loaf Sams — Greers Ferry

The Arkansas Roadrunners met at Jamie's Restaurant in Harrison on November 6. Man what a feed; the portions were so big my eyes popped out of my head when I saw my plate and it was DELICIOUS. All our members were in attendance, plus we had two guests.
We decided to keep our Camping Schedule the same as last year by attending Area Friendships. Don't forget to get your Rally Registration in to Melinda Wiggs. April will be here before you know it.
The Roadrunners had not had a meeting for a while. Things just kept happening. Our President lost her husband, Merle, on Sept.29. It was a very sad time.
We decided to have our Christmas Party at Western Sizzlin' in Harrison on Dec. 4 at 11:30 A.M. Hope all can attend; we look forward to seeing you.
Well until next time, Happy Trails & Safe travels to all. Mary Gerg

Sugar Loaf Sams

AREA 3

North East Arkansas Travelers —
Delta Sams — W. Memphis *TAM Sams —*

The North East Arkansas Travelers N.E.A.T.

Delta Sams

TAM Sams

MELON CITY OCTOBER CAMPOUT

AREA 4

Big Pine Sams — Crosset
Dorcheat Sams — Magnolia
Rough & Ready Sams — Monticello
Derrick City Sams — El Dorado
Good Sam Mallards — Stuttgart
Second Chance Sams —

Big Pine Sams

Dorcheat Sams

Derrick City Sams met at Moro Bay State Park on November 01 and was our last campout for the year. This is a newly remodeled park with full hooks and is very nice. The trees were turning colors and there were lots of deer running through the park.

Vice President Jack Godwin called meeting to order. We had 8 rigs on the ground with 13 members present. It was a good campout with a fire every evening. Thanks to Jack & Joy Godwin for the fire pit. Bennie Langheld put his Mississippi Mud Pipe in the fire that put off a glow of many different colors. There were lots of deer hunting stories told!

We had several home cooked meals during the campout. Thanks were given to Tommy & Vona Smith for camp hosting. Our next "camp-in" will be Dec 01 at Buffet Palace in El Dorado.

Vona Smith, Reporter

Good Sam Mallards

Rough & Ready Sams

Second Chance Sams

AREA 5

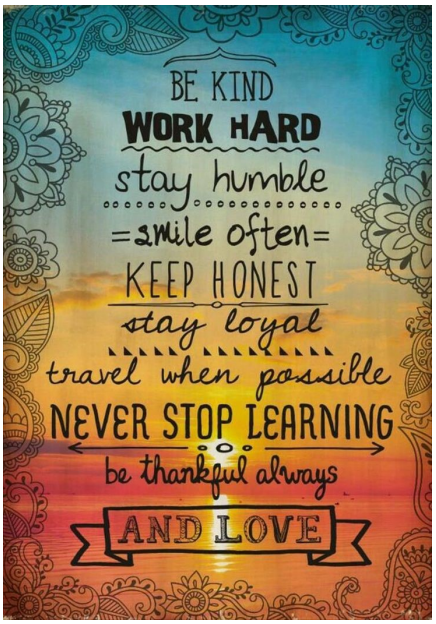
Arkansas Veterans Sams
Ouachita Ramblin' Sams — Camden
Melon City Sams — Hope
Queen Wilhelmina Sams — Mena

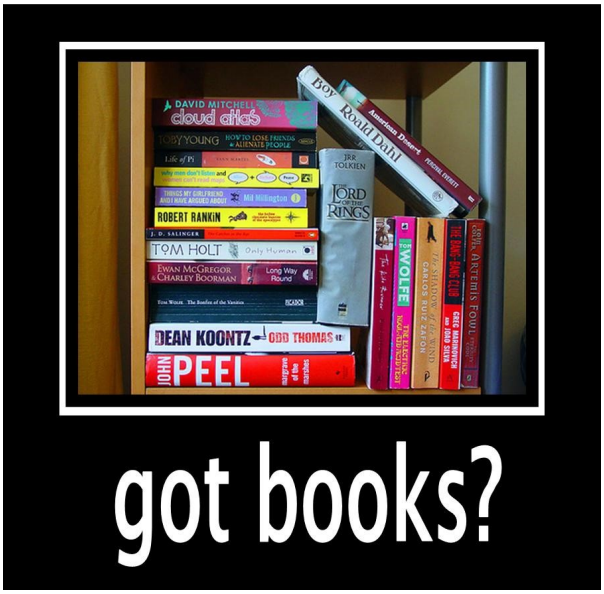
Melon City Sams had a successful October campout despite cold and windy conditions (but, thankfully, mostly sunny days). A burn ban was in effect, so the blue canopy came in handy, especially after the guys closed it in with tarps and visqueen; and Dale generously provided a heater that was almost as good as a real campfire!

Millwood State Park is beautiful and their staff in the office and at the marina are super friendly and helpful - the potluck they hosted Saturday gave us the opportunity to connect with some old friends and make new ones as well. The Two Rivers Museum in Ashdown was interesting, and we enjoyed eating chili and soup there Thursday afternoon. Our potluck meal at camp Friday night and dinner Saturday night at the Fish Bowl were great, and the men tried some new places for breakfast. And, of course, we played cards and Bingo and just plain enjoyed visiting with one another! Thanks everyone for helping to make our campout a success. (see pictures on page 5)

2018 Petit Jean Park Host 1/1/18		
FROM	**TO**	**Host**
March 12	March 26	David and Brenda Miller
March 12	March 26	Alan and Cleo Kaylor
March 26	April 9	Duke and Barbara Monroe
March 26	April 19	John and Phyllis Prell
APRIL 13–APRIL 16 ARKANSAS SAMBOREE		
April 16	April 23	Orlan and Mollie Abernathy
April 16	April 30	C W and Betty Hinton
April 23	May 7	Orlan and Millie Abernathy
April 30	May 14	Ty and Mary Tyson
May 7	May 21	Jim and Jennie Mauldin
May 14	May 28	Ed Jette and Donna Aldrich
May 21	June 4	Johnny and Ann Martin
May 28	June 11	Elton and Virginia Robbins
June 4	June 18	Lawrence and JD Henley
June 12	June 25	Duke and Barbara Monroe
June 18	July 2	Ray and Norma Williford
June 25	July 9	Carl and Rosemary Underwood
July 2	July 16	James and Ruth Ann Harriston
July 9	July 23	Wingo and Pat Johnson
July 16	July 30	Tom and Shirley Blackwell
July 23	Aug 6	Leonard and Lena Coker
July 30	Aug 13	Bob and Lisa Duckworth
Aug 6	Aug 20	David and Lenora Murray
Aug 13	Aug 27	Joe and Bonnie Galewski
Aug 20	Sept 3	Don and Iris Schroeder
Aug 27	Sept 10	James and Ruth Ann Harriston
Sept 3	Sept 17	David and Deborah Blees
Sept 10	Sept 24	Don and Linda Dale
Sept 17	Oct 1	Roger and Linda Robbins
Sept 24	Oct 8	Joe and Brenda Shoemaker
Oct 1	Oct 15	Bob and Peggy Lomax
Oct 8	Oct 22	James and Linda Niblett
Oct 15	Oct 29	Charles and Kay Shearer
Oct 22	Oct 29	James and Linda Niblett

2018 Lake Catherine Park Host List 1/1/18		
FROM	**TO**	**Host**
March 12	March 26	G W and Anna Sanders
March 12	March 26	Bob and Sue Whitley
March 26	April 9	David and Brenda Miller
March 26	April 9	Bill and Joy Chatham
APRIL 13–APRIL 16 ARKANSAS SAMBOREE		
April 16	April 23	Steve and Donna Brown
April 16	April 30	Ed and Cindy Cones
April 23	May 7	Robert and Nancy Welborne
April 30	May 14	Wingo and Pat Johnson
May 7	May 21	John Moore- Linda Messina
May 14 May 21	May 21 May 28	Bill and Dee Nery John Moore – Linda Messina
May 21	June 4	James and Ruth Ann Harriston
May 28	June 11	Tom and Girtie Vanholven
June 4	June 18	Bob and Sue Whitley
June 11	June 25	Dennis and Peggy Card
June 18	July 2	Gary and Virginia Reynolds
June 25	July 9	Jim and Sandy Fryar
July 2	July 16	Morris and Mary McKinnon
July 9	July 23	Bobby and Judy Garrett
July 16	July 30	A W and Jolly Martin
July 23	Aug. 6	Buzz Goodwin and Betsy Smith
July 30	Aug 13	Manny and Fran Werfleman
Aug 6	Aug 20	James and Linda Niblett
Aug 13	Aug 27	John and Pat Kincannon
Aug 20	Sept 3	Elton and Virginia Robbins
Aug 27	Sept 10	Bob and Peggy Lomax
Sept 3	Sept 17	Bob and Peggy Bundy
Sept 10	Sept 24	Wingo and Pat Johnson
Sept 17	Oct 1	Tommy and Vona Smith
Sept 24	Oct 8	Gene and Surita Hicklin
Oct 1	Oct 15	Gary and Denise Cameron
Oct 8	Oct 22	Tom and Shirley Blackwell
Oct 15	Oct 29	Roger and Linda Robbins
Oct 22	Oct 29	Tom and Shirley Blackwell





2018 Bull Shoals Park Host List 1/1/18		
FROM	**TO**	**Host**
March 12	March 26	Don and Linda Dale
March 12	March 26	Bob and Peggy Bundy
March 26	April 9	Tommy and Phyllis Clark
March 26	April 9	Frank and Gladys Kirby
APRIL 12–APRIL 15 ARKANSAS SAMBOREE		
April 16	April 23	Connie and Mary Gerg
April 16	April 30	Bob and Peggy Lomax
April 23	May 7	Connie and Mary Gerg
April 30	May 14	Jerry and Eddie Scroggins
May 7	May 21	Frankie and JoEllen Bacon
May 14	May 28	Charles and Melinda Wiggs
May 21	June 4	Franklin and Gladys Kirby
May 28	June 11	Raymond and Delois Staggs
June 4	June 18	Charles and JoAnn Vanpelt
June 11	June 25	Jim and Lynae Doody
June 18	July 2	Johnny and Ann Martin
June 25	July 9	David and Judith Winchell
July 2	July 16	Stewart and Risa Russell
July 9	July 23	James and Linda Niblett
July 16	July 30	Don and Iris Schroeder
July 23	Aug 6	Doug and Helen Tinkle
July 30	Aug 13	Lawrence and J D Henley
Aug 6	Aug 20	Don and JoAnn Cowell
Aug 13	Aug 27	Carl and Rosemary Underwood
Aug 20	Sept 3	Richard and Michell Hittle
Aug 27	Sept 10	John and Phyllis Prell
Sept 3	Sept 17	Dennis and Peggy Card
Sept 10	Sept 24	Steve and Donna Brown
Sept 17	Oct 1	Bob and Peggy Bundy
Sept 24	Oct 8	Raymond and Delois Staggs
Oct 1	Oct 15	Levon and Inell Pease
Oct 8	Oct 22	Duke and Barbara Monroe
Oct 15	Oct 29	Gene and Surita Hicklin
Oct 22	Oct 29	Duke and Barbara Monroe

AREA 6

Arkansas One — Central | La Petite Roche — Little Rock
River Valley Sams — Russellville | Rock City Sams — Little Rock
Spa City Sams —Hot Springs | Thundering Sams — Benton | Whispering Pines Travelers — Jacksonville

Arkansas One camped with members of other chapters at the Area 6 Friendship campout at Pecan Grove RV Park at Lake Village in September. Other chapters camping included Belle Point Sams, Whispering Pines, Thundering Sams, Second Chance, La Petite Roche and Dorcheat Sams. There were 25 rigs in all.

Arkansas One had a business meeting on Thursday with guests Connie and Peggy Eppinette and Bill Nery. The next campout will be at Lake Catherine for clean-up in November. The Christmas party will be at the Weaver's in December. A collection for Toys for Tots will be taken up. Volunteer hours need to be turned in at the end of December so they can be reported to our ASD. The 2017 total should include hours, miles and money. Thank you, Girtie, for the notes and minutes.

La Petite Roche met at Golden Corral on December 19. Tom VanHoveln called the meeting to order. After the meal the 2018 officers were announced:
The last officers where: President—Tom VanHoveln
V. President—?
Secretary /Treasurer--Girtie VanHoveln

Six rigs and 3 visitors were present for this meeting. Tom Anderson was made an Honorary Life member. We discussed making a few others honorary members, also.

We voted on giving to Fish Net Ministry for this year's charity and decided to do a 50/50 to help with our Charity projects for next year. Pam will try to find a project for the chapter to do such as blankets for Children's Hospital or a Nursing Home/Care Center.

A discussion was opened regarding camping frequency but that was tabled until the next meeting in April at The Rally.

River Valley Sams

Rock City Sams

AREA 6 (continued)

On Thursday, December 7, 2017 the *Spa City Sams* met at Smokin' in Style BBQ in Hot Springs for their annual Christmas lunch and party. Bill and Dee Nery were able to join us. Our Guest of Honor was Cody Sievers, Doug & Helen Tinkle's grandson who recently suffered a brain bleed. It was good to see everyone who came and, especially, Cody who we'd all been praying for. After we ate a great lunch, we had a short meeting, installed the new officers, learned where we'll be camping next year from our new Wagonmaster, Charles (and Kay) Shearer, and then had a "dirty Santa" gift exchange. There were some great gifts and some silly ones as always.

Our officers for 2018 are: President, Jim Fryar; Vice President, Colleen Lund; Treasurer, Bill Chatham; Wagonmaster, Charles Shearer; and Secretary, Joy Chatham.

This is the final gathering of the Spa City Sams Chapter for 2017. It's been a great year with lots of fun adventures.

Merry Christmas everyone!!! Happy New Year! Be safe.

The October 24-27 *Thundering Sams* campout happened at Treasure Lake in Branson. Four member rigs attended and reported having a wonderful time touring the sights, indulging in a wiener roast, visiting Branson sites, and fellowshipping. The highlight of the campout was Pete and Marty Karczmarczyk returning for a visit after moving to Iowa. During the same time period, two additional Thundering Sammers met at White River State Park in Bull Shoals while Gene and SuRita Hicklin were hosting there. They enjoyed visiting with friends they had not seen in quite a while, dutch oven cooking, catching trout, and playing cards.

November 9 seven member rigs met at Benihanas Japanese Grill in North Little Rock for a meet and eat. As always, the food and entertainment was excellent, but it was pricey. The real highlight was that Mary Jewel Atkins, who is undergoing chemo, was able to join us.

Our December 7 meeting was a pot luck, finger food Christmas party. Each person brought a gender appropriate $10-$15 gift to exchange.

We are saddened to report that long time chapter member Bob Whitley has inoperable cancer and is presently recovering in a rehabilitation facility.

2018 AR Friendship Campout Schedule

Area 1	Sep 20-23, 2018 Cedar Oaks RV Park Grove, OK (918) 786-4303
Area 2	Sep 2018
Area 3	Aug 2018
Area 4	May 2018
Area 5	March 21-24, 2018 Cloud 9 RV Park Hot Springs, AR (501-262-1996)
Area 6	Sep 11-14, 2018 Texarkana RV Park Texarkana, AR (903-306-1364)

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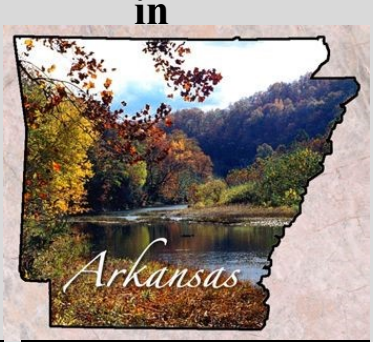

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AREA 6 (continued)

The Whispering Pines Travelers chapter members met at Lake Ft Smith SP for their November campout; seven rigs were represented.

Thursday found us shopping in the A-Z Gifts Outlet in Alma. If you have not been there, it is a great place to purchase discounted Christmas decorations and gifts. Afterwards, we fortified ourselves with a trip to the Calico Country Café in Fort Smith where we consumed turkey and dressing, chicken livers, country fried steaks and all the trimmings. Cinnamon rolls were served while we waited for our main course. We left ready to visit the Pinta and Nina which were docked at the river in Fort Smith. Pictures were taken while we stood on the bluff looking down on the ships.

Friday, a tour of the Ft Smith Museum of History was very informative and well worth the visit. Several stayed back at the park to enjoy the scenery in this beautiful place. A view of the lake is seen through the windows of our rigs. The area behind the visitor's center is a must because the view is breathtaking. A couple of us ate lunch at Grandma's Café in Winslow. This is a true experience of home cooking. The pies were amazing. The prices are very economical considering that included a buffet with those pies plus cobbler and ice cream. We recommend this to anyone visiting in the area. The staff was welcoming and friendly. Bob decided we needed to visit Devil's Den State Park since we were in the area, so after traveling on a very crooked road, we arrived at the park. Anyone who has ever ridden with Bob understands what an interesting side trip that was! Arriving back at the park, we decided that after the meal at Grandma's, we couldn't possibly eat hot dogs. So, after resting, we congregated at the Mauldin's rig for a game of 31 (won by Jeff Wann) followed by our chapter meeting.

Saturday morning, we met to go back to Grandma's for a breakfast buffet of pancakes, eggs, bacon, sausage, ham, fried potatoes, biscuits (to die for), cream gravy and chocolate gravy. After eating way too much, the Lomaxes and Wanns visited a craft store with a native museum. The guys were going to fish, but the temperature was rather chilly and the wind was blowing with strong gusts. After an afternoon of resting and visiting, we met at the Wann's rig for a Thanksgiving dinner of ham, potato salad, baked beans, smoke mac and cheese, mashed potatoes, green beans, and dessert. We played cards and visited afterwards.

Sunday morning was another day of travel. Some left early, and some decided to enjoy another day of this beautiful park. Thus ended the campouts for 2017. Thank you to all the wonderful hosts we have had this year. It has been amazing. We are looking forward to another great year in 2018.

2018 SOUTH REGION SCHEDULE

Texas (School Colors)	**March 29-April 1, 2018**
Louisiana (What to do with the Chicken After You Catch It!)	**April 5-8, 2018**
Arkansas (On the Border)	**April 12-15, 2018**
Missouri (Lights, camera, action)	**Sept 27-30, 2018**
Kansas (Wish Upon A Star)	**Oct 4-7, 2018**
Oklahoma (Halloween Spooktacular)	**October 11-14, 2018**

Leading Manufacturer Designs Electric RV Window Operator

Muncy Corporation announced their new groundbreaking product called *SideWinder.* Located in Springfield,Ohio,Muncy Corporation is established as a leader in the design and manufacture of window regulators, modules and door assemblies for heavy truck and specialty equipment. The company has now expanded their designs to include the patented *SideWinder* for the RV enthusiasts who want to enhance their home away from home experience.

SideWinder is an electric powered operator for crank out windows used in the RV, Marine, Truck, and Utility Trailer market. It utilizes a vehicles 12 volt battery or an optional battery pack to operate. Its unique design includes built in safe and easy to use features. The design eliminates difficult hand cranking and hard to reach locations and is especially beneficial to those who have physical challenges. Muncy custom designs for the customer's application in various sizes and *SideWinder* installs easily on most OEM windows.

Muncy Corporation is the OEM window regulator industry leader for over 70 years and its products are American made. It was noted in RV Business Magazine of May-June 2016, "How has no one thought of that before?" For those interested in more information on *SideWinder* and Muncy Corp., you can go to www.muncycorp.com.

Check the ad on arkansasgoodsams.org website for more information.

2018 AR Good Sams Chapter Camping Schedules

(To interact with a chapter, call the President; CONTACT information is on page 4.
We encourage chapter camping interaction. **Try it! You'll like it!**)

Bella Vista Traveling Sams:

Thursday, January 11	Acropolis in Bentonville, 11:30 a.m.
Friday, February 9	Golden Corral, Rogers 9:00 a.m. meeting w/Jolly Rogers
Thursday, March 8	Golden Corral, Rogers, 3:45 p.m.
April 12 – 15	Annual AR Good Sams Rally – Texarkana, Arkansas
May 9 – 12	Roaring River State Park in Missouri
June 14–17	Withrow Springs State Park near Huntsville

Spa City Sams:

January 18	Mr Whiskers in Hot Springs, 11:00 a.m.
February 15	El Padrino, 4640 Hwy 7, Hot Springs Village, 11:00 a.m.
March 12-16	Lake Ouachita State Park Area A
April 10-15	Arkansas Good Sams RV Rally, Texarkana, AR
May 11-20	Treasure Lake RV Resort, Branson, MO
June, July and August campouts are undetermined	
Sept 22-29, Mill	Creek Ranch Resort, Canton, TX, for First Monday Trade Days
October 15-19	Lake Catherine State Park
November 15	World Buffet, Hot Springs
December 6	Smokin in Style, Hot Springs

Melon City Sams

January	Out to eat
February 8-11	Jefferson TX Mardi Gras, Marshall RV park, Hosts: the Smiths
March 21-24	Area 5 Friendship, Cloud Nine RV Park
April 11-15	Arkansas Good Sams RV Rally, Texarkana
May 31-June 3	Lake Catherine State Park, Hosts: the Hairstons
June	Hosts: the Arledges
July 12-15	Texarkana RV Park, Host: Jim Cagle
August	Host: B. Wylies
September	open
Oct 3-7	Crater of Diamonds RV Park, Hostess: Julie Imler
November	Hosts: the Livelys
December	Hosts: the Stovalls

Northeast AR Travelers (NEAT)

April	-	Rally at Texarkana
May	-	Dam Quarry?
June	-	Mt. View RV Park
July	-	Denton Ferry
August-		Area Friendship-Cloud 9
September-		Batesville
October-		Lake Charles
November-		Davidsonville

Arkansas One:

January	Linda & James Niblett's home, Jessieville
February	Phyllis & Tommy Clark's home, Jones Mill
March(last week)	Gulf Shores/Gulf Coast, Hosts: VanHoveln. (Then to LA Rally, Rayne)
April	Arkansas Rally
May	Area 4 Friendship, Pecan Grove, Lake Village
June	tba
July	(Area 3, Cloud Nine Hot Springs)
August	Lake Catherine, Linda & James, park hosts
September	Area 6 Friendship, Texarkana
October	??
November	Lake Catherine, work week

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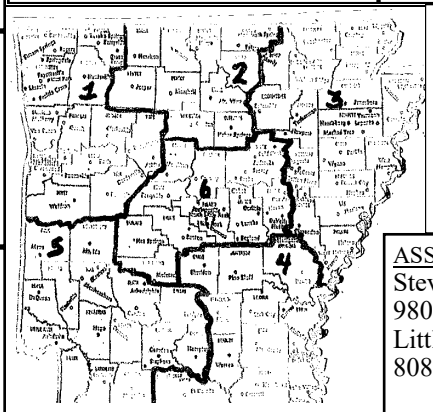

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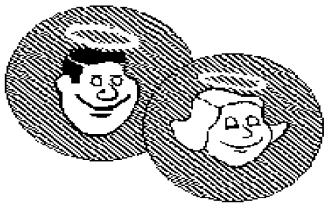

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Refunds will be made (minus $10.00) OR full amount transferred to the next Arkansas RV Rally if requested 30 days in advance.

Pre-registration must be received by April 1, 2018 **GAMES BEGIN ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11**

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: $ _____
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Your cancelled check will serve as your receipt - no confirmation will be sent.

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.