

"As a member of Good Sam Club, I pledge to give aid to others, respect nature and the environment, give back to the community and those less fortunate, treat others with dignity and respect and wear a smile (like Good Sam and Good Samantha's) and promote the pledge of the Good Sam Club to others."

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The Veterans Chapter will be prize runners at this year's RV Rally; be sure you have your running shoes in tow!

President Gene Hicklin, phone 501-672-6845.

Area 5 Friendship March 21-24, 2018

Cloud Nine RV Park, 501-262-1996



Theme: "Home On the Roam" (Western theme)

Wednesday Meet, greet and out to eat.

Thursday Breakfast furnished, Games,

afternoon Rodeo Olympics (come ready to team-up and laugh), BBO sandwich supper.

Friday Breakfast furnished, games, afternoon Chinese

Auction, and regular auction.

Supper catered, Bubba's Catfish, \$10/person.

Saturday Hugs and see you later.

Any questions contact Ruth Ann Hairston ASD 870-703-0175

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.



Did you know Reservations in Missouri State Parks can be made six months in advance and Arkansas State Parks can be made a year in advance.





Hello to all, a great way to start our New Year: Cold and icy in some parts of our beautiful state. We just hope it doesn't last until Spring.

We had good rest being closed in and got lots of work done on last-minute Rally duties. The tentatively planned program for the 2018 Rally will be in our February newsletter if all goes well. Be sure to make a copy so you can make plans to come early and enjoy the whole time!

Since HQ is not sending our Chapter Anniversary Certificates anymore, we would like to thank all chapter Presidents/Secretaries who help get Chapter anniversary dates for our own records. Please be sure to let us know in advance the year your chapter has a 5 year, 10 year, etc. anniversary.

Bill is recuperating from foot surgery at this time. He had a little backset with infection but praying the antibiotic is the right one to make it heal. He has never had any pain so we're feeling blessed about that.

We are looking forward to seeing you all at the Rally. Don't disappoint us!!

Bill and Dee

Whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him, shall never thirst.

AREA 1

Bella Vista Traveling Sams—Bella Vista Belle Point Sams—Ft Smith Jolly Rogers Sams—Rogers

Bella Vista Traveling Sams met for their monthly fellowship luncheon and business meeting on January 11 at the Acropolis Restaurant in Bentonville. Twenty five members and 10 guests shared camping experiences as well as discussing Chapter goals and programs. While our chapters officers were in Texas and Florida, to avoid the cold weather of Bella Vista, Don Cowell, Chapter "Wagon Master" lead the business meeting. Our guests introduced themselves and shared something about their families and what type of camper they had.

Don introduced, special guest, Laye Bennett, president of the Jolly Rogers GS Chapter, who shared information about next month's combined meeting with our two chapters. Information handouts were given that outlined the next six meetings of our chapter and phone numbers to make necessary reservations, as well as a chapter roster. After our joint meeting in February with the Jolly Rogers and a dinner meeting in March at the Golden Corral, we begin our regular camping events. In April we will attend our State Good Sam Rally at Texarkana AR and in May we camp at the Roaring River SP in Missouri. In June we camp at Withrow Springs SP in Arkansas. (cont. page 5)

Belle Point Sam chapter members attended the January dinner/ meeting at Patrick's Burger Restaurant. There was visiting before ordering; and, after everyone was seated, Otis said Grace.

When everyone was finished eating, the chapter President called our meeting to order. Once the meeting concluded and the 50/50 winner proclaimed, people headed home.

Safe Travels, Ann Martin, Secretary

Note: Any pictures taken are posted on our Face Book Page.



Our temps are above zero but the wind makes it bitterly cold if you're out in it. We're not very much, thank goodness:

Good Sam is kind of slow right now. Chapters are busy figuring out their campouts for the year and most business issues have been resolved or taken care of. Love this time of year in that respect.

Again, a special thank you to Peggy Bundy who is doing a wonderful job as AR State Treasurer and is a great help with the rosters. They will be completed soon.

I'd like to again call your attention to the information to the right of this column. These are instructions for adding a "bookmark" to the home screen on your smartphone and/or 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!"

As soon as the program for the April Rally is complete, it will be published here in the newsletter (February, hopefullv).

A special "congratulations" to the Derrick City Sams chapter on their 35th anniversary next month. A real tribute to a dedicated Arkansas Good Sam chapter!

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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)

Bella Vista Traveling Sams (continued) A discussion followed, as to future trips, including our Area 1 Friendship campout to Grove OK in September (20-23) and our final campout for the year in October to Devil's Den SP (28-31). One of the goals of our Good Sam chapter is to provide various service projects throughout the year, and this year marks our tenth year of volunteering to help clean up Devil's Den State Park. This past year our Chapter logged 973.5 hours of volunteer service with 5,304 miles driven in support of our volunteer work. Joann Cowell gave a report on the possibility of each of us buying new "Bella Vista Traveling Sam's" tee shirts this year. Other information was shared including a letter of thanks from the Bella Vista Animal Shelter for our donations.

In closing Don reminded members and guests they need to call and make reservations at the state parks as soon as possible so we all can be located in the same general area because spaces fill up fast. Reservations in Missouri State Parks can be made six months in advance and Arkansas State Parks can be made a year in advance. Don't forget, next month's meeting will be at the Golden Corral, for a 9:00 am breakfast with the Jolly Rogers Good Sam Chapter.



AREA 2

Arkansas Roadrunners — Harrison Sugar Loaf Sams — Greers Ferry

The Arkansas Roadrunners



Sugar Loaf Sams January meeting was held at Bentley's restaurant in Greers Ferry on 01/10/18. Buddy Sanders offered the opening prayer; the Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Pat Smith. Roll was called by Ardella Sanders with 18 members present.

Secretary Ardella read minutes of last meeting with corrections which passed by motion. Treasurer's report was given by Sarah Allen, who received a thank you letter from Dogs for the Deaf noting its new name "Dogs for a Better Life". Financial report was given followed by a motion to accept as read and passed.

Bill Jones, our Wagonmaster, gave copies of campout places and dates, and asked for input for future camping sites.

Bonnie Galewski suggested having pot luck in March since no campout is planned. She'll check with the electric company for use of room if everyone wants to have it. February meeting date was changed back to 4th Wednesday of the month and will be Feb.28th,11AM in Heber Springs at Rustic Inn.

Robin Jones has volunteered to make a Sugarloaf Sam scrapbook. She brought some pictures she had already put together in a scrapbook. She really did a great job on it, and we are all looking forward to more pictures from our campouts. Joe Galewski was the raffle winner and split it with our treasury fund.

Motion was made to adjourn. Hope to see everyone at February meeting.

AREA 3

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

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

Delta Sams

TAM Sams

Melon City Sams (continued) Amigo Juan Mexican Cafe in

Hope was the site of the first meeting of the new year on January 19th. Following the meal we had some of James Hairston's delicious birthday cake for dessert, President Calvin Stovall called the meeting to order, welcoming new members Gary Dean and Kathy Clark, and guests David Lovejoy and Richard & Jackie Davis.

The Melon City Sams' contribution to the food pantry at Hope in Action on December 14th was noted as well as the delivery of Christmas cards and lap blankets to our local nursing home residents. The chapter's donations were greatly appreciated.

Ruth Ann Hairston provided some details on the Area 5 Friendship Rally which will take place at Cloud Nine RV Park March 21-24. There's now a theme - "Home on the Roam" - which will include a rodeo Olympics event on Thursday of the campout. (Stay tuned.) Ruth Ann also reminded members that during the Arkansas Good Sams Rally in April our chapter will provide the runners for delivering door prizes to the winners Wednesday night and, along with the Veterans Chapter, serve coffee and finger foods on Friday morning. The Hendrix Trio, a popular Southern gospel group from Texarkana, will be one of the acts providing entertainment at the Rally. Registration forms were provided to those who didn't already have one, and they need to be filled out and sent in by April 1st with pre-registration fees. Also, "early bird" parking will begin on Sunday, April 8. Julia Imler delivered some members' name boards to display at campouts. Kay Smith handed out a schedule of events taking place at the Mardi Gras celebration in Jefferson to aid in planning our chapter's activities during the next campout at Marshall RV Park February 8-11, which will be hosted by Kay and



Jimmy. They are seeking members' input to assist them in making plans for everyone's enjoyment. Motion to adjourn was made by Birkett Wylie.



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 "What's Cooking" in Camden January 19, 2018 for a monthly "camp-in". There were

16 people present representing 10 rigs. One thing we do well is planning the next meal while eating, and this time was no exception. President J. Godwin brought up the fact that Derrick City Sam's chapter's 35th Anniversary would be next month. The very first meeting was held at Moro Bay. With that being said, he passed a mock invitation around that had a picture of our new patch and suggested we have a catered meal in the meeting room next to the office at Moro Bay State Park. There's a bit of excitement in the air! The fellowship and meal were both enjoyed.



Good Sam Mallards met at the Ulm Civic Club fish fry for our monthly meeting and a good meal. The fish was very good as was the rest of the food.

President Dave Murray called the meeting to order; Juanita Hutchinson opened with prayer. Shirley Blackwell read the minutes of the last meeting which were approved as read. The Treasurer's Report was given by Pat Collier.

Our next meeting will be February 9 at 5:30 pm at El Amigo Mexican Restaurant in Hazen. The next campout will be March 8-11 at Cloud 9 RV Park in Hot Springs. When you call for reservations, tell them you are with Danny & Juanita. We talked about making a list of chapter campouts for a whole year as some chapters do, but we only got through July!

The Mallards have been asked to serve breakfast at the Rally on Wednesday, April 11, and will be serving with 2 other chapters. We voted to do this and more details will follow.

Meeting was adjourned. See everyone next time. Shirley Blackwell, Secretary

Rough & Ready Sams



AREA 5

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

The Melon City Sams met at Cypress Valley RV Park Nov. 29-Dec. 3 for our last campout for 2017 and combined the November and December meetings into one. Eight rigs were present

Friday evening our meeting took place in the club room at the RV park.

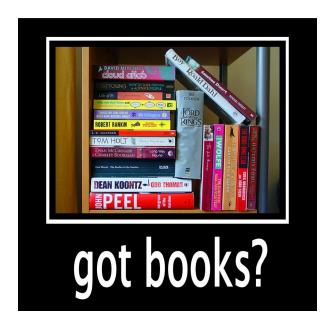
Discussions took place regarding 2018 campout locations and hosts, the Area 5 Friendship March 21-24 at Cloud Nine, and the Arkansas Good Sams Rally April 11-15. Everyone was encouraged to attend the campouts and invite others to visit and join our chapter. After the meeting adjourned, ASD Ruth Ann Hairston performed the installation of 2018's slate of officers, along with providing appropriate and comical props for the individuals, generating much laughter. Then it was time for the "dirty Santa" gift exchange and afterward another card game or two. (continued on page 5)

2018 Petit Jean Park Host Revised 1/25/18		
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April 23	May 7	Orlan and Mollie 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	Richard and Michelle Hittle
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	Buzz Goodwin and Betsy Smith
Oct 1	Oct 15	Bob and Peggy Lomax
Oct 8	Oct 22	James and Linda Niblett
Oct 15	Oct 29	Charles and Kay Shearer
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2018 Lake Catherine Park Host List 1/25/18		
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March 12	March 26	G W and Anna Sanders
March 12	March 26	Robert and Nancy Welborne
March 26	April 9	David and Brenda Miller
March 26	April 9	Bill and Joy Chatham
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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 28	Bill and Dee Nery
May 21	June 4	Tom and Girtie Vanholven
May 28	June 11	James and Ruth Ann Hairston
June 4	June 18	John Moore-Linda Messina
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
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Arkansas One — Central River Valley Sams — Russellville

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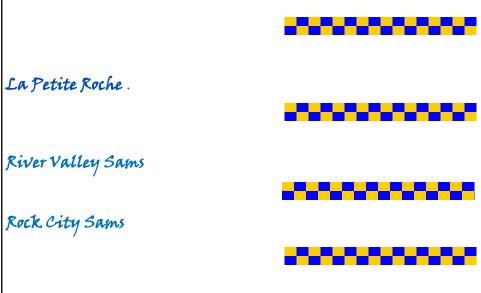
Our January meeting of Arkansas One was held at the home of Linda & James Niblett in Jessieville. James & Linda had fixed chicken and dumplin's, chili, and taco soup. Katy brought potato soup and the rest brought lots of good desserts! Bill and Dee surprised us with a visit. We had a good time visiting, eating, and finally having a business meeting.

We discussed upcoming campouts and meetings for the year. Some of our meetings will be at Friendship Campouts where several members are planning to attend: March, Area 5 Veterans at Cloud Nine in Hot Springs; May, Area 4; and Area 6 in September. April is the Arkansas Rally. We're still working on June and July. August will be at Lake Catherine with some of our group park hosting then back at Lake Catherine for our work week for October/ November.

A list of campouts was passed out along with an updated membership list, and mistakes were corrected. Some are also planning to go to out-of-state rallies, Greers Ferry with James and Linda, and maybe to Florida/Alabama to meet up with Tom and Girtie. All the dates are on the list and a final copy will be ready in February.

Arkansas One will be in charge of the popcorn booth again at the Rally in Texarkana in April, and we will need helpers. This years' theme will be "On the Border" so pack your cowboy boots, hats and bandanas. Our meeting was closed with a special prayer for several of our members as well as other members around the state in Good Sam who are facing health issues, tests, and surgeries.

FEBRUARY MEETING. Saturday, February 17 - 11:00 Smokin' in Style - Hot Springs Tommy and Phyllis are making reservations for us at Smokin' in Style Restaurant in Hot Springs. We always enjoy their barbecue. It's located in West Gate Plaza just past Walmart at 2278 Albert Pike.



AREA 6 (continued)

Hello everyone! Happy New Year!!! I hope everyone survived the holidays and also the recent winter weather. Spa City Sams gathered for our January meeting on the 18th at Mr. Whisker's in Hot Springs. There were 6 rigs present. We have many rigs in Southern Texas and Mississippi trying to find warmer weather. I've heard from them that it's not working this year! They may not be covered in snow like we were this week but they're much cooler than they'd hoped to be. Our meeting was very short due to the public dining room we were in. The food is always great at Mr. Whiskers but they don't have a private area for us to have a meeting so we held it quickly before our food was served and the room filled up with other folks.

We mostly just visited with the person next to us since it was hard to hear. Bill and Trish were thankful for everyone's prayers recently. Bill is feeling great now. The Shearers are picking up their new puppy "Truly (Vicious)" on Saturday the 20th. It will be fun to meet her at our first campout in March.

We want to wish our "Triplets" Happy Birthday on the 20th. Jim Fryar, Charles Shearer and Dan Powell; we hope you have a great birthday!!!

Our February meeting will be February 15 at El Padrino at 11:00, 4640 Hwy 7, Hot Springs Village.



Thundering Sams ended 2017 on a bitter-sweet note. A very long-time chapter member, Bob Whitley, passed away the day before our Christmas party. At the party we spent some special time celebrating sweet memories of good times with him. We will sincerely miss his humor and his great attitude.

We started 2018 with a Super Soup Social at the home of Gale and Eddie Bates. We devoured 5 crock pots of delicious homemade soup - potato, taco, stuffed green pepper, meatball and 2X4 soup. Then we topped it off with chocolate cake, brownies and an enormous cookie celebrating January birthdays. As we were too full to move after that, we enjoyed the remainder of the evening playing card bingo, spoons, and 31. When the weather is cold and ugly we proved that we still know how to have a great time.

We have several special invitations to upcoming events: Ruth Ann Hairston extended us an invitation to join Area 5 Friendship (Melon City Sams & Veterans Chapter) March 21-24 at Cloud 9. She is planning some fun events for us. The theme will be "Home Where You Roam". Dress Western (jeans and boots) and join us. Make your reservations on your own, but let us know if you plan to attend so we can get a head count.

Also, Bob Lomax of Whispering Pines has invited us to attend their campout at Cloud 9 on August 22-25. Moix RV will be there providing a meal and RV repairs. A head count for this event is needed asap. Please call us "yesterday" if you hope to attend either of these events and make your reservations with Wendy at Cloud 9. If you don't go, you will be missing a really good time.

No one has made a reservation for our August campout at Wanderlust RV in Eureka Springs. Is anyone planning to attend this campout?

Bob Welborn has requested that those attending the Arkansas State Rally April 10-15 should meet at the gate to the Four States Fair Grounds in Texarkana at 10:00 am on the 10th. We will not have an official caravan, but you are encouraged to phone each other and travel as pairs or a trio. He said we will not be camping at Wright-Pattman Lake together due to lack of interest.

Communication is the key to success so PLEASE communicate with the Waggonettes to let us know your plans. I am usually near my phone, so call to let SuRita know your plans.



2018 AR friend/hip Campout Schedule

Area I Sep 20-23, 2018 Cedar Oaks RV Park

Grove, OK (918) 786-4303

Sep 2018 Area 2

Aug 2018 Area 3

Area 4 May 2018

March 21-24, 2018 Area 5

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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The Whispering Pines Travelers

2018 SOUTH REGION SCHEDULE

Texas (School Colors)

Louisiana (What to do with the Chicken After You Catch It!)

Arkansas (On the Border)

Missouri (Lights, camera, action)

Kansas (Wish Upon A Star)

Oklahoma (Halloween Spooktacular)

March 29-April 1, 2018

April 5-8, 2018

April 12-15, 2018

Sept 27-30, 2018

Oct 4-7, 2018

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 *Side-Winder* for the RV enthusiasts who want to enhance their home away from home experience.

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Check the ad on <u>arkansasgoodsams.org</u> <u>website for more information.</u>

2018 AR Good Sams Chapter Camping Schedules

(To interact with a chapter, call the President; <u>CONTACT</u> 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

June 14–17

Sept 20-23

Roaring River State Park in Missouri

Withrow Springs State Park near Huntsville

Area 1 Friendship Campout, Grove, OK

October 28-31 Devil's Den SP (Annual cleanup)

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 18-22 Waveland Park on Blue Mountain Lake, Recreation.gov for resv. July 16-20 Greer Ferry Lake, Dam Site Park Loop M, Recreation.gov after 2/1/18 August 13-17 Lake Degray State Park DeRouch Ridge camp area. Newly re modeled AAA sites. C Shearer will notify us when reservations can be made. 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 20-23 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 wk) 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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Belle Point Sams J

Janauary 9 Patrick's Burgers Restaurant, Alma, AR
February 6 El Celaya Restaurant, Roland, OK
March 20 - 22 Little Turtle RV Park, Eufaula, OK

April 9 – 15 AR State RV Rally, 4-States Fairgrounds, Texarkana, AR

May 7 – 11 Shoal Bay COE RV Park, New Blaine, AR
June 12 - 14 Queen Wilhellmina State RV Park, Mena, AR
July 10 – 12 Old Post Recreation Coe RV Park, Russellville, AR

August 14 – 16 Oak Grove RV Park, Branson, MO Sept 17 – 20 Natural Falls State RV Park, Colcord, OK

Sept 20 – 23 Area 1 Friendship Campout, Cedar Oaks, Grove, OK

October 9 – 11 Arrowhead State Park RV Park, Turkey Flat Campground, Canadian, OK

November 13 Mystery Trip

December 11 Annual Christmas Party, Logan's Restaurant, Ft Smith, AR

Good Sam Mallards

March 8-11 Cloud 9 RV Park in Hot Springs. April 11-14 ARGS RV Rally in Texarkana;

May 2-5 Area 4 Friendship Campout in Lake Village.

June 7-10 Wooly Hollow State Park in Greenbriar (501-679-2098)

July 12-15 Mississippi River SP



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2018 ARKANSAS STATE RV RALLY* REGISTRATION

"ON THE BORDER"

APRIL 12 - 15, 2018 FOUR STATES FAIRGROUNDS, 3700 E. 50TH STREET, TEXARKANA, AR 71854

You may fill out this form online, print, and mail in your pre-registration fees.

ACTIVITIES: Hospitality - Arts & Crafts - Flea Market - Samgo Cash Prizes - Ice Cream Games Competition - Commercial Vendors - Live Entertainment - Golf Scramble

FACILITIES: Limited Electric and Water - Dump Station - Honey Wagon....Showers LIMITED FULL HOOKUPS - ARRIVE WITH EMPTY HOLDING TANKS

PARKING: Early Bird Parking \$17.00 per night, payable when registering. Come together, park together. You will be parked by the State Wagon Master and his Staff beginning Sunday at 1:00 PM or earlier if possible.

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.

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Pre-registration must be received by April 1, 2018	GAMES BEGIN ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11			
First NameS	Spouse's Name City Zip/Postal Code			
Last Name				
Street Address	City			
State/Province	Zip/Postal Code			
Home Phone	E-Mail			
Good Sam Member Number	E-Mail Expiration Date			
If you are a member of an Ark	ansas Chapter, Chapter Name			
First State RV Rally? Yes No Do you require Handicap Parking? Yes	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 approp	riate RV Rally fee amounts:			
1 Rig with 2 Adults, Pre-registe	red \$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 \$			
	s pre-registration form: \$			
• •	ansas GS/Treasurer and Mail form to: ggs, Registrar			
2501 Skyline Point, Jonesboro, AR 72404 Phone: 870-972-0951 Email: skyline2501@yahoo.com				
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Your cancelled check will serve as your	receipt - no confirmation will be sent.			
	bide by the terms and conditions indicated below:			
"I/We the undersigned understand the Arkansas Good S	=			
necessary safety precaution and I/We accept full respo				
all persons therein while attending	the Arkansas RV Rally."			
Signature				
Date				
The Arkansas Good Sams reserves the right to i	refuse registration and/or admission to anyone.			