



Arkansas One ...Arkansas's first chapter, since 1970

Good Sam Club

May 2026

Area 3 & 6 Friendship Campout - May 6 – 9

Pecan Grove RV Park, Lake Village, AR - 870-265-3005

James Niblett has lots of activities planned for the Friendship campout:

meals, games, a Chinese auction, and door prizes.

Ruth Ann Hairston has another fun activity planned and is asking each person to bring a wrapped package, NO LARGER than your hand, Nothing of value. Go to your junk drawer???

For a complete list of activities and schedule check the Arkansas I Facebook page

Notes from the Rally:

Arkansas One members had a busy good time at the Arkansas Good Sam Rally at Four States Fairgrounds in Texarkana, April 13 - 17. I had a nice phone visit with Linda....she gave me lots of good information, and Jack Godwin shared pictures of the entertainment nightly.

Wednesday night was the Memorial Service with candle lighting and roses presented in memory of members who have passed in the past year. Songs by Wayne, Lorie, and Joy were especially touching. After the service was fby gospel singing by Steve Thrasher.

Thursday night was skit night, with home grown talent straight from the creativity of the chapters. Something tells me the camera didn't completely capture all the laughter and fun everyone had. Friday night was live music by Nighthawk...and a bit of Joy's singing along with them.

Arkansas One members went out to eat at Dixie Diner on Tuesday night. They had some guests James and Sandra McGuinness from Sugar Loaf Sams, Doug and Helen Tinkle from Spa City Sams, and Frank and Jo Ellen Bacon from Melon City. ...always "the more, the marrier" when Good Sams get together. There were other meals from the Good Sam cooks...pulled pork with beans and potato salad one night, spaghetti and chicken spaghetti with salad another night.

Fun and Treats included root beer floats and the cake walk. Charlene Burris made a quilt that was raffled, Lorie had some hand made wreaths, and Linda sold 50-50 raffle tickets to help make money for rally expenses...and everyone always got to play their favorite games. I didn't hear...did y'all play sandbag baseball??

Sam and Corrine did a great job with stage decorations, they looked nice in the pictures Arkansas One added a couple of more members to the state staff...Linda is treasurer and AJ is Chaplain. (...the first time I met AJ he was Chaplain in Louisiana, and he does it well!)

Arkansas One members in attendance at the Rally were Linda, James & Joe Niblett, Jack & Joy Godwin, AJ & Karen Trosclair, Sam & Corrine Andrews, Richard & Ginny Zelnick, Charlene and Dale Burris, Larry & Carolyn Turley with our own Wayne & Lorie Thomas, State Director.s. Dee Nery came down on Wednesday for the Memorial Service.

UPCOMING CAMPOUTS:

- May 18-27? JFK- Heber Springs**
Reservations: www.recreation.gov
- June 16-20 Treasure Lake, Branson**
(several members have memberships, check with James for a guest pass.)
- July 13-17 Old Post, Russellville**
(changed from Crystal Springs)
www.recreation.gov
- Aug. 17-21 Lake Catherine (Mon.-Thurs)**
James and Linda will be park hosts
Reservations: 1-844-4176
www.arkansasstateparks.com