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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!

A consolidated Friendship Campout calendar is now on page 9 for your convenience. It will be updated so that you can easily find dates and locations to add to your camping schedule! And 2017 info will be included as soon as its received.

AREA 2 Friendship Campout September 13-17, 2016 Golden Pond RV Park, Shirley, AR Phone 501-723-8212

This is a park on the move. New owner and upgrades. Cost is \$18/night; full hookups.

Follow the newsletter as the dates get closer. And you'll have plenty of time to gather items for the Chinese Auction. There'll be bingo and baseball, too. And, of course, GOOD FOOD.

Make your own reservations. We look forward to seeing you there.

Pat Smith Area 2 ASD

2016 Area 6 Friendship: September 6-9

Just want to remind everyone that if you would like to attend Area 6 Friendship September 6-9 at North Little Rock RV River Park you need to call and make your reservations. They are getting filled up, and I cannot save you a place. Sheila will make your reservations. I would like to see everyone there. We will have entertainment, door prizes, and alive auction again this year. I know we will have catered catfish & chicken strips. (Crossroads Cafe & Catering. Cost is \$13.00 per person.) Then Tom and I will serve a meal that will be announced. Would love to see everyone there. NLR River Park – Sheila (501) 340-5312.

Girtie VanHoveln Area 6 ASD

AREA 1 2016 FRIENDSHIP CAMPOUT

SEPTEMBER 22-25

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. The Park is on Grand Lake and there's always plenty of sites.

Thursday afternoon Sep 22nd we will travel to Miami, OK to the Newell Motor Coach plant. They will give us a tour of their new facility where they manufacture one of the nicest and "most" expensive motor homes in production. They are looking for us by 1:30 PM which will give us plenty of time to see not only their new motor homes but also used rigs. It's a new facility and should make for a very interesting afternoon. We hope you will come early; the plant is closed on Friday and weekends, so Thursday is the only day available. Go to their website for more publicity, www.newellcoach.com.

Saturday night's music concert will be provided by the New Revival Quartet. Their publicity material can be downloaded from their website, <u>newrevivalqt.com</u>. They will join us for dinner, and we will have a chance to visit with them.

-KOM THE DIKEC



It has been a good time to stay close to air conditioning. Many have braved the heat and still had fun with all their friends; that's a true Good Sammer!!!

After 2 weeks at home, we've had a busy summer. First, a family reunion in Jonesboro area, then over the mountains to the Area 3 Friendship hosted by ASD's Charles and Joanne VanPelt at Mt View RV Park. Next we headed to Forest City, Iowa to the Winnebago factory to get our refrigerator fixed. Please put on your calendar the Area 1 Friendship hosted by Don and Joanne Cowell at Grove, OK (read newsletter for dates on all friendship events).

Special announcement: most of you know by now that we are not running for the next election, end date December 31, 2017. This is open to anyone who wants to run for director. There are many that could and do a very good job. We will have several months to help anyone who would like to take our position. We have enjoyed, and are still enjoying, our time as directors but feel it is time to step down, and let someone else come in with new ideas and energy.

Stage Decorations for 2018 AR GS Rally: We need a chapter to volunteer by February 2017 for doing the stage decorations at this 2018 Rally. Registrations are given out at the 2017 Rally so we need to know by this date. Share your talents

Bill and Dee Nery

But the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Romans 6:236

AREA 1

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

Belle Point Sam chapter members caravanned to Wanderlust RV Park in Eureka Springs for their July Campout.

Social Hall #1 welcomed members for a meeting, potlucks, and social hours. Some members purchased 2-day trolley passes to get to town. There was even a tour after dark by Don Jones down old Hwy 62 through downtown with a visit to the Crescent Hotel. (Did you see any of the ghosts the hotel boasts hosting?) Some members visited Myrtie Mae's and Bubba's BBQ and dessert was served back at the Park.

Sunday arrived way too soon.

A first for Belle Point Sams was to have 2 rigs, the Johnson's and the Kaylor's, tour Alaska and attend the Alaska State RV Rally. Shown here are the



"Four Alaskan Chapters - Tundra Rollers, Northern Lights, Artic Rovers and Sourdough Sam's. The picture includes the Chapter's Presidents/Vice Presidents and State Director (15 people in total)."

Safe travels and see you at the next campout.



Bella Vista Traveling Sams



Jolly Rogers Sams





First of all, if this issue of the Arkansam News looks a little different to you, it's because over the next few months I plan to be experimenting with different formats for the newsletter. I hope to make it easier for readers to enjoy the information that it contains from AR chapters and also encourage you to try new locations for your campouts and your meals by sharing travel, camping and restaurant information

A second change I plan to make is a separate section listing each chapter's camping schedule. These will be grouped together; and, if you happen to be in the neighborhood, visit another chapter. Supporting each other is what Good Sams is all about.

We have 3 Friendship Campouts happening this month. They're on the front page; hopefully, you can attend at least one. Share the friendship of Good Sams!

The 3 remaining state rallys for the South Region begin in a couple of weeks. Missouri is first, followed by Kansas and ending with Oklahoma. Keep an eye on the Rally schedule in this newsletter to plan for 2017.

Don't forget to again check the park hosting schedules. The date at the top of each schedule indicates how current the info is. All 3 have changes listed and Roger has made additional comments on page 10.

Anyone can share camping related information in this newsletter. If your chapter doesn't regularly participate in the monthly issues, give it a try on your own. Did your chapter find a new restaurant or visit a new place that you just know others will enjoy? Tell them about it through The Arkansam News!

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. 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 (redhead.smith200 email with your article as the body of head.smith2002@gmail.com). the email

We will again be staying in Britt for the winter. The condo we rent will be available September 5th and through April. We're going to catch up with friends, hobbies, and reading material. Texting is a favorite of mine (not so much Arnie's) or call or drop me a note if you want to chat about anything!

Don't forget, deadline each month is the 25th. Now that things are slowing down, I hope to be able to implement some new ideas for this newsletter and your input is very important.

Paulette

Area 2 Friendship Campout September 13-17, 2016 Golden Pond RV Park, Shirley, AR (their ad is in the newsletter) Phone: <u>501-723-8212</u>

Information:

Tuesday, September 13 leaving Thursday after devotions The following list are the events we will be taking part in: We will have Bingo, Chinese Auction, all the usual indoor games. Providing the weather cooperates: (such as rain and heat) outdoor games will be as usual. They have a big room which they can open a door to a big overhang so we can extend our space without being too

Please take time to look over the list and if you can volunteer for any of these events it will be great. Write your name under the event.

Bean Bag Baseball Boars vs Sows (bring your Razorback nose if you have it)

Pegs and Jokers Tournament (4 people to a table)

Hand & Foot Tournament (4 to a table)

Bingo (silver dollars for prizes)

Chinese Auction (we need at least 3 people to help) bring all your 'stuff" you don't use anymore)

Sand Bag Tournament

Pie Walk (instead of cake)

Meals: Arrive Tuesday Evening; Chicken Spectacular--bring a dish to share. This dish has no onions or jalapenos.

Wednesday Morning: Pancakes-sausage-bacon and all the fixings Wednesday Evenin: Hot Roast Beef with mashed potatoes--bring a

Thursday Morning: Biscuits and gravy

Thursday Evening: Eat Out

Everyone is invited to come early Monday if you desire

Cards, jokes, leftovers anytime.

Looking forward to seeing you all. Just like the good old times. Thanks so much! Make sure you call and make your reservation.

Pat Smith, Area 2 Assistant State Director

Meeting closed with prayer.

Sincerely, Pat Smith



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" Camping at its Besty"

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AREA 2

Arkansas Roadrunners Sugar Loaf Sams

The **Roadrunners** had a good turnout at their August meeting in Harrison.

Since we hadn't had a meeting for a while, there was a lot of catching up with news of friends and what they had been doing for the Summer months. Some had been fishing, some did gardening and some had just been cutting grass since we have had rain., I won't say a lot, just enough to make the grass grow.

We had plenty of good food to eat and everyone did their part!

There was some talk in the business meeting about disbanding the Roadrunners, but that was tabled until our next meeting which will be during the Area 2 Friendship Campout at Golden Pond RV Park in September.

The Christmas Party was also discussed. If reservations can be made for the time, plans are for it to be at The College of the Ozarks in the Keeter Center on the 12th of December.

Happy Trails, Mary Gerg



The Sugar Loaf Sams meeting was held at Bentley's

in Greers Ferry on July 27th. After opening the meeting with prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance, roll call was read with 22 members in attendance. We are so glad to see new faces as we welcomed new members who have been long-time Good Sam members and are happy to have found a home in a chapter. Minutes of the last meeting were read by secretary Pat Smith. Committee reports were given.

The next meeting will be at DJ's in Drasco August 24th. Henry Allen reported a good turnout at Denton Ferry and the next campout will be in Mena, AR at Queen Wilhelmina Park August 9-12.

It was announced that next month the nominating committee will be chosen for the new slate of officers for 2017. Bob also announced that he will be ministering to the residents at Indian Rock Village in Fairfield Bay. Junior Watters won the raffle.

Pat Smith, Secretary

AREA 3

North East Arkansas Travelers Delta Sams TAM Sams

N.E.A.T. had 7 rigs plus 1 guest rig represented at the Cotter campout. Although we had no official 'host' for this meeting we still managed to eat very well. We tried out a new restaurant in Yellville and highly recommend Black Sheep Bar B.Q. as a place to try.

The next meeting will be the Area 3 Friendship in Mt. View, AR.

Nine rigs from the **N.E.A.T.** chapter attended the Area 3 Friendship in Mt. View.

We are still selling tickets for the quilt that was displayed at the Rally. Please contact Melinda Wiggs @ 870-972-0951 if you would like to purchase some. ALL proceeds will be donated to St. Jude's, and the quilt will be shipped to the winner at no charge to them.

A few stayed an extra day and ate @ Tommy's Pizza. Iif you haven't tried it, we strongly recommend going there. We also attended the "New Generation" show at the Ozark Folk Center, a show consisting of acts with performers 18 years of age or younger. The talent of these young people was amazing.

May you find smooth roads and level sites.



Delta Sams



TAM Sams

AREA 4

Big Pine Sams
Derrick City Sams
Good Sam Mallards
Rough & Ready Sams
Second Chance Sams

Big Pine Sams



Derrick City Good Sams met Thursday July 14,2016 at Treasure Lake RV & Resort in Branson.MO. Eight rigs participated in the campout hosted by the Dixons.

Wagonmaster Robbie Williams gave report on our August 8-15 campout which will be at Mt. View

RV Park at Mt. View, AR. The September campout will be at Lake Catherine State Park in Hot Springs the 12th through the 16th.

Submitted by Vivian Langheld



Good Sam Mallards traveled to Willow Beach near Scott for their August campout. Rummicube was the game of the day but 5 Crowns and Bocce Ball were played, too. Fishing was not good, but a watermelon was enjoyed as an extra treat even in the rain.

Seaton's Scott Place specializes in Bar-b-que and members found it very good.

A brief church service was held Sunday morning after a breakfast that included everything you could think of!



Rough & Ready Sams



Second Chance Sams



AREA 5

Melon City Sams Ouachita Ramblin' Sams Queen Wilhelmina Sams

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Ouachita Ramblin' Sams

Queen Wilhelmina Sams

AREA 6

Arkansas One

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La Petite Roche
River Valley Sams
Rock City Sams
Spa City Sams
Thundering Sams
Whispering Pines Sams

Arkansas One's July meeting was cancelled. James Niblett a member of Arkansas One, sent out an e-mail announcement this month that he is running for State Director (after some pretty strong arm twisting, he said!). We wish him well and appreciate his willingness to step up when asked. Ark. 1 is proud of you. **Area 6 Friendship Sept 6-0** will be our September campout.

Dorcheat Sams

La Petite Roche



River Valley Sams

AREA 6 (continued)

Two *River Valley Sams* rigs braved a 2-day storm that left them without electricity for 18 hours at the July campout at Ozark, AR. We were prepared to leave the park when an opening with power was available at the main entrance by the dam.

During the business meeting Marsha Wells read an article written by her describing their Special Olympics Torch Run participation.

September's campout will be at either Lake Ft. Smith or Devils Den! We are asking all members to send in their vote on which one they would like to camp at.

Marsha Wells, Secretary



Rock City Sams



On July 17th seven of the *Spa City Sams* chapter rigs met at Devil's Den State Park. Most of us were parked in the lower number section of the "E" campground. Several members had great difficulty at the Visitor's Center while checking in; the area around the Center is simply not meant for rigs of any size to maneuver around in the small parking lot. When the chapter comes back to this

campground, we will all park the rigs in our sites first then go check in. The nearest cell coverage we found was on the road coming in off of exit 53. There is a pullout that is gravel and wifi is available at the bathhouse.

A visit to Prairie Grove Battlefield and then to Gabriella's Mexican Grill for a fabulous lunch was made during a trip away from the campground. Jason's Deli in Fayetteville was also a good spot for lunch. An impromptu hamburger cookout rounded out the food needs.

The swimming hole near our campsites was a popular spot which even the pets enjoyed. Bocce Ball, Geocaching and Mexican Train were enjoyed by members.



Thundering Sams

Whispering Pines Sams



2016 Par	k Host—	Petit Jean – Updated 7/28			
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	Ray and Normal Willford (FI)			
APRII	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	Bob and Peggy Lomax			
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	Duke and Barbara Monroe			
June 20	July 4	Ray and Norma Willford			
June 27	July 11	Wingo and Pat Johnson (FI)			
July 4	July 18	Robert and Nancy Welborn			
July 11	July 25	James and Ruth Ann Harriston			
July 18	Aug 1	Tom and Shirley Blackwell			
July 25	Aug 8	Dudley and Marsha Wells (Fi)			
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	Johnny and Ann Martin			
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	John and Phyllis Prell (FI)			
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 Pa	ark Host–	-Lake Catherine – Updated 7/28
FROM	TO	Host
March 14	March 28	G W and Anna Sanders
March 14	March 28	Bob and Sue Whitley (FI)
March 28	April 11	David and Brenda Miller
March 28	April 11	Bud and Jean Wright (FI)
APRII	L 14–APRII	L 17 ARKANSAS SAMBOREE
April 18	April 25	Steve and Donna Brown
April 18	May 2	Doug and Helen Tinkle (FI)
April 25	May 9	Robert and Nancy Welborn
May 2	May 16	Richard and Michelle Hittle
May 9	May 23	Roger and Linda Robbins
May 16	May 30	Bill and Dee Nery
May 23	June 6	Tom and Gertie VanHoveln
May 30	June 13	James and Ruth Ann Harriston
June 6	June 20	Bob and Sue Whitley
June 13	June 27	Doug and Helen Tinkle
June 20	July 4	Richard and Jimmie Barieteau
June 27	July 11	Bill and Marilyn Hartsfield (FI)
July 4	July 18	Morris and Mary McKinnon
July 11	July 25	Donald and Susan Foltenberger (FI)
July 18	Aug 1	A W and Jolly Martin
July 25	Aug 8	Buss Goodwin and Betsy Smith
Aug 1	Aug 15	Don and Iris Schroeder (FI)
Aug 8	Aug 22	James and Linda Niblett
Aug 15	Aug 29	Charles and Kay Shearer
Aug 22	Sept 5	Elton and Virginia Robbins
Aug 29	Sept 12	Bill and Barbara Friday
Sept 5	Sept 19	Bob and Peggy Bundy
Sept 12	Sept 26	Wingo and Pat Johnson
Sept 19	Oct 3	Benny and Vivian Langheld
Sept 26	Oct 10	Randy and Sharron Gibbons
Oct 3	Oct 17	(FI)
Oct 10	Oct 24	Tom and Shirley Blackwell
Oct 17	Oct 31	Roger and Linda Robbins (Fi)
Oct 24	Oct 31	Tom and Shirley Blackwell

2016	Park Hos	st—Bull Shoals Update 7/28		
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	James and Linda Niblett (FI)		
April 18	May 2	Bruce and Donita Balfour		
April 25	May 9	Connie and Mary Gerg		
May 2	May 16	Charles and Melinda Wiggs		
May 9	May 23	Duane and Joan Johnson		
May 16	May 30	Charles and Jo Ann VanPelt		
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	Paul and Mary Jane Fisher (FI)		
July 4	July 18	Stewart and Risa Russell		
July 11	July 25	James and Linda Niblett		
July 18	Aug 1	Don and Iris Schroeder		
July 25	Aug 8	Doug and Helen Tinkle		
Aug 1	Aug 15	Lawrence and JD Henley		
Aug 8	Aug 22	Don and Jo Ann Cowell		
Aug 15	Aug 29	Carl and Rosemary Underwood (Fi)		
Aug 22	Sept 5	Richard and Michelle Hittle (FI)		
Aug 29	Sept 12	Charles and Jo Ann VanPelt (FI)		
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	Harry and Katie Ringler (Fi)		
Oct 3	Oct 17	Levon and Inell Peace		
Oct 10	Oct 24	Gene and Surita Hicklin		
Oct 17	Oct 31	Duke and Barbara Monroe		
Oct 24	Oct 31	Gene and Surita Hicklin		

2016-2017 AR friendship Campout Schedule

Area I Sep 22-25 Cedar Oaks RV Park Grove, OK

Area 2 Sep 13-17
Golden Pond RV Park
Shirley, AR

Area 3 Aug 3-5 Mt View RV Park Mt View, Ar

Area 5 March 15-18, 2017 Cloud 9 RV Park

Area 6 Sep 6-9
Riverfront RV Park,
N Little Rock, AR

2016-2017 SOUTH REGION SCHEDULE

Texas (Deep in the Heart of TX)

Louisiana (Hopping Down the RV Trail)

Arkansas (The Wizard of Oz)

Missouri (Sweet Land of Liberty)

Kansas (Good Sam: 50 Years of Caring & Sharing)

> Oklahoma (Senior Prom)

March 30-April 2, 2017

April 6-9, 2017

April 13-16, 2017

September 22-25, 2016

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Email: <u>bill@dentonrv.com</u>

Greetings from Roger, Park Host Coordinator —

I hope everyone is having a great summer. It sure has been hot but fall is on it's way and will be here before we know it.

All of our Park Hosts have done a great job park hosting as scheduled. Our thoughts and prayers go out to our Park Hosts who are experiencing health issues and we pray they will soon enjoy good health and be able to join us next year.

The Area Friendships are a lot of fun to attend and I hope that you are able to make it to some of them if not all of them. It's a great way to meet members outside your own chapter and make many new friends. Of course you can also enjoy some good food, games and fellowship.

Until next time, keep camping and, hopefully, we will see you down the road somewhere.

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REMEMBER THE NEWSLETTER DEADLINE ON THE 25TH OF EACH MONTH.

2017 ARKANSAS STATE RV RALLY* REGISTRATION

*formerly known as Arkansas State Samboree

THE WIZARD OF OZ

(Click your red slippers and join us on the yellow brick road)

APRIL 13 - 16, 2017

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 ARRIVE WITH FULL FRESH WATER TANK AND EMPTY HOLDING TANKS

PARKING: Early Bird Parking \$17.00 per night, payable when registering. You may arrive as early as 1:00 PM Sunday April 9, 2017. 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.

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Pre-registration must be received by	April 1, 2017 GAMES BEGIN ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12
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State/Province	Zip/Postal Code
Home Phone	E-Mail
Good Sam Member Number_	E-Mail Expiration Date
If you are a me	ember of an Arkansas Chapter, Chapter Name
First State RV Rally? YesN Do you require Handicap Parkin	No First Arkansas RV Rally? Yes No ng? Yes No HC# ding (under 18 - no charge)
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The Arkansas Good Sams r	eserves the right to refuse registration and/or admission to anyone