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## 2004 Great North American RV Rally Early Bird Registration Extended

Officials at the Great North American RV Rally have announced that the early registration deadline has been extended to May 1, 2004. That means two people can attend this year's Rally, camp on site and enjoy all the festivities for as low as \$119.

The Rally will be held in Hutchinson, Kansas from Monday June 21, through Thursday June 24. More than 2,000 rigs have already registered, and many more are expected to sign up. Rvers from across the United States and Canada will be in attendance, enjoying games, food and fellowship for only \$119 (dry camping) for two people. In addition, people without an RV are also welcome to attend the rally on a Day Pass for a cost of only \$5/day.

Visitors to the Rally will have the opportunity to not only listen to 20-30 guest speakers per day, but will also get answers to their RV-related questions from professionals in the industry. Specialists from RV design companies; manufacturers and dealers will be on hand to provide first-hand information on the latest innovations in RV technology. Speakers will touch on topics such as concealed weapon laws/restrictions, safety tips when traveling, what to do in the event of an emergency and many other RV-related topics sure to be of interest to every Rver.

"We'll hae some of the best and most well-known speakers in the RV industry talking about things Rvers need to know to make their travel enjoyable and safe," said Bev Dalton, director for the Great North American RV Rally. "We are expecting about 1,000 new rigs on display in Hutchinson, so it's a great opportunity to compare the various makes and models."

For more information regarding the 2004 Great North American RV Rally, or to register online, visit [www.rv.net/rally](http://www.rv.net/rally) or call toll free 877-749-7122.

The Rally is sponsored by the Good Sam Club, Coast to Coast Resorts, Camping World President's Club, Woodall's and Trailer Life and Motorhome Magazines. All are subsidiaries of Affinity Group Inc., which is headquartered in Ventura, California.

## WISCONSIN Leaps into the 22<sup>nd</sup> Century with a State Website

Hello folks, my name is Randi Owen, and along with the help of my wife Bonnie, I have taken on the task of creating a website for the Wisconsin State Good Sam Organization. This is the first time since the conception of the Wisconsin State Good Sam Organization, that such a task has been taken on. It is my intention to have on this site, once it's up and running, links to all the WI Chapters and their Events, Road Conditions, Photos of the State Meetings, News about the State Meetings, News from the WI Chapters (that send me their newsletters), Classifieds, Information on Samborees and Jumbos from around the Nation and the WI area, and much, much, more. The new website address is [www.wigoodsam.org](http://www.wigoodsam.org), however; this site won't be up and running officially until the Samboree in June. I hope to see everyone at the Samboree and don't forget to say **CHEESE!!!!** Randi

# Letter from the Director

By the time everyone receives this newsletter Carol & I will have already started a new chapter in our lives as full time RV'ers. We told everyone last year of our intension and on February 9<sup>th</sup> was the closing of our house and the start of our new chapter, retirement and full time Rv'ing. Seeing that this letter had to be in to the Editor by February I couldn't give you real up dated information because by the time you receive it we'll be on our way back to Wisconsin.

Before I left, I had a meeting wit the State Staff. The main objective this coming summer will be focused on the Starting of New Chapters and trying to help some of the Old Chapters grow. One of the new Chapters that we will be starting again is, the Second Chance Sams. This is a Chapter that consists of persons who were given a second chance in life. If you are interested, please contact Assistant Director Richard Neuberger at 815-624-2047 or [Bonmrrn@aol.com](mailto:Bonmrrn@aol.com). We are also looking for persons who are Ham (Amateur Radio) operators who would like to get together periodically and become a Chapter. On of the Chapters that are looking for some additional members is the Roving Retreads. They are retired persons from across the state that camp together once a month during the week. Please contact President Bill & Lois Winters at 920-650-6696. We also plan on doing some selective mailing in areas we feel that have a lot of Good Sam Members but they don't belong to a chapter. If anyone is interested in joining a new chapter or helping to get one started please contact any of the Assistant Directors, or myself.

Something new that is going to take place this year, we will be starting a Website. This will be a State Website. It will have information regarding International, Regional and most of all State events – a link to all Chapters. A place where chapters can put information regarding their events so prospective members can contact them. So at this stage, I'm going to ask all Chapters to contact Randi & Bonnie Owen and give them an email address of someone in their Chapter that can be listed as the contact for your Chapter. The President will always be listed, but if they don't have an email address it would be a good idea to have a person's name that would either contact any Chapter inquiries or contact the President, for them to handle the inquiries.

As you know the State meeting is May 1, 2004. It will be at the Tomah Recreation Park, in the building where the seminars are held at the Samboree. Everyone is invited to spend the weekend camping. The fee for the weekend will be \$25.00 for Friday and Saturday nights with departure on Sunday. The main topic of the meeting is where the Samboree will be held in 2005 and to finish up some old business.

Don't forget to keep the Samboree and Jumbo dates in mind. Lots of Chapters are planning some special fun for you this summer. There is a Calendar of Events listed here in the Sam-A-Gram. I suggest you cut it out and keep it close at hand. Put it on your Chapter's Calendar to attend these events. This way you won't have to look for campgrounds and you can't do it any cheaper. Don't forget to volunteer your Chapter by getting them involved. That's the way to enjoy the Jumbos and Samboree.

See you around the Campfire.

Al & Carol Schattschneider

# WISCONSIN SAMBOREE

The Wisconsin Samboree is coming together for another great year. This year our Theme is "Wisconsin Country". There is a parade being planned for Saturday, before the main entertainment. Also, a rig (Your Stage Coach) dress up contest is scheduled for Friday. This will be done by two different entries, Chapter area judging and individual rig judging. We will once again have a Tube Steak (Hot Dog) luncheon. Hopefully Culvers will be back for the Ice Cream Social. Cat Engine Company already said they would be back. Many letters have been sent to vendors and some have already responded.

This year Elwood will return with Chapter entertainment on Wednesday night and if you would like to join him, please contact him at 715-425-5954 or email him at [me Elliot@juno.com](mailto:me Elliot@juno.com), Thursday Len & Lois Country Variety Show, Friday, back by popular request is "The Song Birds" (a family group that will do their rendition of different musical sounds around Wisconsin. Somebody said, "polka" and their eyes lit up) and on Saturday night we will have a five-piece Country Band, from the Tomah area, called "Silverado" who came highly recommended. Also, for your entertainment daily, we will have a Jam session. Bring your own version of instruments and songs. This is being lead by Red Johnson from Minnesota, where they always have a nice Jam session. Come and join the fun. We have mentioned everything but food. That is, on Saturday evening, when none other than O'Rustic Inn Catering will be preparing the Chuck Wagon. The Chuck Wagon never had a feast like this which includes, Tenderloin Tips & Chicken Breast in Champaign Sauce with Mashed Potatoes, Rolls & butter, Buttered corn & Cole Slaw. Guaranteed to be on time and done with the utmost speed. Makes your mouth just water. Come join all the fun and games. "Our Savior's Song Birds" will present Sunday morning Church service. Worth going to church just to hear them. Get those reservations in early. Contact Sharon Kruehl for reservations at 608-222-7115 or email [bjsdreul@yahoo.com](mailto:bjsdreul@yahoo.com).

# Area Directors

## Northwest Directors

### Hello from the Northwest

I am Vera Budzinski from Thorp, Wisconsin. I have camped since before 1972 at which time my husband and I joined the Good Sam Club.

In 1977, we started the Black River Rambler Chapter, of which I was Sec/Treas for 18 years & my husband was President until 1995 when he passed away. In 1995, I joined the Wisingles Chapter & in 1996 I accepted the appointment as Assistant State Director. I have been in charge of organizing the Medford Jumbo since 1987.

I drove school bus for 35 years. I was Vice President of the Rock Dam Rod & Gun Club for 2 years. I love to hunt, fish and camp. I have a mounted 8-point buck & a turkey tail from animals I shot myself. In 2000, I met a nice man with which I shared many good times & then in 2003 he was hospitalized in the Madison Hospital as a heart transplant recipient patient. On February 8, 2004 he passed away. He was too weak to ever get his heart. I am looking forward to the camping season. Hope to see you all at the Samboree.

My name is Elwood Elliott, I'm one of the NW Directors. This year I'm in charge of the Wednesday night entertainment at the Samboree in Tomah & I would like to invite all of the chapters to join me June 16<sup>th</sup> for a fun night of activities on stage to show off your talent for all of us to enjoy. If you have a skit, short play, reading, singing, musical number, dance of any kind, put it together & bring it with you for that evening. We have a few that are engaged at this time "but we want you too", so do whatever you like & let me know what it is so that I can include you on the program! Send it to me at Elwood Elliott, W8493 770 Ave., River Falls, WI 54022 or email me at [meelliott2@juno.com](mailto:meelliott2@juno.com) or get it to me by Wednesday afternoon at the Samboree in Tomah. I'm looking forward to meeting you there.

## Northeast Director

### Greetings Sammers

Are names are Dale and Dorothy Haltinner and we are the new Northeast Assistant Directors for Shawano Area Campers, Wolf River Wanderers, Valley Bummers and Wisingles Chapters. Our home is 15 miles north of Shawano and East of Keshena on Legend Lake. We are retired. I worked as a Manager of an engineering department designing paper manufacturing machines. Dorothy worked as an Office Manager for a dentist.

We have been camping since "the early 60's". We joined the National Square Dance Campers Association at their beginning in 1962 and are past Officers of the Pionee Chapter #010. We joined "Good Sam" in 1998 and are members of the Wolf River Wanderers Chapter. We became members of the Holiday Rambler RV Club in 2000 and belong to the La Bay Ramblers Chapter #62. We are presently Sec.-Treas. and newsletter editors for that group.

We enjoy camping, square dancing, and traveling. Working for the Good Sam State Organization will be a new challenge for us, but we'll be doing what we really enjoy. The biggest job will be looking into ways to build up the membership of the existing chapters and starting new chapters where possible. On this we will need your help. Are there any members out there that would be interested in forming a statewide Good Sam Square Dance Chapter? If so, please contact us. We look forward to meeting all of you at the Samboree in Tomah, June 18<sup>th</sup> thru 20<sup>th</sup>, and the Northeast Jumbo at the Waupaca Fair Grounds at Weyauwega, August 13<sup>th</sup> thru 15<sup>th</sup>.

Thank You,

Assistant State Directors Northwest  
Dale and Dorothy Haltinner

# Area Directors

## Southwest Director

## Southeast Director

### Hello Good Sammers

My name is Pat Kelley, my husband is Rich Kelley. We have a large extended camping family that loves to camp with us. First we have 2 Shelties, Misty Breeze and Sinclaire, they love to camp. Then came Sammy, the cat, he's a natural traveler. The last year we found ourselves the adopted mother and dad of another small baby Shih tzu, we named her Precious. They all love to travel and visit and are all very sociable. The Lord saw fit to give us this large extended family and we love them all. If you see us walking in a campground please feel free to come and visit as you see the dogs out in their kennel and Sammy in the window watching the wild life.

We started out as Wagonmaster for our local chapter, then Rich did President for two years of our local chapter, then I did two years as President. Then Rich was asked to be State Patch Packer and he kindly did this for two years and then I was asked to be Assistant State Director and Rich gave up the Patch Packer. We have been Assistant State Directors for two years now and we have truly enjoyed working with and meeting many wonderful people on our endeavors. Please feel free to come and visit at our camp site, or if we are with one of you, please feel free to come and join in for a wonderful time and the chance to meet some of the most kind and wonderful people. If we can help you find a group we will or if you are interested in starting a group of your own we will be more than happy to help you do this also.

This year, at the Samboree, we would love to meet or talk to you about joining one of the groups in our area. Our area goes from Tomah to the southwest area of Wisconsin to Madison and Monroe to the Mississippi. We would love to start a chapter by the Mississippi if you have anyone you know that would be willing to start a chapter over there, please contact us either by email, [pat\\_kelley\\_202@netzero.net](mailto:pat_kelley_202@netzero.net) or by phone 1-608-876-6073. We are also in the Standby Sams.

Thank You,  
Assistant State Directors, Southwest  
Pat & Richard Kelley

### Hello from the S.E. Area

Hello, my name is Rich Neuberger and my wife Bonnie, and we are the S.E. Assistant State Directors. We would like to tell you a little about our goals and ourselves for the next two years.

We have been camping for about 20 years and joined the Rocky Rollers Chapter out of Janesville, WI in 1996. We enjoy traveling with our three dogs to new and exciting places.

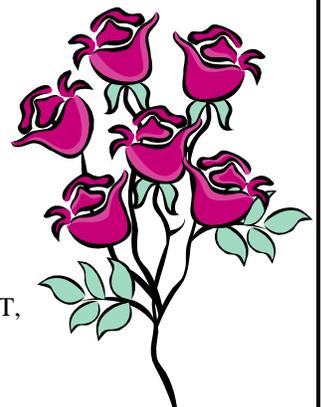
We look forward to meeting with all the Chapters in the S.E. area. We hope we can help each Chapter grow and maybe even start a new Chapter. I have been given the task of forming a statewide special interest group called "Second Chance Sams". This Chapter would include people, who due to a medical reason have been given a second chance at life. Anyone interested in becoming a charter member in this group, there will be a meeting at the State Samboree or you may contact me. Feel free to contact us with any questions or suggestions.

Happy Camping,  
Rich & Bonnie Neuberger

### THE GIFT OF FRIENDSHIP

FRIENDSHIP is a PRICELESS GIFT

That cannot be bought or sold,  
But its value is far greater  
Than a mountain made of gold-  
For gold is cold and lifeless,  
It can neither see nor hear,  
And in the time of trouble  
It is powerless to cheer-  
It has no ears to listen,  
No heart to understand,  
It cannot bring you comfort  
Or reach out a helping hand-  
So when you ask GOD for a GIFT,  
Be thankful if HE sends  
Not diamonds, pearls or riches,  
But the love of real true friends.



---Helen Steiner Rice

## Words from the State Staff

### **Wisconsin Good Sam Organization Secretary**

Hi,

I am the Wisconsin Good Sam Secretary, my name is Jim Vetter and I live in Hudson, WI. I would like to encourage everyone to attend our Samboree in Tomah. Tomah has a great facility. My area of responsibility at the Samboree is registration. Here are some tips to make the registration process easier. Send your pre-registration form and money to our State Treasurer, Sharon Kreul, as early as possible. \*The optional catered meals are only available with pre-registration. The only meal tickets for sale at the Samboree are those from cancellations. This gives the caterer enough lead-time to order and prepare the food. \*Please do not send the early bird parking fee with your registration. The parking committee at the gate collects this fee.

Jim Vetter  
1601 Redwood Drive, Apt. #104  
Hudson, WI 54016

### **Wisconsin Good Sam Organization Patch Packer**

Hello,

My name is Joanie Campbell and my husband's name is Richard. I am the new State Patch Packer. We live in Baraboo, WI. We belong to the Yellow Thunder Good Sam Chapter. My husband is the President of the Chapter. We are also Life Time Members. We love to camp. We have three children, two boys and a girl and our daughter just married this past October and our second son just had a baby this last May and our oldest son has a daughter so we now have two grand children. I have been working with Al on designing a patch for the June Samboree and will have them and past patches available along with Good Sam Patches. Please stop by and see us at the booth.

Joanie and Richard Campbell  
232 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Baraboo, WI 53913

### **Wisconsin Good Sam Organization Wagon Master**

Hi,

I would like to introduce myself; I am the new Wisconsin Good Sam Wagon Master. My name is Tom Roundy and my wife is Alice. We live in Baraboo, WI. We are Life Time Members of the Good Sams. We belong to two local Chapters, the Yellow Thunder Sams of Baraboo and the Yahara Black Hawks of Madison. I am also the Wagon Master of the Yahara Black Hawks. My wife, Alice is the Yellow thunder Chapter Treasurer. We retired from the Plastic Industry. I worked at Penda and my wife retired from the Flambeau Plastic. We have six children and 12 grandchildren and two great grandchildren. We enjoyed camping in all aspects from tent to our present 5<sup>th</sup> wheel. We have spent three winters in Texas and Florida. Please be friendly, kind and courteous as I am only a volunteer and will do the best I can to make your parking as fast and simple as possible. Everyone will have electric and some water available. Please make sure your fresh water tank is full before parking. We hope to see you at the Samboree at Tomah in June. Please drive safe and the Parking Crew will be at the gate to greet and welcome you.

Happy Camping  
Tom & Alice Roundy  
114 Badger Drive  
Baraboo, WI 53913

**Wisconsin Good Sam Organization Sam-A-Gram Editors/Web Master**

Hello,

My name is Bonnie Owen and along with my husband Randi we are the WI Good Sam Editors of the Sam-A-Gram. Randi & I are new to the Good Sams, we've only been members for one year this April, but we've jumped in with both feet and are now Life Time Members. We are members of the Jack Pine Travelers Chapter and at our first meeting we agreed to publish their newsletter. We have a great group and have 24 members at present. Randi & I have three children, our oldest son Adam is married to Julie for three years in March, our youngest son Eric has just finished Technical School in Wyoming and is currently looking for a job in his field and our daughter Sarah is a Junior in High School. Randi & I are both employed at Fort McCoy. I have been a Secretary out there for 27 years and Randi is a Police Officer and has been there three years. Randi also works part time as an Engineer/Reporter for the local radio stations and we own our own 2-way radio communications sales and service business and disc jockey service that keeps us very busy.

At the last State meeting in May, Randi agreed to be the WI Good Sam Organization Web Master and is currently developing the new Website. The website should be open for viewing at the Samboree in Tomah. Randi currently is the Web Master for 4 websites, which include Roper Electronics (our own business), Magnum Radio Group's three local radio stations (WBOG, WTMB & WMYX in Tomah, WI), the Local Chapter of the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #4 and the Jack Pine Travelers. He's also been asked to set up the local Chevy Car Dealership's Website, so he comes very qualified. For more information on the website, see page 1 of the Sam-A-Gram.

We are going to try to get around to camping with other chapters and get to meet as many of you as we can. Hopefully we'll be seeing you soon this summer and you like what you see in the Sam-A-Gram and on the Website.

Randi & Bonnie Owen  
902 W. Veterans Street  
Tomah, WI 54660

An elderly Cherokee native American was teaching his grandchildren about life...

He said to them, "A fight is going on inside me, it is a terrible fight and it is between two wolves. One wolf is evil—he is fear, anger, envy, sorrow, regret, greed, arrogance, self-pity, guilt, resentment, inferiority, lies, false pride, competition, superiority, and ego.

The other is good—he is joy, peace, love, hope, sharing, serenity, humility, kindness, benevolence, friendship, empathy, generosity, truth, compassion, and faith.

This same fight is going on inside you, and inside every other person, too."

They thought about it for a minute and then one child asked his grandfather, "Which wolf will win?"

The old Cherokee simply replied, "The one you feed".

-Author Unknown



## Chapter Chatter

### S.O.V.E. Chapter

The Special Olympic Volunteer Escort is looking for new members. The members go on the Torch Run with the police officers in early June usually the Thursday before the Samboree. We participate in the run by using our rigs to go along with the officers. We have water, juice, fruit, gum, etc. for them to have. Also they have the use of our bathroom when needed. We meet our area officers and follow a route to rest stops along the way. In Portage, Wisconsin (here in the southern part) we meet up with other runners for lunch then on to Stevens Point, Wisconsin where the Special Olympics games are held.

The Chapter holds two meetings a year besides the run. The meetings are the last full weekend of April and October at Buffalo Lake Campground in Montello, Wisconsin. In the spring the campout coincides with the campgrounds clean-up weekend. We clean up the site and the men help put some picnic tables together. There is a Chili Dump, a Brown Bag Auction and sometimes a bake sale. Then there is always the Amish Bakery/Store run for those of you that want to go. In September the campgrounds have their Halloween trick n' treat (which everyone is welcome to join in) weekend. A good campfire and just plain relaxing is in order for that time.

We would like to have you join us on April 23-25, 2004 and October 1-3, 2004. This chapter is open to all in Wisconsin.

You can contact Bill Malicki at 608-584-6051, email [Dodgeman@maqs.net](mailto:Dodgeman@maqs.net) or Dianna Hogle at 262-878-3260, email [Franklin\\_West@hotmail.com](mailto:Franklin_West@hotmail.com) for more information.

### The Wisingles

The Wisingles 2003 camping season began in April with an early campout at Castle Rock. It was a fortunate pick for the week to camp as the first warm days of spring smiled upon us with temps in the 70's some of the days and nights being cold but warmed by glowing cheerful fires, good friends and good conversation. After being confined to our homes for the winter, it was a welcome change. Good for the soul and warmed our hearts with laughter, excellent pot lucks and Friday night fish fry at a local restaurant. Several of us stayed for 5-6 days and a few wandered in to visit during the daytime.

May was our first official Campout at Neillsville. Walks on the trails in the welcoming spring sun gave us hope of warm days to return to Wisconsin. We had some visitors from our fellow Minnesingles. Evening was spent in the shelter beside the fireplace with games and all watching to see if our friendly mouse had made it through the cold winter.

June was a brief campout at Warrens County Park with plans to attend the Samboree in Tomah. We had a short caravan into Tomah with 17 parading through town making us the longest caravan coming to the Samboree. A wonderful time enjoyed there with friends, music and a campfire around candles in the evening.

July found us standing in the middle of the road talking (as we usually do) at Strum City Park. Golfing was close by for the ones that like to golf. We formed a caravan to the Mississippi River for a picnic on a bluff overlooking the great river road. The trip involved traveling many back roads and looking at the wonders of nature in the summer time. It seems we had a pat luck every day at the July campout.

August was the Tri-State with Minnesota and Iowa. The Minnesingles hosted the event in 2003. Fifty members and 49 units filled the campground. The electrical power wasn't capable of running A/C, as many of us had to resort to swimming in the old Mississippi River to cool off.

September was the back to Castle Rock with the retiree annual campout. Wisingles were very lucky there as we all won a door prize. The nights were turning cool and the days shorter. A promise of autumn was in the air. Castle Rock Lake stayed warm for our last pleasurable swim of the summer.

October was the final campout at Neillsville. Walking the trails looking for Bear/Deer tracks and finding Bear tracks with nothing in them. Shinning Deer at night watching the mouse by the fire in the evening in the restful shelter. Playing Mexican train and cards. And Pot Luck! It was a great summer for all of us, but much too short.

The 2004 season is fast approaching and plans are being made. Several camping dates are scheduled. The host for Tri-State this year will be the Wisingles. It will be held in the Prairie du Chien area during the month of August. Anyone interested in joining or attending a chapter campout may contact any member for dates and information.

### The Milwaukee Roamers

The Milwaukee Roamers donated 245 pounds of food items to the Milwaukee Area Hunger Task Force. This was their third year of donating to the organization. Instead of exchanging Christmas gifts, each member contributed a grocery bag full of food items for the donation. The chapter members have unanimously accepted this. Each year the members seem to contribute more and more. Please contact us for any other information.

Jim and Dolly Eggert  
Co-President of the Milwaukee Roamers

*We do not stop playing because we are old...*

*We grow old because we stop playing.*

# More Chatter

## The Rocky Rollers

The Rocky Rollers Chapter from Southern Wisconsin invites you to check out our new website at: <http://www.gocities.com/rockyrollerschapter/index.htm>. The website includes information for perspective members, meeting minutes, newsletters, schedule of events and photos. Check us out online. Our campout calendar is included so find an event that fits your schedule and join us. We welcome everyone.

The Rocky Rollers invites everyone to attend the Southeast Jumbo, July 9-11 at the Walworth County Fairgrounds at Elkhorn, Wisconsin. Campers may come early or stay on after the event because the fairgrounds is always open to camping. Get acquainted events, games, fun and food is planned for the Jumbo.

See you at the Jumbo.  
Cyndi

## Lake-2-Lake Good Sam

Sheboygan and Manitowoc Counties are home to the members of the Lake-2-Lake Chapter. We currently have 6 units in our Chapter, but would love to have more, if any of you are so inclined!

We try to camp at least once a month from May through October and often have social meetings during the winter months. We are all retired or semi-retired, but any age is welcome!

If you would like to join us at any of the campouts, you may email Wayne at [HVAC@LAKEFIELD.NET](mailto:HVAC@LAKEFIELD.NET) or contact Marion at 920-452-2788.

## Yellow Thunder Good Sams

The Chapter will be celebrating 27 years. We have 30 or more families in our Chapter. We camp the 4<sup>th</sup> full weekend of the month, starting in April and our last camping date is the 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend of October. We have dinner meetings during the winter months.

We do a road clean up each year in May. We clean an area near the community we are camping at that month.

In June this last year we honored our retired members. We had chauffeurs pick up our guests and we had a social hour and then our club made dinner.

In July we have a silent auction and food drive for the Baraboo Food Pantry.

In August we made place cards for a Madison nursing home.

In October we have a big family Halloween party, we have lots of old fashion games and treats.

In November we enter a lighted float in the Baraboo Christmas Parade, and this year our float took 1<sup>st</sup> place for best interpretation of a theme.

In January we have our Chapter Christmas party.

This year our Chapter is holding the Southwest Jumbo at Adams County Castle Rock Park. Our Chapter will be holding lots of events such as bake sales, blue light specials and other projects in preparation for the Jumbo.

Our Chapter has been steadily growing every year. Please come and join us for a weekend of fun and friendly people. We have lots of entertainment and games for everyone to participate in.

## Jack Pine Travelers

Hi, my name is Gordon Langer, as President of the Jack Pine Travelers, my goals for this coming year are to get more young people involved in the Chapter and add more games and activities to the campouts. I also want us to get more involved with the Dogs for the Deaf program and see if we can't get a sponsored recipient in Wisconsin.

# Safety Tip

## Transporting Persons in Fifth-Wheel Mobile Homes

- a. No person may operate a motor vehicle towing a fifth-wheel mobile home upon a highway when any person under the age of 12 years is in the fifth-wheel mobile home unless one person 16 years of age or older is also in the fifth-wheel mobile home.
- b. No person may operate a motor vehicle towing a fifth-wheel mobile home upon a highway with any person in such mobile home unless the fifth-wheel mobile home is equipped with a two-way communications system in proper working order and capable of providing voice communications between the operator of the towing vehicle and any occupant of the fifth-wheel mobile home.
- c. The communication device may be wireless, such as Citizen Band Radio (CB), Family Radio Service (FRS), "Handi Talkie", Amateur Radio, etc. or hard wired such as an intercom system. Two-way communication is required.

# News from Around the Nation

## **Safety! Crimes Against Travelers**

A retired policeman of the National Crime Prevention Task Force presented a seminar on crime against travelers at the FCRV (Family Campers & Rvers) 2003 Retiree Rally. His Key point was “don’t get into a car or leave the scene with attackers (scream, go limp, kick or roll into a ball but do not get into a car because you won’t come back).”

He emphasized that crimes along the interstate have been rising and car-jackings are increasing and that more crimes are committed in daylight in public places than at night. “Be aware of who is around you or who is watching you.”

RVers were advised to not camp at rest areas and to be cautious at night and have someone watch your back if you’re working on your RV. He cautioned, “In shopping center or restaurant parking lots, keep your door facing the building, not the perimeter. Take your keys out of your towed car and check the connections before leaving. And remember that bikes and scooters are easily stolen. Put a sign in the window that reads, Sleeping, Don’t Disturb. Also keep steps up when parked to prevent easy access and the breaking of the door window.”

Since most RVs look alike, it was suggested putting a sign with four large numbers on the front, back and roof for easy identification if it is stolen. He did not recommend carrying a handgun but said a shotgun is more effective. He also recommended a police spray chemical that causes the eyes to freeze shut. A final warning, “If carjacked, throw your keys as far away as possible and get out of the situation as quickly as possible.” Contact the NCPTF at 888-806-1199 [www.fcry.org](http://www.fcry.org).

## **Security! Locate Driver or Vehicle**

[Platematch.com](http://Platematch.com) allows internet users to contact or leave messages for any owner of the more than 200 million cars, trucks or RVs that travel North America’s roads. The site uses vehicle’s license plate numbers as the public ID of its owner. Site visitors can search for a specific license number or only part of a number. They can browse through the directory looking for a match, then leave anonymous messages for any vehicle’s owner to view at a later date. This service is free to any site visitor but other features are private to each member. Members are provided with dedicated web pages for each vehicle they own and can plan upcoming maintenance, track their vehicles’ service history and store mechanic’s contact info. Members also have a private section to store critical medical and emergency contact info about themselves and their families that can be used by medical personnel in case of medical emergencies. Call 866-PLATEMATCH.

## **Wi-Fi Hot Spots**

Transaction Network Services [www.tnsi.com](http://www.tnsi.com) and LinkSpot Networks [www.linkspot.com](http://www.linkspot.com) formed a strategic partnership to accelerate the deployment of Wi-Fi hot spots (Link Spots) within RV parks throughout the United States. LinkSpot is already operating in two dozen parks in thirteen states, with plans to expand to 100 parks by year’s end. Internet access is a highly desired amenity by the growing population of Rvers since 50% of RV owners travel with their computer. TNS’ Wi-Fi service allows wireless service providers to rapidly deploy carrier-class Wi-Fi services without the capital expense of a network build-out. TNS handles the acquisition and provisioning of access equipment in the RV park and provisions the broadband circuit to supply the necessary bandwidth to route data to the internet from the wireless local area network (WLAN) on the property. TNS manages the infrastructure and remotely monitors and manages the network 24 hours per day, 365 days per year. LinkSpot creates park-wide internet access by installing a high-speed line into the park and distributing the service to all sites via standard Wi-Fi technology. To use the service, a camper merely needs to install a Wi-Fi card into their computer, open the browser and purchase the service. LinkSpot provides loaner kits including the Wi-Fi card for park guests who do not already have the necessary hardware.

# WISCONSIN JUMBOS

## 2004 Northwest Jumbo

This year's Jumbo will be July 22-25, 2004 at the Taylor County Fairgrounds in Medford, WI. Please enter from the Hwy 13 north driveway, as the one on Hwy 64 is too steep for campers. This will be our 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Hosted by the Apple River Drifters.

We are trying something different this year. On Thursday, July 22, starting at 12:00 p.m, the host and parking chapter may enter the Fairgrounds. Then after 3:00 p.m. everyone else, who wishes to come may enter. This will give the workers time to set up.

Other committees are: Ice Cream and Bingo, Pancake Breakfast, Pot Luck Supper, and Games coordinators. There will be no pre-registration for these events.

Also new this year, we will have the Saturday morning Flea Market set up in front of our rigs like last year, but we will start at 8:00 AM. Saturday afternoon will be games and at 5:30 PM a Pot Luck Supper.

There will be a Church Service on Sunday morning.

Cost for the weekend will be \$15.00. This includes the Ice Cream, Bingo and Pancake Breakfast.

Last year the money we collected for Charity was decided upon at the meeting to give to Taylor County Fairgrounds to help with the cost of the new building they were putting up. We donated \$500.00. The building is now up and we will be using it this year.

Any questions, you can contact Vera M. Budzinski, N11876 County Road M, Thorp, WI 54771-8205 or Phone: 715-669-3192.

## 2004 Northeast Jumbo

The Northeast Jumbo will be held August 13<sup>th</sup> thru 15<sup>th</sup> 2004 at the Waupaca County Fairgrounds in Weyauwega, WI.

Our plans at this time are for outdoor games, with Bean Bag, Washer Toss, Lawn Dice, and maybe Horse Shoes, if the area permits. There will be cards, dominoes, cribbage, etc., for members who prefer those to outdoor games. Card Bingo will also be available.

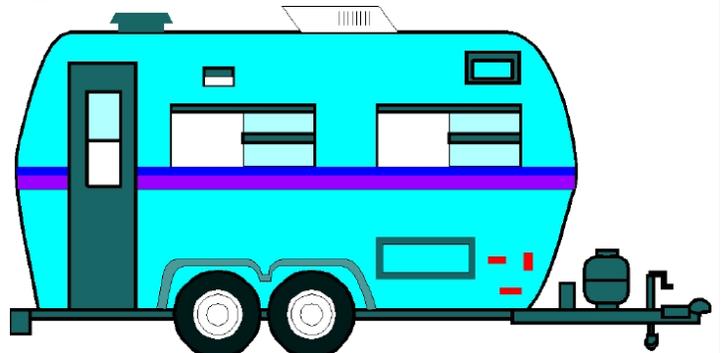
Friday, there will be coffee and cookies during the day, and at night, its Fish Fry for those who wish to go.

Saturday morning features a pancake and porky breakfast with coffee and cookies during the day again. Evening potluck, with meat undecided at this time. Followed by a short meeting to have input from the chapters on planning the 2005 Jumbo.

Sunday morning will feature donuts and coffee.

If you pre-register together, we will try to set aside Chapter parking. Early bird parking will be available on Thursday. Please let your Assistant Director know if you are coming in early.

The cost will be \$5.00 Registration fee per couple per unit and \$10.00 per night camping fee for each RV unit.



## WISCONSIN JUMBOS

### 2004 Southwest Jumbo

This year's Jumbo will be held September 10, 11, & 12, 2004 at the Adam's County Castle Rock Park. This would be the lower of the three Adam's County Parks on County Road Z (instead of Petenwell Park). They have an enclosed shelter in case of rain.

Hosts for the weekend will be the Yellow Thunder Sams.

The cost of the weekend last year was \$12.00 per night. When you arrive at the park, you will need to tell the office personnel that you are there for the Good Sam Jumbo in order to get the discount and assigned a site in the area reserved for the Jumbo. If you pre-register as a Group we will try to set aside Chapter parking.

At this time, many of the activities haven't been finalized or confirmed but we will be having a meal and evening entertainment on Saturday night. We will have flyers with detailed information on activities and registration forms on a table at the Samboree in Tomah in June.

Last year's Jumbo was a great success and we would like to keep that tradition going. There were 42 rigs and 65 meals served. There were many activities and everyone had lots of fun.

If you're interested in joining us and would like more information, you can contact the Yellow Thunder Sams President, Richard Campbell at 232 6<sup>th</sup> Ave., Baraboo, WI 53913, or Phone: 608-356-4194 or you also can contact the SW Assistant Director, Pat Kelley at P.O. Box 232, Footville, WI 53537-0232, or phone: (608) 876-6073 or email Pat at: [Pat\\_Kelley\\_2002@netzero.net](mailto:Pat_Kelley_2002@netzero.net).

### 2004 Southeast Jumbo

This year's Jumbo will be held July 9, 10, and 11, 2004 at Walworth County Fairgrounds, in Elkhorn, WI, hosted by the Rocky Rollers. Check in will be Friday, June 9<sup>th</sup> starting at 3:00 p.m.

Events for the weekend will include:

Friday evening – a get acquainted over dessert  
Saturday morning – a continental breakfast,  
Games (inside/outside  
weather permitting)

Saturday evening – a meal consisting of beef &  
Ham entrees, followed by  
Games, door prizes,  
Entertainment & Karaoke

Sunday morning – a continental breakfast and  
Elkhorn Chamber of  
Commerce Door Prize

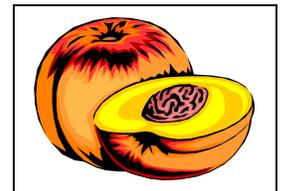
Costs for the weekend are:

Registration Camping: \$ 4.00  
Camping: \$18.00 per night  
Sat. Evening Meal: \$ 6.00 per person  
Children Age 2-8: \$ 3.00 per child  
Under 2 free

If you are interested in attending the SE Jumbo contact Helen Pfaff, 6306 W. County Road A, Janesville, WI 53545 or email her at [Emmel@charter.net](mailto:Emmel@charter.net).

#### Friend's Peach Cobbler

1 Cup Feelings  
¼ Cup Patience  
2 tsp. Compassion  
¾ Cup Faith ½ tsp. Forgiveness  
¾ Stick Good Wishes & Laughter



Set Heat on Love

Melt Feelings in a bowl of Understanding. Combine Patience, Kindness, Compassion, Trust and Faith.

Pour combined ingredients into the heart of a friend.

Bake for a Lifetime in Warm Hugs.

Don't forget to sprinkle with Laughter and Good Wishes.

# International Volunteer Projects for Chapters

**Here are a few of the programs chapters can get involved in:**

## **The National Clean Up Day**

Held in weekend before Memorial Day, but International accepts clean ups on any public land during the month of May as participation in this project. (The theme is "Getting Ready for Summer"). Chapters receive complimentary trash bags if they call before the event and once they return their survey (Found in the Clean-Up Kit, sent to Chapter Presidents in late January) they receive a Certificate of Appreciation. Chapter members receive free caps and patches designed especially for these two projects when they contact HQ to let them know they are participating.

## **The International Chapter of the Year**

The chapter is chosen in late January for the previous year. Chapters can be nominated by their Director, ASD or a chapter member (just fill out the nomination form and return it to Leslie Holzer by December 1<sup>st</sup>. The winner receives \$500, patches for all chapter members, a special plaque and an article in the Highways in their honor. First runner up receives \$250 and 2 honorable mention chapters each earn \$100.

## **Membership Drive for Chapters**

Starts in November. For each new member brought into the Club (not into the chapter) by any of the individual chapter members, the chapter earns \$10 and the chapter member who sold the membership will receive a patch at the end of the drive (February 28 or 29<sup>th</sup> this year). Chapters can set up selling tables at local dealers for \$12.00 for new members. (Many dealers have open houses during that time period). Last year a few earned over \$100 for their treasury!!! Chapter members are also eligible to win a \$100 Camping World certificate if they bring a new member into their chapter and send Leslie Holzer the information on a chapter referral list. One chapter per State/Province will also win \$100 in January for having the most percentage increase in membership over the year (compare last year's roster to this year's). Don't forget the State will pay \$50 for starting a new chapter (no present chapter members may drop their present chapter for the sake of starting a new chapter and receive the \$50). (See minutes of the June 2002 State Meeting.)

## **Standby Sam**

Chapter members can also volunteer to be a Standby Sam. They need to contact Marlene Campbell at International and if they are listed in the directory, they will receive a special patch.

If there are any questions, please feel free to contact me. I may not have the answer, but I will try to get it for you. As other programs come about I will try to keep you informed of them.

Thank you,

Al Schattschneider  
Wisconsin Good Sam State Director

# 2004 Dates to Remember

<u>DATES</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>COMMENT</u>
<b>April 30-May 2</b>	<b>Final Preparation for Samboree</b>	<b>Tomah Recreation Park</b>	<b>10 AM ALL PRESIDENTS</b>
<b>May 01</b>	<b>WI State Meeting</b>	<b>Tomah Recreation Park</b>	
May 20-23	Minnesota Spring Samboree	Nicollet FG. St. Peter, MN	
May 14-16	Michigan Samboree	Wexford Cnty Civic Center, Cadillac, MI	
May 28-31	Indiana Samboree	Lebanon, IN	
June 6-8	Canadian Samboree	Miami Rec Center, Manitoba	
June 10-13	Nebraska Samboree	Hasting, NE	
June 17-20	South Dakota Samboree	Oneida, SD	
<b>June 17-20</b>	<b>Wisconsin Samboree</b>	<b>Tomah Recreation Park</b>	
<b>June 19</b>	<b>State Meeting</b>	<b>Tomah Recreation Park</b>	<b>10 a.m.</b>
June 21-24	2004 North American Rally	Hasting, KS	
June 24-27	Iowa Samboree	Amana, IA	
<b>June 27</b>	2nd Chance Samboree	Amana, IA	
<b>July 9-11</b>	<b>Southeast Jumbo</b>	<b>Walworth FG, Elkhorn, WI</b>	
<b>July 22-25</b>	<b>Northwest Jumbo</b>	<b>Taylor Cty. Fairgrounds, Medford, WI</b>	
July 15-18	Michigan Samboree	Midland, MI	
<b>August 13-15</b>	<b>Northeast Jumbo</b>	<b>Waupaca Cty. Fair Grounds, Weyauwega, WI</b>	
August 4-8	Man. & N.W. Onterio Samboree	River Bend Exhibition Grd Winnipeg, MB	
August 19-22	Minnesota Fall Samboree	Chisholm, Ironworld, MN	
September 3-6	Illinois Samboree	Henry, IL	
September 10-12	North Dakota Samboree	Eagle Club, Valley City, ND	
<b>September 10-12</b>	<b>Southwest Jumbo</b>	<b>Adam's County Park</b>	
<b>September 17-19</b>	<b>State Campout</b>		
<b>September 18</b>	<b>Fall State Meeting</b>		<b>10 AM ALL PRESIDENTS</b>
September 23-26	Missouri Samboree	Columbia, MO	
September 24-26	Michigan Fall Samboree	Sandusky, MI	
September 30-October 3	Kansas Samboree	Hutchinson, KS	
October 8-10	Arkansas Samboree	Fort Smith, AR	
October 14-17	Oklahoma Samboree	Shawnee, OK	
October 22-24	Louisiana Samboree	Alexandria, LA	
October 28-31	Texas Samboree	Waco, TX	
November 17-21	Florida Winter Samboree	Orlando, FL	

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**WISCONSIN COUNTRY SAMBOREI**  
**June 17th - 20th, 2004**  
**Recreation Park, Tomah, Wisconsin**

**EVENING ENTERTAINMENT**

*Wednesday - Elwood Elliott & Friends*

*Thursday - Len & Lois Country Favorites*

*Friday - Song Birds present Wisconsin Country*

*Saturday - Silverado Band*

*Sunday - Our Saviors Song Birds*

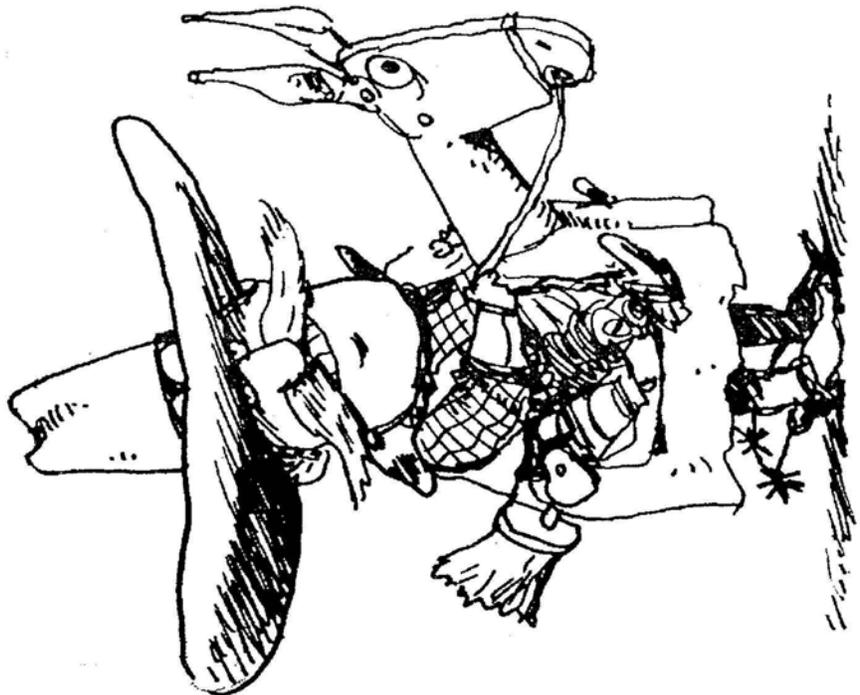
Saturday Evening Catered Meal- Limited Reservations

*Tenderloin Tips and Chicken Breast in Champagne Sauce  
Mashed Potatoes, Buttered Corn, Cole Slaw & rolls w/butter  
prepared by O'Rustic Inn Catering Service, Oakdale, WI*

*Reservations & Information Contact:*

*Sharon Kreul 1402 Ellen Ave. Madison, WI 53716-1541*

*608-222-7115 or Email at [biskreul@yahoo.com](mailto:biskreul@yahoo.com)*



June 17-20, 2004

# “Wisconsin Country Samboree”

Recreation Park in Tomah WI  
“Where the “I” Divides”

Bring those covered wagons and settle in Tomah for a fun filled time!

**Activities include:** Tours, seminars, commercial exhibits, free coffee and cookies, RV displays, prizes, raffles, flea market/craft sale, Sunday church service, family entertainment each night and free hot dog meal.

**Registration:** Pre-registration is \$50.00 per family unit (2 adults and children/grandchildren living at home) or \$45 for a single until June 6, then \$55.00 at the gate; \$10.00 for each extra adult (21 and over). Registrations received after June 6 will be returned. (You may still attend but must pay the gate fee upon arriving.) Cancellations must be made within 10 days of the Samboree by contacting the State Treasurer.

**Catered Meal:** To be paid with your pre-registration. (Menu being decided upon.)

**Parking:** Chapter/Group Parking Request must be in by May 5, 2004 and will be NON-refundable. All other parking will be "hobo" style. HANDICAPPED PARKING must furnish handicap I.D. or doctor's verification. PLEASE, if you don't need it, don't ask for it. Water and 20, 30 or 50 amp electrical available on a limited bases (#10 electrical cord recommended). Please switch your refrigerator to gas. Early bird parking is \$12.00 per night - Wednesday, June 16. Please pay early bird at the gate.

**Emergency Phone: Tomah Police Department: (608)374-7400**

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: WISCONSIN GOOD SAM**

**\*NOTE: YOUR CHECK IS YOUR CONFIRMATION**

Send form and fees to: Sharon Kreul, State Treasurer  
1402 Ellen Avenue; Madison WI 53716-1541 Phone: 608-222-7115

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Good Sam No. \_\_\_\_\_ Expires: \_\_\_\_\_  
(His) (Hers) (Last)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Are you a member of the state organization (i.e., pay state dues of \$5.00/yr)? Yes No

Chapter Name: \_\_\_\_\_ I want to know about chapters in my area. Yes No

**COMMERCIAL EXHIBITORS:**

I wish to be an exhibitor at this Samboree: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_  
I would be willing to do a seminar/workshop at the Samboree. Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Length of time needed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Product: \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Needs (exhibitors only, i.e., tables, chairs, size of booth): \_\_\_\_\_

If this is your first time you attended a Wisconsin Samboree Please check this Box

No. Of Extra Adult(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Children: \_\_\_\_\_ Boy's ages: \_\_\_\_\_ Girl's ages: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you need Handicap Parking? \_\_\_\_\_ MUST HAVE PROOF.

My check is enclosed for: Registration	Single \$45.00	Family \$50.00	\$ _____
Extra person(s) _____ X \$10.00 each			\$ _____
Adult Catered Meal(s) _____ X \$8.50 each			\$ _____
Child's (age 6-10) Meal(s) _____ X \$4.50 each			\$ _____
Vender Fee \$15.00			\$ _____
<b>TOTAL ENCLOSED</b>			\$ _____

We understand the Wisconsin Good Sam State Committee has taken reasonable and necessary precautions and, therefore, we accept full responsibility for the welfare of our unit and persons with our unit while attending the Wisconsin Samboree.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ (Application not valid unless signed)

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**TATER PEOPLE**



Some people never seem motivated to participate, but are just content to watch other do the work,  
They are called "Spec Taters".

Some people never do anything to help, but are gifted at finding fault with the way others do the work,  
They are called "Comment Taters".

Some people are very bossy and like to tell others what to do, but don't want to soil their own hands,  
They are called "Dick Taters".

Some people are always looking to cause problems by asking other to agree with them.  
It is too hot or cold, too sour or too sweet,  
They are called "Agie Taters".

There are those who say they will help, but somehow just never get around to actually doing the promised help,  
The are called "Hezzie Taters".

Some people can put up a front and pretend to be someone they are not,  
They are called "Emma Taters".

Then there are those who love others and do what they say they will. They are always prepared to stop whatever they are doing  
And lend a helping hand. They bring real sunshine into the lives of others.  
They are called "Sweet Taters".