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- Something Nice.

Dear Wisconsin Good Sam Club Members:

The temperature is below zero as I am writing this and the colder it gets the more I think of spring, green grass and CAMPING!! During the long winter it warms my heart to think of our Good Sam friends and all the fun times we had last year.

We meet Good Sam friends everywhere we travel. Dave and I left Amery on December 28, 2008, in our motor home, to attend the State Directors meeting held at International headquarters in Ventura, CA. This meeting gives us the opportunity to connect with Good Sam Club Staff, Sambassadors and other State Directors.

From there we drove to Quartzsite, AZ for the RV and Camping Show. We had the pleasure of working for Good Sam handing out keys to everyone coming through the gates. The keys opened the 2 treasure chests at the Good Sam tent. If the key opened the chest the guest had their choice of the prizes inside the chest. It is a great time. And as I tell all of our guests "Good Sam considers everyone winners – some just get prizes."

From there we went to Casa Grande then on to the Texas Rio Grande Valley. We met old friends and made new friends along the way. That is one of the best benefits of belonging to the Good Sam Club and our State Good Sam Organization, is never being lonesome when traveling, there is always a Good Sam friend to visit.

As we headed home we stopped at Abilene, TX for the Texas Samboree. What a great time. Then on to The Rally in Albuquerque, NM. Dave and I volunteered and worked for Don Woodard, Sambassador, at the nightly entertainment. We have attended all The Rallies except the one held at Pomona, CA. Every Rally has been a great time and even in the rain and mud at the first Perry, GA Rally to the road construction in Albuquerque. The weather conditions do not make a Rally a success, all the great Good Sam Members make the Rally's worth attending. The entertainment, seminars, tours, vendors and other activities are just icing on the cake.

The spring and summer was made up of visiting Region 3 Samborees, our Samboree and Jumbos. This years Samboree is being held at the Brown County Fairgrounds in De Pere, WI, about 5 miles from Lambeau Field in Green Bay. The dates are June 17th – June 20th. The Early Bird days start at noon on Tuesday June 15th and all day on June 16th. Please get your pre-registration in as soon as possible. Jim Enneper is our Samboree Coordinator and has more details in his article on page 6.

It is a great pleasure to serve as your State Director and I would like to thank all of you for your support. With out our State Staff and other volunteers we would not be as successful as a State Organization.

Think Spring,
Think Camping
Jean Goossen
Wisconsin State Director



Safety at the Park Makes It More Enjoyable for Everyone!

Taking a few basic precautions will help to ensure that your camping adventure becomes memorable for all the right reasons!

Lock When You Leave

Make it a habit to lock your RV every time you depart. This RV lockdown should include securing exterior storage compartments, windows, and closing all [blinds](#) and shades. Not only will this keep out prying eyes, but will also keep the sun off fabrics and help reduce fading.

Also make sure to put away any items—cooking utensils, chairs, etc. — that you want to be there upon your return.

Set up a “Neighborhood” Watch

Get to know the RVers camping next door to you, and offer to keep an eye on their site when they’re away. They’ll do the same for you.

Consider a Few “Alarming” Options

Although it won’t make you very popular if it goes off accidentally in the middle of the night, a [vehicle alarm system](#) can be a useful defense when you’re away from your site. Also consider installing “motion detector” lights, which have the added advantage of startling “critters” as well as humans.

Pick the Right Park

The choice of the RV park or campground itself is also important. Ask management about their security procedures. Do they have security gates? Is the park perimeter fenced? Do they have cameras? Is the park well lit at night? How hard is it for people not registered at the park to come and go? Do they have nightly patrols? If you’re particularly concerned about safety, be sure to pick a visible campsite located in the center of the park or near a well-lit area.

Use the Buddy System

At night, make sure that you (and your kids) travel around the park in pairs, and keep to well-lit paths.

Clear It with the Kids

Keep your kids safe by giving them clear direction on where to go should they (or you) need help. Many campgrounds and RV parks have their staff wear uniforms or shirts that identify them as park employees. Point this out to your kids, as well as where the office is located, first aid, etc.

With a few basic precautions, you can ensure that your trip will bring you great memories for years to come.

Assistant Directors

Northwest Assistant Director

Hi, I am Vera Budzinski, the Northwest Assistant State Director. Chapters in my area are the Apple River Drifters - Amery Area; Black River Ramblers - Thorp, Black River Falls, Medford, Bloomer, Osseo, and Chippewa Falls Area; Sawdust City Sams - Eau Claire and Altoona Area; Valley Bummers - Wausau Area, Top-O-Wisconsin - Butternut and Park Falls Area and the Wisingles from all over the State.

I am a member of the Black River Ramblers and also the Wisingles Chapters.

I did not make the Samboree in St. Croix last year. On May 19th I had a full knee replacement on my left knee. On Aug. 9th, I had a MIA from a blood clot and recovered without any effects. Then they found I had an enlarged kidney which I had surgery on Dec. 14th and recovered good from that. So hopefully I'm good as new and will not be seeing any more hospitals for a long time. I am ready to get back in the swing of camping and make up for missed time.

Elwood Elliott and myself coordinate the Northwest Jumbo which is July 22-25, 2010 at the Medford, WI, Taylor County Fairgrounds. (Look for a detailed article on Page 7.) This is always a fun Jumbo. You do not have to be a chapter member to attend. Please feel free to camp with us and see what we are all about.

If you are interested in joining a chapter or starting a new chapter please feel free to contact me anytime at 715-669-3192, or (cell phone) 715-271-6855 or write to me at N11876 County Road M, Thorp, WI 54771 and I will help you.

See you at the Samboree and the Northwest Jumbo.

Vera Budzinski
Northwest Assistant Director

Northeast Assistant Director

Hi, fellow Good Sam campers. I am Wayne Schuette, along with my wife Diana; we are the Northeast Assistant State Directors. We live near Lake Michigan on an 80 acre hobby farm.

Last year we went to our first Rally in Albuquerque, New Mexico and had such a good time that this winter we're going to try our hand at being snowbirds for the first time. We are planning to visit parts of the southwest this January thru March.

We are Life Time members of the Good Sam Club and belong to the Lake-2-Lake Sams chapter.

The Northeast chapters consist of 4 other chapters, they are Bay Sammers, Paper Valley Breakaways, Shawano Area Campers and Winnebago Wanderers. All of the chapters are a joy to be with.

We are looking forward to meeting all of you in De Pere this June for our State Samboree. The Green Bay area has a lot to offer in ways of history, entertainment, relaxation, and we can't forget our Green Bay Packers.

Our Northeast Jumbo will be held at the Luxemburg Fairgrounds. There will be lots of fun, and games, so won't you come and join us Aug. 13th thru the 15th, with early bird starting on the 12th after 1 p.m.

Hope to see you and happy camping.

Wayne & Diana Schuette
Northeast Assistant Director



Assistant Directors

Southeast Assistant Director

Hello from the Southeast Area.

Well at the time I am writing this I know why Wisconsin is the frozen tundra. Rich & I are looking forward to this year's camping season. We are your Southeast Assistant Directors.

A little about us, we do live in Illinois but we are right on the Cheddar Boarder. I was born and raised in Wisconsin. We have been members of the Rocky Rollers chapter out of Janesville for 14 years. It has been wonderful meeting all the Good Sam Members around Wisconsin and many places we have traveled. We are a friendly bunch and always ready to lend a helping hand.

The Southeast Jumbo will be held July 9th-11th with early bird on July 8th after 3 p.m. It will again be at the Walworth County Fairgrounds, in Elkhorn, WI. This year it will be hosted by the Bell Ringers. They have many fun things planned for the weekend. (See page 7 for more details.)

We hope to see you all there.

Sincerely,

Rich & Bonnie Neuberger

Assistant State Directors, SE Area

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Wednesday Night Program

Well what do you know, here it is time to think about putting in my two bits for the upcoming camping season and there is still snow on the ground. Well I guess that we need to think ahead and prepare for it.

So listen up and get ready for the Wednesday Night Program. All you people can get involved in it, don't just stand – sit there and say I wish I could do something like that, because I know that you can, by yourself or with someone. Most of you know how it went last year, and we all had a lot of fun. I will be there if you want to stop by the stage in the afternoon and I can get you on the lineup for the evening fun time.

Just a reminder, there will be a Jam Session for all of you that would like to be a part of that. Watch for the announcement as to time and place in the Samboree Program.

I'm hoping that we will have some people from Michigan and elsewhere who will want to participate too.

See Ya,

Elwood Elliott

Southwest Assistant Director

Hello all you Happy Campers!

I am Cheryl Keene and my husband, Keith are the NEW Southwest Assistant Directors. We live in Tomah and I am now the President of our chapter, "The Cranberry Country Cruisers." I held the office of Vice-President until our president, Randi Owen left for Alaska. Keith is still working 6 days a week so our camping is limited to campgrounds that are close by even though I drive the RV.

I grew up camping but Keith never camped until we got married and then he was hooked. We joined Good Sam Club in 2001 and became life members in 2003. My son, Kevin, who now lives in Coon Rapids, MN with his wife Tatiana, was 6 months old when he went on his first campout. Kevin and Tatiana also love to camp.

We have two cats that are our "Fur Babies." Shadow and Sneakers will be 12 years old on Easter and have been camping with us since we adopted them when they were 6 months old. I won't say they love to go camping but they tolerate it fairly well.

I am studying Ventriloquism and have taken some of my friends to various places to entertain. I helped Elwood out on Wednesday night last year at the Samboree as my "Final" for the course. I am looking forward to doing it again this year. I already have a few pretty good ideas for the routine. Sorry, Elwood but, I think it is your turn to go on stage as Marion already had her turn.

I became the Historian for the state in 2004. That position is open now and if anyone is interested in a fun position, I will help you get started. Call or e-mail me and put "Historian Job" in the subject line.

I can't wait until the Samboree this year. The "Heroes and Legends" theme will be fun to see everyone's costumes. Wonder what kind of pictures I will get of Jean and Dave this year??

After not having a Jumbo for two years we will have one this year. It is August 20-22, at Wanna Bee Campground in WI Dells. (608) 253-3122 Check-in is Noon. You don't have to be members of a chapter to join us. We don't have anything scheduled except a potluck and campfire after if weather permits. So come, get back to camping the way camping should be!

Have Safe and Happy Campouts everyone.

Cheryl Keene

Southwest Assistant Director

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WORDS FROM THE STATE STAFF

Sam-a-Gram Editor and State Webmaster

Is it time to go camping yet?

We can hardly wait for this winter weather to move out and let the camping season begin.

The Website has been doing well with over 11,500 visitors, which has been averaging 6.01 visits a day.

We would like to remind you to send us any current obits you have so that we can keep the Website updated.

Bonnie retired Jan. 30, 2010 so she has been keeping the Website up-to-date so please stop in and visit sometime. We have two sons (Adam (& Julie his wife and Grand-puppy Koda) and Eric), 1 daughter (Sarah) and two grandsons (Tristian and Leeland). Randi took a job promotion as a Police Officer at Fort Greely, Alaska so we actually moved in 2009 for 3-5 years, but remain on the State Staff as the Webmaster and Editor of the Sam-A-Gram.

We are Life Time members of the Good Sam Club and belong to the Cranberry Country Cruisers chapter in the Tomah Area. We've also joined a chapter here in Alaska (the Fairbanks Tundra Rollers) so we are still enjoying the fun and companionship of being a part of the Good Sam Club.

We hope everyone plans on attending the Samboree in De Pere, WI for a real good time.

Randi & Bonnie Owen

Secretary

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at our "Heroes and Legends" Wisconsin Samboree in De Pere (Green Bay).

Many exciting activities are being planned for this Samboree.

My area of responsibility at the Samboree is registration. Registration opens at noon on Wednesday. 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. This fee is collected by the parking committee at the gate.

-Upon entering the fairgrounds, you will be given a form by the parking crew. This form identifies the area you are parked in and includes your vehicle license number. Please bring this form with you when you come to registration. This helps us find you in case of emergency, especially at night.

Have a great time at the Samboree meeting old friends as well as making new friends.

Jim Vetter

State Secretary

Historian

Hello Happy Campers!

I have been promoted, to "Southwest Assistant Director" so the "Historian" position for the state is open. Anyone interested, please contact Director Jean or myself. I will continue taking the pictures if there is no one that wants to take over at this time. I will also help anyone get going and learn the ropes.

Remember that the History books are on a table at the Samboree every year. Look them over and see who you recognize.

Remember to "SMILE" because I will be there taking your picture. Just as Dave Goossen.

Cheryl & Keith Keene

State Historians

Wisconsin State Website

Since we put the Website on the Internet in May 2004, we have had over 11,500 visitors. Anyone who is interested in what Wisconsin Good Sam members are doing, can visit the site at www.wigoodsam.org and click on links to all of the State Dates to Remember, all of the WI Chapters and their events, State road conditions year round, photos of past events, minutes of State meetings, classifieds and much, much more.

Please, if you have something that could be added to the web site, send me an email at webmaster@wigoodsam.org after all – it's your site.

Randi Owen, Webmaster

Samboree Coordinator

The 2010 Samboree is being held at the Brown County Fairgrounds near Green Bay. This is a great facility that should satisfy everyone.

We have two field trip options for you.

1. Packer Fans will enjoy the Tour of Lambeau Field along with the Packer Hall of Fame. You'll be able to spend as much time in the Hall of Fame as you want to.

2. Heritage Hill – has a lot of the original buildings that formed what is now known as Green Bay. Fort Howard's buildings are here, this was the original Fort that became Green Bay. All of the buildings at Heritage Hill will be open with demonstrations. Please allow 3-1/2 to 4 hours to tour Heritage Hill.

The Entertainment should have you singing, dancing (if you wish) and laughing.

Thursday – is a sing along with a journey through some of your favorite songs.

Friday – The Baylanders Barbershop Chorus, will present an hour of songs while featuring several of their quartets.

Saturday - The Odd Couple takes the stage. Your sides will be splitting from laughing.

The Catered Meal - Is both delicious to eat, and fascinating to watch it being prepared. We are featuring a Door County Fish Boil, with Door County Cherry Pie. The Whitefish used in the boil will still be swimming on Friday as we get it directly from the fisheries in Door County. Do not miss the actual making of this meal especially the Boil Over. Plan on being there about 30 minutes prior to your dinner time to observe all of this. We have held our costs for the meal so that your cost is at ½ the price you would pay in Door County.

Jim Enneper

Samboree Coordinator

SAMBOREE DIRECTIONS

Brown County Fairgrounds Address: 1500 Fort Howard Avenue, De Pere, Wisconsin

Driving Directions:

From the City of Green Bay: Take South Broadway out of Green Bay toward De Pere. The street name changes from Broadway to Fort Howard as you travel south towards De Pere. The Brown County Fairgrounds is situated on the north city limits of City of De Pere, approximately five miles from downtown Green Bay.

Coming to Green Bay from the NORTH on Highway 41: From Highway 41 take Highway 172 East to the Ashland Avenue/Oneida Street exit. Follow the signs to Ashland Avenue, and turn right (south) onto Ashland. Take Ashland to Parkview Road and turn left (east). The Fairgrounds will be straight ahead as Parkview Road dead ends, and turn right onto Fort Howard Avenue to enter the park. The entrance will be immediately on your left.

Coming to Green Bay from SOUTH on Highway 41: Take Business 41/Ashland Avenue exit. You will curve onto Ashland Avenue (follow the signs). Look to the right for Parkview Road and turn right onto Parkview. Then right on Fort Howard Avenue. The Fairgrounds is immediately on the left.

Coming from Highway 43: Take Highway 43 to 172 West (towards the Airport). Cross over the Fox River, then exit onto Ashland Avenue/Oneida Street. Follow the signs to Ashland Avenue and turn south onto Ashland. Take Ashland to Parkview Road and turn left (east). The Fairgrounds will be straight ahead as Parkview dead ends - turn right onto Fort Howard Avenue to enter the park. The park entrance will be immediately on your left.

WISCONSIN JUMBOS

Northwest Jumbo

This year's Northwest Jumbo will be July 22-25 at the Taylor County Fairgrounds in Medford which is located on the corner of Hwy 64 (east/west) and Hwy 13 (north/south).

PLEASE NOTE!! Enter off Hwy 13 north as the entrance off Hwy 64 is very steep and you can wreck your campers.

Early bird will be Thursday, July 22, and you may come after 3 p.m. **Please adhere to this time.**

The Parking Chapter (Marshlanders) – may come at 12 p.m. **(NOT ANY EARLIER).**

The Coffee Chapter (Top-O-Wisconsin) – may come at 1 p.m.

The Host Chapter & Registration (Apple River Drifters) – may come at 2 p.m.

Chapter duties for the weekend are as follows:

Coffee – Top-O-Wisconsin

Parking – Marshlanders

Host/Registration – Apple River Drifters

Ice Cream & Bingo – Sawdust City Sams

Pancake Breakfast – Black River Ramblers

Potluck Supper (set-up) – Kinnic Kampers

Games – Wisingles

We will have registration Thursday afternoon from 3:30 – 4:45 p.m. and Friday from 8:30–9:30 a.m. and 1–3 p.m. These times have worked well the last few years.

Thursday night will be our own entertainment. If you play an instrument, sing or have a poem or something else to share, see Elwood Elliott or Vera. Friday evening will be ice cream and bingo. Saturday morning will be a pancake breakfast, Saturday afternoon will be games and Saturday evening, at 5 p.m. will be a potluck supper with a business meeting following around 7 p.m. Afterwards we will provide our own entertainment or just socialize. Sunday morning we'll have a church service at 8:30 a.m. featuring the Good Time Gospel Music. This is the same group we had last year.

We will have a bonfire each evening (weather permitting). Cost for the whole weekend will be \$25. **(This is for the weekend, not each night.)** This includes bingo, ice cream, pancake breakfast and rolls on Sunday morning.

The Baseball Sweeties took the Championship from the Apple River Drifters for the second time in a row last year so practice your skills for a good game again this year.

Come join us for the weekend as this is always a good Jumbo.

Any questions call or contact Vera Budzinski, N11876 Cty Rd M, Thorp, WI 54771 or phone me at 715-669-3192 (cell phone) 715-271-6855.

Vera Budzinski & Elwood Elliott
Northwest Assistant Directors

Northeast Jumbo

This year the Northeast Jumbo will be held at Luxemburg Fairgrounds Aug. 13th – Aug. 15th with early bird on Aug. 12th, starting after 1 p.m.

Bay Sammers volunteered to take hospitality and the Saturday morning breakfast.

Friday morning you will be able to sign up for either golf or a tour. Outdoor games will be set up so you can practice. An ice cream social will be held Friday afternoon.

Saturday will be a busy day starting with a breakfast hosted by the Bay Sammers (cost to be determined later). We will have our outdoor games after breakfast and a pot luck supper in the evening followed by a short meeting.

Thursday evening we have nothing formal planned.

Bingo and other card games will be played Friday & Saturday evenings.

A church service will be held Sunday followed by doughnuts and coffee.

Feel free to come and join us for a weekend of camping fun.

Wayne & Diana Schuette
Northeast Assistant Directors

Southeast Jumbo

Greeting from the Southeast Area.

The Southeast Jumbo will be held July 9th – 11th with early bird on July 8th after 3 p.m. It will again be at the Walworth County Fairgrounds in Elkhorn, WI. This year it will be hosted by the Bell Ringers. They have many fun things planned for the weekend.

Friday-dinner on your own (of course a fish fry down the road), Social time including indoor games and a bonfire.

Saturday-the Bell Ringers will be serving breakfast. For only \$4.00 you get pancakes, sausage, juice and coffee. Then at 5:00 p.m. we will have a potluck. The Bell Ringers will furnish sandwiches so please bring a dish to pass. Throughout the day there will be crafts for sale, maybe some baked goods and plus some outdoor games.

Sunday-coffee and bid everyone farewell.

Cost: \$22.00/night plus \$5.00 registration fee.

Hope to see you all there.

Sincerely,
Rich & Bonnie Neuberger
Assistant State Directors, Southeast Area
bonnrn@verizon.net

Southwest Jumbo

After not having a Jumbo for two years we will have one this year. It is August 20-22, at Wanna-Bee Campground, E10096 Trout Rd, WI Dells, WI 53965-9772. (608-253-3122 or 888-782-2672). Check-in is Noon. You don't have to be members of a chapter to join us. We don't have anything scheduled except a potluck and campfire after if weather permits. So come, get back to camping the way camping should be!

Directions: Take I 90/94 to exit # 87 Hwy 13 Wisconsin Dells. Turn south onto Trout Road in between the Mobil Gas station and Dennys. Follow signs, just 2 miles up the road.

Cheryl & Keith Keene
Assistant State Directors, Southwest

2010 Dates to Remember ...

- April 16-18 – WI State Campout at Lil' Yellow River in New Lisbon
- April 17 – WI State Meeting at Hustler Community Hall, Hustler, WI
- May 13-16 – Minnesota Spring Samboree in New Ulm, MN
- June 2-6 – Manitoba/NW Ontario Samboree at Austin, Manitoba
- June 10-13 – Nebraska Samboree in Hastings, NE
- June 17-20 – Wisconsin Samboree at De Pere, WI
- June 17-20 – South Dakota Samboree at Rapid City, SD
- June 24-27 – Iowa Samboree at Amana, IA
- June 24-27 – Michigan Summer Samboree at Escanaba, MI
- July 9-11 – SE Jumbo at Walworth Co. Fairgrounds in Elkhorn, WI
- July 22-25 - The Rally in Louisville, KY
- July 22-25 – NW Jumbo at Taylor Co. Fairgrounds in Medford, WI.
- Aug. 13-15 – NE Jumbo at Luxenburg Fairgrounds.
- Aug. 19-22 – Minnesota Fall Samboree in Chisholm, MN.
- Aug. 19-22 – North Dakota Samboree in Rugby, ND
- Aug. 20-22 – SW Jumbo at Wanna Bee Campgrounds, WI Dells, WI
- Sept. 3-6 – Illinois Samboree in Henry, IL.
- Sept. 16-19 – Michigan Fall Samboree at Otisville, MI
- Sept. 17-19 – WI State Campout at Lil' Yellow River in New Lisbon
- Sept. 18 – WI State Meeting at Hustler Community Hall, Hustler, WI

Wisconsin Members at Large

The Wisconsin Good Sammer's invite all National Good Sam members to join us in the fun and fellowship of becoming Wisconsin State Good Sam members. There are over 18,000 National members in Wisconsin. However, we are saddened by the fact that only a small percentage "actually" get the most out of their national membership, because they are not members of a Wisconsin State Good Sam's local chapter.

The Wisconsin State Director is inviting you to join Wisconsin Good Sam's, by paying state dues of \$5.00 per rig. This money is used to pay for the publishing of the "Sam-A-Gram", the State newsletter that you will receive. You may, if you wish, remain a member at large with no responsibilities other than paying your national and state dues. However, to receive the greatest benefits from your Good Sam membership, we invite you to join a local chapter. We have 23 chapters meeting and having a grand time at the local campgrounds across the state. We also have one State Samboree and four Jumbos (regional campouts) in the state. Additional information may also be obtained from our State Web site at www.wigoodsam.org. Please feel free to contact any Chapter President, Assistant Director or State Staff member at any time for any question you may have or your State Director can help direct you to the closest chapter in your area. Please complete the application below and return it to our State Treasurer.

Make your check payable to: Wisconsin Good Sam
Mail To: Sharon Kreul, State Treasurer
1402 Ellen Avenue
Madison, WI 53716-1541
Phone: 608-222-7115
Email: bjkreul@yahoo.com

Wisconsin State Dues \$5.00 for Membership at Large January 1 to December 31

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____

STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: (_____) _____

GOOD SAM # _____

EXPIRATION DATE: _____

Are you interested in a local chapter? _____

If so what area are you from? _____

Chapter Chatter

Greetings from the **Cranberry Country Cruisers** of the Tomah, Wisconsin Area. Our chapter is four years old this year. We had fun camping with our old friends and meeting new ones everywhere we went.

We started out with 5 Charter families and currently have 13 units and 25 members from as far south as Reedsburg, as far north as Delta Junction, Alaska now and west to Holmen. We are always looking to add more so come check us out.

We meet once a month during the winter months (November - April) where we have a meeting/dinner social at local restaurants in our camping area, and in the summer (May - October) where we camp for a weekend and have our meeting (usually on Saturday morning).

This year we held all of our winter dinner/socials at the Hearty Platter Restaurant at the Kwik Trip Truck Stop in Tomah (Jan.- Apr.), and all of our summer campouts at Granger's Campgrounds in Oakdale (Apr.-Oct.). Some of our other activities in 2009 were: (Feb) Randi Owen was selected by Highway's magazine to be a product tester for their Good Stuff article. He tested an extra hanger that went on the wall, but folded away when not in use. They used the product, reported back how they liked it and got to keep the product. (May) We held a brat sale at the Tomah Wal-Mart to raise funds for the Dogs for the Deaf and the local A.S./A.P. Cat Shelter. We had 13 rigs at the WI Samboree in St. Croix (June) we took first place in collecting pop tabs with 162 lbs., we participated in rig decorating by creating a miner's camp with an outdoor pond which took first place in the chapter category, and Dave & Jean Stelzer took first place with a Totem Pole Repair Shop. We had several members dress up for the North to Alaska Costume Parade where we took awards in the following categories: Couples/Group – First Place for Alaskan Natives and Second Place for vacationing Penguins from Happy Feet and Individuals – Second place for dressing as miner. We raised \$210.36 for the Dogs for the Deaf holding various fund raisers throughout the week. Our chapter did the stage decorating this year also. We received the 2009 WI State Chapter of the Year and the 2008 Dogs for the Deaf Top Dog Flag. (July) We participate in the Highway Clean Up Program in Tomah and are responsible for cleaning a 2 mile stretch on Highway 21 three times a year. (Nov) We attended the A.S./A.P. Cat Shelter's open house, handed out Thank You cards to Veterans and decorated at Christmas tree for the Holiday Parade Rotary Lights Festival of Trees, (Dec) we had our Christmas Party and gave gifts to the Boys & Girls Club instead of exchanging gifts between each other, and then we rang bells for the Salvation Army at Burnstads.

Our president left in August to take a promotion in Alaska so we held a special election and Cheryl Keene was voted in as President. Our 2010 schedule has been posted to our website www.wigoodsam.org/cranberrycountrycruisers and the State website at www.wigoodsam.org. However, some of the dates may change, so if you're interested in visiting us, check the Website for current changes or give me a call and I'll let you know where our next meeting will be.

Cheryl Keene, President
(608) 372-3179

The Milwaukee Roamers. Where did the year 2009 go? Last year at this time a number of the Milwaukee Roamers and other Wisconsin Good Sam members were making plans to attend the Rally in Albuquerque. Some of us left on Palm Sunday in a snow storm while others left a day or two earlier to miss the storm. When going through the mountains just east of Albuquerque we hit more snow. Easter Sunday morning we awoke to a 1/2" of snow on the vehicles in Albuquerque. All documentation that we researched said the average temperatures were around 70 at that time of the year. Good thing we added some winter gear at the last moment. This should have been an omen of the Milwaukee Roamers camping season.

Our 1st official outing in May started out as wet, windy and cold and our last campout of the season in October ended as wet, windy and cold. Then came November, which would have been beautiful for camping but very disappointing for deer hunters.

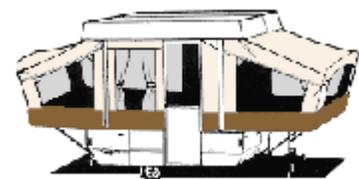
The Milwaukee Roamers is a chapter in the Good Sam Organization located in the southeast part of Wisconsin. We meet once a month, generally the second weekend, although some months the date is changed to accommodate other events. We are in the process of finalizing our schedule for 2010. Dates and locations can be found on the Wisconsin Good Sam website (www.wigoodsam.org) Milwaukee Roamers.

We currently have 22 rigs in our group ranging from pop-ups to Class A's. Now I may be prejudiced but I think ours is the greatest group in the state. We really are a diverse group ranging from our occupations to our interests, but we all have one common interest and that is having fun when we get together.

Our weekend usually starts on Friday evening with some couples going to a local area restaurant for a fish fry or some members staying at the campground for a campfire meal. On Saturday's we have a potluck breakfast, followed by our meeting and then either the host having games or activities planned, seeing the area attractions or just plain relaxing and catching up on the happenings of the last month. Saturday evening is a potluck dinner with either a themed program or else just a plain old potluck. Generally both Friday and Saturday evenings we have a campfire weather permitting. Sunday morning has people going to church, packing up to return home or continuing on to another destination. Most of the group is retired although there are still some unfortunate members who are still gainfully employed.

If you are interested in having fun, check out the Wisconsin Good Sam website for our contact information and give us a try. Hope to see you down the road.

Dolly Eggert
President



More Chapter Chatter

The Kinnic-Kampers finished up 2009 with a Christmas party on December 2nd at the West Wind, for our Christmas meal.

We had an officer's meeting January 22nd, to make up the schedule for 2010. At the January 29th meeting we submitted it to the membership to be approved or changed. Tickets were distributed to the members to sell for the brunch fund raising event, March 7th, in which proceeds go to various charities.

Our outings are usually two campouts a month, which includes Samborees and the Jumbos, starting the last week of April, with the last campout in October.

Anyone living in the area, who is interested in visiting or joining, please feel free to come and check us out at one of our outings. Our schedule for the year is on the WI State Website.

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S.O.V.E. stands for Special Olympics Volunteer Escorts what we do is use owner motor homes or trailers for support vehicles for the law enforcement officers to use when doing the final leg of the torch run. What we do is to carry water, juice, snacks and fruit on the run so that runners can keep up their energy. We also provide our bathroom facilities and showers in case they would like to use them.

We have been a chapter for twenty-seven years. We hold a fund raiser for Special Olympics twice a year at Buffalo Lake campgrounds in Montello, Wisconsin on the last weekend in April and the last weekend in September. We hold either a pancake, french toast or omelet in a plastic bag breakfast. We also have a brown bag auction or silent auction to raise money.

Thank you,
Bob Gerber
President

Black River Ramblers are from the Medford to Black River Falls Area. We have members from Augusta, Bloomer, Cadott, Curtis, Chippewa Falls, Dorchester, Eau Claire, Hixton, Osseo, Black River Falls, Stetsonville, Medford and Thorp areas.

We meet the second weekend of the month through the summer and eat at restaurants or members homes throughout the winter months. November thru March we meet in the homes or churches of hosting members. These meetings are usually at 1 p.m. for a potluck dinner. April we have an eat out meeting at one of the restaurants in our camping area. May through October we camp at local campgrounds picked out by the hosting members for that month. Through the summer we usually go out Friday night for fish. Saturday morning our hosts put on a breakfast and Saturday at 5 p.m. we have a potluck supper. We also have a meeting sometime Saturday.

Our 2010 schedule is as follows:

- Jan. 10 at Osseo – Host - Mildred Carters with Vera Budzinski helping.
- Feb. 14 at Stetsonville – Host – Mike & Connie Schmitt will host at their house.
- March 14 at Chetek – Host – Frank & Lue Ann at their cabin.
- April 11 at Kathy's Diner in Cadott, WI – Host – Jerry Emerson will make arrangements. (This is our eat out night.)
- May 14-16 at Hixton KOA
- June 17-20 WI State Samboree at De Pere, WI
- July 9-11 – Extra campout – Location to be determined.
- July 22-25 Medford Jumbo
- Aug. 13-15 at Chapman Park, Stanley, WI – Host – Jerry & Jean Tauchens
- Sept. 10-12 at Bloomer Mikulas Yard – Hosts – Linses & Mikulas families
- Oct. 8-10 – Location to be determined.
- Nov. 14 – Host – Schapfels
- Dec. 12 Black River Falls – Host – at Delores Iliff's home.

Our charity is the Shriner's Hospital in Minneapolis, MN. We also participate in the Good Sam Club Cleanup Program.

We are always looking for new members. We are a fun group and if you would be interested in checking us out you can call President Mike Schmitt at (715) 678-2264 or write to him at 234 Gershwin Street, Stetsonville, WI 54480.

Vera Budzinski
Historian



And Still More Chapter Chatter

We are the **Lake-2-Lake Sams** chapter of the Good Sam Club. We have 8 units, three of them are new to our chapter in 2009. We come from Manitowoc & Sheboygan Counties, the Shawano area, Chilton and Green Bay.

This year we will be camping at Reedsville, Calumet County Park and Sheboygan Marsh. Mixed in will be our Wisconsin Samboree, Michigan and Minnesota Samborees, various Jumbos and the Rally in Louisville, KY. In the months we are unable to camp, we have potlucks or meet at one of the local restaurants.

We participate in the Good Sam Club Highway Cleanup by picking up trash along Highway X in Manitowoc County. Snow, wind, cold, rain or heat doesn't stop us from doing our 2 mile stretch, 3 times a year.

For fund raisers we have 3 brat fries a year at a local Mini Mart. The money raised is usually donated locally. We have donated to cancer victims and a pair of conjoined twins several times.

New members are always welcome.

Diana Schuette
Vice-President

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The **Yellow Thunder Sams**, Good Sam Chapter is based out of Baraboo Wisconsin. However we have members from as far away as Racine, Beloit, Menomonee Falls, Footville, Madison, Arlington, Muscoda, etc. The Yellow Thunder Sams help the needy or improve our community through volunteer services such as Highway Clean-up and by supporting many charitable organizations. The Yellow Thunder Sams have supported not-for-profit organizations such as Dogs for the Deaf, Special Olympics, Sauk County food pantry, WAGS, Sauk County Humane Society, our troops over seas, and many more charitable organizations. Periodically throughout the year, The Yellow Thunder Sams will put together fund raisers to raise money for these organizations through bake sales, raffles, brown bag auctions, jail and bail, food drives, etc. We not only raise money for different charities, we have a lot of fun doing it. We camp April through October each year and have lunch meetings November and January-March.

2010 Schedule of Meetings/Campouts:

February 27: Mason's Grill & Pub, 1920 Prairie St, (Hwy PF off of Hwy 12), Prairie du Sac, WI - 608-370-6224

March 27: Old Feed Mill, 114 Cramer St., Mazomanie WI - 608-795-4909 Confirmed per Leigh & Norb - Penny Drive

April 17: WI State Committee Meeting, Hustler Community Hall, Hustler, WI

April 23-25: Vista Royale, 8025 Isherwood Road, Bancroft WI - 715-335-6860 www.vistaroyalle.com

May 21-23: Wisconsin Riverside Resort, S13220 Shifflet Road, Spring Green WI - 608-588-2826 www.wiriverside.com - A Brown Bag Auction will be held at this campout!

June 17-20: WI Samboree., De Pere, WI

June 25-27: Lil' Yellow River, N7989 State Road 80, New Lisbon WI - 608-562-5355

www.gocampingamerica.com/lilyellowriver

July 23-25: Duck Creek Campground, W6560 County Hwy G, Wyocena WI - 608-429-2425 www.duckcreekcampground.com

August 20-22: **SW Jumbo** - Wanna Bee Campgrounds - WI Dells, WI

August 27-29: White Mound County Park - Sauk County; Sauk County Parks Departments - 608-546-5011

www.co.sauk.wi.us/dept/parks/

September 18: WI State Committee Meeting, Hustler Community Hall, Hustler, WI

September 24-26: Al's Fox Hill Campground, E11371 N. Reedsburg Rd, Baraboo - 1-888-236-9445

www.foxhillrvpark.com

October 8-10: Rustic Barn Campground, 2854 Dry Hollow Road, Kieler, WI 53812 - 608-568-7797

www.rusticbarnrvpark.com

November 27: River's Edge Restaurant, 30 County Road A, Wisconsin Dells, WI - 608-253-6600

The Yellow Thunder Sams Officers for 2010 are:
President-Beth Boyce, Vice-President-Joan Francois, Secretary-Blake Boyce, and Treasurer-Alice Roundy

Camping Etiquette

Whether you're an experienced camper or planning your first outing, be sure you mind your manners at the campground! Camping etiquette is, for the most part, common courtesy. Here are a few suggestions on being a courteous camper:

- Respect other's rights. Don't walk across another camper's site - walk around it. Limit play of noisy games to the campground's playground or recreation area.
- Obey the campgrounds quiet hours. Voices, radios and other noises carry further than you might think on a quiet summer night.
- Pack-in what you pack out. A good rule is to leave your campsite cleaner than you found it. Recycle when possible - many campgrounds have recycling programs.
- If you own a pet, keep it contained and clean up after it. Don't expect to tie your dog to a tree and leave him unattended. He will likely bark at strangers, dig holes and annoy your fellow campers.
- Don't cut living trees for firewood. Know the campground's rule on finding your own wood or buying it.
- Campground facilities exist for the benefit of all campers. Help keep them clean!
- Do not clean fish or wash dishes in lakes or streams. Waste water should not be dumped in a lake, stream or on the ground.
- Know and respect the campground's rules, even if you don't understand them all. The rules have been established to protect and respect the rights of campers, the campground and the environment.

Catfish Hero Sandwich with Seared Tomatoes and Herbed Mayo

Ingredients:

- Cooking spray
- 4 Roma tomatoes, sliced into 1/4-inch thick rounds
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 1/2 cup mayonnaise
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh basil
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh chives
- 2 teaspoons Dijon mustard
- 1 teaspoon finely grated lemon zest
- 4 long sandwich rolls
- Cooked catfish fillets, about 12 ounces total
- Lettuce leaves
- Thinly sliced red onion

Directions:

Heat a large griddle or nonstick skillet with cooking spray and set over medium-high heat. Season tomatoes with salt and black pepper and add to hot pan. Cook 1 minute per side, flipping with a spatula, until golden brown. Remove from heat.

In a small bowl, whisk together mayonnaise, basil, chives, mustard, and lemon zest. Spread mixture on rolls. Top with seared tomatoes, catfish, lettuce leaves, and red onion.

Legend's Honky Tonk Lemonade

Ingredients:

- 1/2-ounce vodka
- 1/2-ounce triple sec
- 1/2-ounce blue cuaraco
- 1/2 lemon, juiced
- Splash lemon-lime soda
- Splash sweet and sour mix
- 2 teaspoons sugar

Directions:

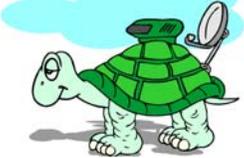
Mix all ingredients in a shaker and pour over ice. Garnish with cherry.



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2010 WISCONSIN STATE SAMBOREE

JUNE 17th – 20th "Heroes & Legends" EARLY BIRD JUNE 15th & 16th

**Brown County Fairgrounds 1500 Fort Howard Avenue De Pere, WI Located about 5 miles from Green Bay
For directions go to www.wigoodsam.org or call Jean Goossen, State Director 715-491-2574**

Activities include: Free coffee & cookies, **free hot dog lunch**, indoor & outdoor **games, youth activities, Golf outing Fri. AM**, join our theme based **rig decorating contest, costume & pet parade**, tours, seminars, commercial exhibits, RV displays, **door prizes**, raffles, flea market / craft sale, family **entertainment each night**, optional catered meal Sat. night (only available with paid pre-registration), Non-denominational Sunday Service.

Registration: Pre-registration is \$70.00 per family unit (2 adults & children/ grandchildren living at home). \$65.00 for single until June 2nd. At the gate \$80.00 family \$75.00 Single. Each extra adult (21 and over) is \$15.00. **Make checks payable to Wisconsin Good Sam.** No confirmation will be sent your check will be your receipt.

Registrations must be received June 5th or it will be returned. You can attend but must pay the at the gate rate. Cancellations must be made within 10 days of the Samboree by contacting the State Treasurer. **Early bird fee collected at the gate DO NOT INCLUDE WITH PRE-REGISTRATION.**

Parking: Chapter / group parking request must be in by May 26, 2010. All other parking will be hobo style. Early bird parking is \$20.00 per night. **HANDICAP PARKING** available but must furnish handicap I.D. or doctor's verification. Most units will have electric. Water and dump station on grounds.

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Are you a chapter member _____ Chapter Name _____

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#of extra adult(s) _____ # of children _____ boys ages _____ girls ages _____

My check is enclosed for: Registration- Single Person \$65.00 Family Unit \$70.00 \$ _____

Extra Adult Person (s) _____ X \$20.00 each \$ _____

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editor@wigooodsam.org**Something Nice.**

One day a teacher asked her students to list the names of the other students in the room on two sheets of paper, leaving a space between each name. Then she told them to think of the nicest thing they could say about each of their classmates and write it down. It took the remainder of the class period to finish their assignment, and as the students left the room, each one handed in the papers. That Saturday, the teacher wrote down the name of each student on a separate sheet of paper, and listed what everyone else had said about that individual. On Monday she gave each student his or her list. Before long, the entire class was smiling. 'Really?' she heard whispered. 'I never knew that I meant anything to anyone!' and, 'I didn't know others liked me so much,' were most of the comments. No one ever mentioned those papers in class again. She never knew if they discussed them after class or with their parents, but it didn't matter.

The exercise had accomplished its purpose. The students were happy with themselves and one another. That group of students moved on.

Several years later, one of the students was killed in Vietnam and his teacher attended the funeral of that special student. She had never seen a serviceman in a military coffin before. He looked so handsome, so mature. The church was packed with his friends. One by one those who loved him took a last walk by the coffin. The teacher was the last one to bless the coffin. As she stood there, one of the soldiers who acted as pallbearer came up to her. 'Were you Mark's math teacher?' he asked. She nodded: 'yes.' Then he said: 'Mark talked about you a lot.'

After the funeral, most of Mark's former classmates went together to a luncheon. Mark's mother and father were there, obviously waiting to speak with his teacher.

'We want to show you something,' his father said, taking a wallet out of his pocket. "They found this on Mark when he was killed. We thought you might recognize it.'

Opening the billfold, he carefully removed two worn pieces of notebook paper that had obviously been taped, folded and refolded many times.

The teacher knew without looking that the papers were the ones on which she had listed all the good things each of Mark's classmates had said about him.

'Thank you so much for doing that,' Mark's mother said. 'As you can see, Mark treasured it.' All of Mark's former classmates started to gather around. Charlie smiled rather sheepishly and said, 'I still have my list. It's in the top drawer of my desk at home.' Chuck's wife said, 'Chuck asked me to put his in our wedding album.'

'I have mine too,' Marilyn said. 'It's in my diary'. Then Vicki, another classmate, reached into her pocketbook, took out her wallet and showed her worn and frazzled list to the group.

'I carry this with me at all times,' Vicki said and without batting an eyelash, she continued: 'I think we all saved our lists.' That's when the teacher finally sat down and cried. She cried for Mark and for all his friends who would never see him again.

The density of people in society is so thick that we forget that life will end one day. And we don't know when that one day will be. So please, tell the people you love and care for, that they are special and important. Tell them, before it is too late.

Remember, you reap what you sow. What you put into the lives of others comes back into your own.