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To all Wisconsin Good Sam members:

Hello,

I am looking forward to our 2011 Samboree in Tomah, WI. We have some fun things lined up for all our Good Sam members. One of the things that have been suggested by the Wisingles is a stage decorating contest. They have challenged our chapters to decorate a cow for our stage. Each entry will have a box to hold votes for the best cow. Votes will be made by dropping a quarter in the cow of your choice. The winner will be awarded a prize and the chapters will receive the money in their box for the chapter's favorite charity. There is more information in this Sam-A-Gram. (See page 12.)

We are also having a recipe contest. Each chapter is being asked to choose a recipe that best represents a food our state is known for. At the State Samboree we will have a contest to select the best recipe to represent our State at THE RALLY in Redmond, OR in July. At our Samboree we will have a sampling and will vote for the best recipe.

Good Sam headquarters is giving each State \$300.00 for the winner and the winner will then represent our state at THE RALLY in July. They are also providing up to \$500.00 toward supplies for the winner to cover the cost of the samples to be given out at THE RALLY. The winner at THE RALLY will receive a cash award of \$600.00.

So the requirements are a food Wisconsin is known for and that the winner will be going to THE RALLY.

All of this besides our standard games, seminars, free ice cream, free hot dog lunch, free coffee and cookies all day, everyday.

Dave and I would love to see all of you at our 2011 Samboree. It will be our last Samboree as State Directors. We also would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for your support and invaluable help.

Please read the Samboree information by our Samboree Coordinators Jim and Connie Enneper. (See page 6.)

Happy Camping,
Jean and Dave Goossen



RV Radio Network

Have you seen us?

Have you noticed strange license plates with letters and a number such as KF9SU?

Have you seen a Motor Home, truck or car bristling with antennas and wondered what is that all about? (Not to be confused with police cars!)

The RV Radio Network (RVRN) enjoys the better of two great hobbies – camping and Amateur Radio. Many of our members are also members of Good Sam, FMCA, Escapees, etc. We are a national organization but our membership also includes some families from Canada and Australia.

We have two “Eye Ball” rallies per year which are similar to Samborees. We also meet daily on the airwaves via Amateur Radio. We are federally licensed radio operators by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). No matter where we are, we are able to talk to our friends by radio whether in a campground, traveling or at home.

Our rallies have been held in many locations throughout the United States. Occasionally, our rally coincides with a Samboree which doubles the fun for both organizations. Most recently, we held a joint rally with Kentucky Good Sam at the Fall 2010 Kentucky Samboree at Brandenburg. If you would like to hear first-hand about this rally, talk to Wisconsin Good Sam State Director Jean and Dave Goossen, who had attended and decided to become a member of the RVRN.

For more information about the RV Radio Network, we are on the web: www.RVRadioNetwork.com. If you would like additional information, e-mail the Net Manager – KF9SU@arrl.net. Amateur Radio operators – join in the net at 7 p.m. Central time on 7.265 MHz daily.

We will be holding an “Eye Ball” rally (again, compared to a Samboree) this fall in northern Wisconsin. Updated information will be posted on our Website.

73 (best regards),

Marshall Kiel KF9SU
Net Manager RVRN



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 Cadott Area; Sawdust City Sams - Eau Claire and Altoona Area; Valley Bummers - Wausau, Merrill and Antigo 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 the Wisingles Chapters. It was great seeing you all at the Samboree in De Pere. After having a year off for surgeries it is great to be back in the swing of things.

At the De Pere Samboree I met people from Rhinelander who are interested in starting a chapter in that area. If you would be interested please give me a call.

Elwood Elliott is the other Northwest Assistant Director and we work together on organizing the Medford Jumbo which is July 21-24, 2011 at the Taylor County Fairgrounds at Medford, WI. This is a fun campout and you don't have to be a chapter member to attend. (See the article on page 7.)

Have a happy and fun camping season and if I can be of any assistance to you give me a call at 715-669-3192, or (cell phone) 715-271-6855 or write to me at N11876 County Road M, Thorp, WI 54771. Sorry I don't have e-mail.

Hope to see you at the Samboree and the Northwest Jumbo.

Vera Budzinski
Northwest Assistant Director

Northeast Assistant Director

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. We are Life time members of the Good Sam Club and belong to the Lake-2-Lake Sams chapter. We did a lot of traveling and camping this past year. After spending three months in the southwest, we attended six local state Samborees, The Rally in Kentucky, plus attending campouts here in Wisconsin.

The Northeast area consists of 5 chapters; they are Bay Sammers, Lake-2-Lake Sams, Paper Valley Breakaways, Shawano Area Campers and Winnebago Wanderers. All of the chapters are a joy to be with. We are looking forward to doing a lot more camping and visiting with fellow campers this camping season.

We will be at Quartzsite, AZ in January, volunteering at The Rally in July in Redmond, OR and will be attending a few out of State Samborees and the Wisconsin Samboree and Jumbos.

Our Northeast Jumbo will be at the Expo in Manitowoc, WI this year from Aug. 12th thru the 14th, with early bird starting on the 11th after 1 p.m. We are planning on having the usual games, golf and a tour.

With the retiring of Jean Goossen as State Director, I will be campaigning to take her place, as the next WI State Director.

Hope to see you and happy camping.

Wayne & Diana Schuette
Northeast Assistant Director



Assistant Directors

Southeast Assistant Director

Hello from the Southeast Area. My name is Jim Enneper and along with my wife, Connie; we took over for Rich & Bonnie Neuberger as the Southeast Assistant State Directors when they retired and moved to Oklahoma to be near family. We hope to join our chapters by attending at least one of their campouts this year. We really enjoy being with you.

The Southeast Jumbo will be held July 7th-10th with early bird on July 6th after 3 p.m. It will again be at the Walworth County Fairgrounds, in Elkhorn, WI. (See page 7 for more details.)

We are also having a gathering September 22-25 at Christmas Mountain in Wisconsin Dells, WI. All of our chapters are invited as well as any member of the Wisconsin Good Sam Organization.

Connie & I are excited and looking forward to 2011 with our Good Sam friends.

Sincerely,

Jim & Connie Enneper

Assistant State Directors, SE Area

Southwest Assistant Director

Hello all you Happy Campers! I am Cheryl Keene and with my husband, Keith; we are the Southwest Assistant Directors. This is our second year. We live in Tomah and I am also the President of our chapter, "The Cranberry Country Cruisers." 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 The 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 13 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 have helped Elwood Elliott out on Wednesday night for two years now at the Samboree. I am looking forward to doing it again this year. I already have a few pretty good ideas for the routine. Sorry Elwood ...!

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.

The Samboree returns home with the theme, "Moo-in Back To Tomah". It will be fun to see everyone's costumes. Wonder what kind of pictures I will get of Jean and Dave this year??

We will have a Southwest Jumbo this year, August 19-21, 2011 at Wanna Bee Campground in Wisconsin Dells (608) 253-3122. Check-in is noon.

You don't have to be members of a chapter to join us. Nothing is scheduled except a potluck on Saturday night at 6:00 and a campfire afterwards if weather permits. It will be a get to know you and just visit weekend. So come, get back to camping the way camping should be!

Have Safe and Happy Campouts everyone.

Cheryl Keene

Southwest Assistant Director

608-372-3179 cakeene@centurytel.net

Wednesday Night Program

There will be a Wednesday night Talent Show and you are all invited to show off a little, just for fun!

You can do anything that you think will be entertaining and that you like to do. Don't be afraid to get up on the stage, because we are all in the same boat as far as that goes.

Most of you know how it went last year, and it was fun. I will be there in the afternoon to welcome you and to list you, or your chapter, on the program for the evening fun. So put your things together and we will see you there.

Just a reminder, there will be a Jam Session for anyone interested in being a part of that. Watch for the announcement as to time and place in the Samboree Program.

Come and be a part of a fantastic evening of entertainment put on by your fellow campers.

See Ya,

Elwood Elliott

WORDS FROM THE STATE STAFF

Sam-a-Gram Editor and State Webmaster

We are so ready to start the 2011 camping season? It's been a long winter. We can hardly wait for the winter weather to move out and let the camping season begin.

The Website has been doing well with over 13,600 visitors, which has been averaging 5.9 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 last year so she has been keeping the Website up-to-date so please stop in and visit sometime.

Randi is now a Public Safety Dispatcher at Fort Greely, Alaska, but we 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 Tomah, WI. Randi & I will be attending this year as we come home for a month long visit. We look forward to seeing many of our old friends there and to meet new friends also.

Randi & Bonnie Owen

Secretary

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at our "Moo-in Back to Tomah" Wisconsin Samboree in Tomah, WI.

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

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 ask Dave Goossen.

Cheryl & Keith Keene

Wisconsin State Website

Since we put the Website on the Internet in May 2004, we have had over 13,500 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 e-mail at webmaster@wigoodsam.org after all – it's your site.

Randi Owen, Webmaster

Samboree Coordinator

The 2011 Samboree is being held at the Monroe County Fairgrounds in Tomah, WI. We have two tour options for you:

1) Fort McCoy and 2) Necedah Crain Foundation. (See details and form on Page 12.)

Only charge for these tours will be the cost of the bus ride. We must have 47 people signed up.

This year is an entertainment EXTRAVAGANZA:

Thursday Evening – is a sing along with a few dances as well.

Friday Evening – Gary's Ridgeland Dutchmen. Old time music at it's finest. Public may purchase entertainment only tickets for \$5.00 each.

Saturday Evening - Our biggest star yet for our Samboree. She's on RFDTV and is a national touring artist – Maggie Mae! She will be doing a 2-3 hour Barn Dance type performance. Tickets for her performance for the public will be offered at \$15.00 each. Tickets will be given to those attending the Samboree when you come in and register.

Weighing of Your Rigs. We have arranged for you to have your rig weighed. Sign up as you enter. You will be parked after you weigh. Cost is approximately \$6.00. This Samboree is going to be exciting and full of entertainment. Come join all your Good Sam friends for a fun filled time.

Jim & Connie Enneper

SAMBOREE DIRECTIONS

Directions to Tomah:

From the South: (Madison) Going west on I 90/94. When you come to where the Interstate divides take the left fork towards La Crosse. Get off exit 43 for Tomah and continue to the right on Highway 12 & 16 West. Continue to the first set of traffic lights and continue straight through on Highway 16. Take the 4th turn on the Right (County Hwy CM). Continue straight to until you come to the open gate and stop for the parking crew.

From the East: (Green Bay, Appleton) Traveling West on Highway 21 come into Tomah and at the Intersection of Highway 21 & Highway 12 make a Left turn. Continue to the 4th set of traffic lights and turn Right on Highway 16. Take the 4th turn on the Right (County Hwy CM). Continue straight to until you come to the open gate and stop for the parking crew.

From the North: (Wausaw/Stevens Point) Traveling South on 39 to Coloma then West on Highway 21 come into Tomah and at the Intersection of Highway 21 & Highway 12 make a Left turn. Continue to the 4th set of traffic lights and turn Right on Highway 16. Take the 4th turn on the Right (County Hwy CM). Continue straight to until you come to the open gate and stop for the parking crew.

From the Northwest: (Eau Claire/Twin Cities) Going East on Interstate 94 get off at Exit 143 for Tomah. At the Stop sign turn Right going East on Highway 12. Continue to the 5th set of traffic lights and turn Right on Highway 16. Take the 4th turn on the Right (County Hwy CM). Continue straight to until you come to the open gate and stop for the parking crew.

WISCONSIN JUMBOS

Northwest Jumbo

This year's Northwest Jumbo, usually called Medford Jumbo, will be held July 21-24, 2011 at the Taylor County Fairgrounds in Medford, WI which is located on the corner of Hwy 64 (east/west) and Hwy 13 (north/south).

PLEASE NOTE!! There will be construction this year!

Hwy 13 will be under construction the whole length of Medford. I understand they will use leave one lane open, but we don't want to get in that with our campers. We suggest that if you are coming from the North or South to take a county road either side of Medford to Hwy 64. Highway 64 will be open and we will enter the fairgrounds off Hwy 64 on the far east end of the fairgrounds, down by the cattle barns. Watch for signs. The Hwy 13 entrance that we are used to using will be permanently closed, even after the construction is done.

Early bird will be July 21 after 3 p.m.

Following is a list of duties and time your chapter may come:

- Parking – Top-O-Wisconsin – 12 p.m.
- Coffee – Apple River Drifters – 1 p.m.
- HOST Registration – Sawdust City Sams – 2 p.m.
- Ice Cream & Bingo – Black River Ramblers – after 3 p.m.
- Games – Kinnic Kampers – after 3 p.m.
- Pancakes – Wisingles – after 3 p.m.
- Pot Luck – Marshlanders – after 3 p.m.

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 year.

Thursday night will be our own entertainment and fellowship. If you have something 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. We always have the Bean Bag Baseball Challenge and Horseshoes. Baseball champs are Northern Airs and Horseshoe Champ is Larry Ramey. So practice up! Saturday evening, at 5 p.m. will be a potluck supper with a business meeting following around 7 p.m. After the meeting we will provide our own entertainment or just socialize. Sunday morning we'll have a church service at 8:30 a.m. featuring the Promise Quartet from Medford.

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.

You do not have to be a chapter member to attend the Jumbo. We are out for a FUN weekend and to make new friends and reminisce with old ones. So come join us.

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. Hope to see you there.

Vera Budzinski & Elwood Elliott
Northwest Assistant Directors

Northeast Jumbo

Mark your calendars for the Northeast Jumbo to be held in the Ice Center at Manitowoc Expo Fairgrounds, August 12 – 14 with early bird on Aug. 11th, starting after 1 p.m.

We have many things planned for the weekend.

Friday we have several options for a tour. The Bay Sammers are getting a golf outing together and Friday evening there will be stock car races. If you are interested in fishing, there are several charters in the Manitowoc and Two Rivers area.

As in past Jumbos we will have bingo and other card games in the evenings and outdoor games during the day, a ice cream social, Saturday morning breakfast and a pot luck supper Saturday evening. Lake-2-Lake Sams will host the hospitality. Sunday morning we will have a church service by the ever popular "Volunteers" followed by donuts and coffee.

Everyone is invited and we hope to see you there.

Wayne & Diana Schuette
Northeast Assistant Directors

Southeast Jumbo

Greeting from the Southeast Area.

The Southeast Jumbo will be held July 7 – 10 at the Walworth County Fairgrounds in Elkhorn, WI.

Our meal plans for the weekend are as follows:

Thursday Evening – Grill your own meat.

Trimming will be provided.

Friday Evening – Fish Fry on your own.

Saturday Breakfast – will be French Toast and Sausage Patties.

Saturday Evening Dinner – A Pig Roast

Prices of your meals will be included with your registration fee.

We look forward to seeing everyone there.

Connie & Jim Enneper
Assistant State Directors, Southeast Area

Southwest Jumbo

This year's Jumbo will be August 19-21, at Wanna-Bee Campground, E10096 Trout Road, Wisconsin 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. The only scheduled activity will be a potluck Saturday at 6 p.m. and campfire after if weather permits. So come, get back to camping the way camping should be!

Get your reservation in and tell them you are a Good Sam Club member to get your discounted campsite. You never know what we might end up doing. Last year we played cards, went to rummage sales and dodged rain but we had a good time any way.

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

2011 Dates to Remember ...

- April 27-May 1 – WI State Campout at Lil' Yellow River in New Lisbon, WI April 30 – WI State Meeting at Hustler Community Hall, Hustler, WI at 10 a.m.
- May 19-22 – Minnesota Spring Samboree in Owatonna, MN
- June 1-5 – Manitoba/NW Ontario Samboree at Austin, Manitoba, Canada
- June 9-12 – Nebraska Samboree in Adams County Fairgrounds
- June 16-19 – Wisconsin Samboree at Tomah, WI
- June 16-19 – South Dakota Samboree at Aberdeen, SD
- June 23-26 – Iowa Samboree at Amana, IA
- June 23-26 – Michigan Summer Samboree at West Branch, MI
- July 7-10 – SE Jumbo at Walworth Co. Fairgrounds in Elkhorn, WI
- July 14-17 - The Rally in Redmond, OR
- July 21-24 – NW Jumbo at Taylor Co. Fairgrounds in Medford, WI
- Aug. 12-14 – NE Jumbo at Manitowoc Expo Fairgrounds
- Aug. 18-21 – Minnesota Fall Samboree in Cambridge, MN
- Aug. 18-21 – SW Jumbo at Wanna Bee Campgrounds, Wisconsin Dells, WI
- Aug. 21-28 – North Dakota Samboree in Rugby, ND
- Sept. 2-5 – Illinois Samboree in Henry, IL
- Sept. 15-18 – Michigan Fall Samboree at Otisville, MI
- Sept. 30-October 2 – WI State Campout at Lil' Yellow River in New Lisbon, WI
- October 1 – WI State Meeting at Hustler Community Hall, Hustler, WI at 10 a.m.

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 the Wisconsin Good Sam Organization, 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 Website 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 five 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 24 members from as far south as Reedsburg, WI, and as far north as Delta Junction, Alaska and west to Holmen, WI. 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 or the Teepee Supper Club in Tomah (Jan.-Apr.), and all of our summer campouts at Granger's Campgrounds in Oakdale (May.-Oct.). Some of our other activities in 2010 were: We attended several benefit fundraisers, attended the A.S./A.P. Cat Shelter fundraiser dance and one of our members is a volunteer at the shelter, we attended the WI Samboree in De Pere, and took second place in collecting pop tabs with 144 lbs., we participated in rig decorating by creating a Heroes and Legend Museum which took first place in the chapter category, and Keith and Cheryl Keene took first place as a farmer and his John Deere tractor, to which he claimed he "Thinks His Tractor's Sexy". We helped raise money for the Dogs for the Deaf holding various fund raisers throughout the week. We received the 2010 WI State Chapter of the Year for the 3rd year. 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.

Our 2011 schedule has been posted to our website at 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 are now in their 38th year as a part of the Good Sam Organization. We have 18 rigs and 3 special memberships. The majority of campers are retirees, a few snowbirds, and a couple of charter members.

This year, Barb Jordan returns as our president (after a 2 year hiatus) filled with enthusiasm and plans to give our old club a "shot in the arm" with some new ideas. The Roamers had the 2011 calendar planned by October, 2010, with a mix of winter meetings and May-October campouts. A variety of venues, including a local library and lunch meetings from Nov-April, helps us to brainstorm ideas, encouraging new ideas.

In addition to "winter" meetings and "summer" campouts, the Roamers are initiating an effort to become more involved Good Sam's and Good Samantha's by sharing their time as well as moneys with worthy charities. They were participants with the Wehr Nature Center Halloween Haunts event, assisting in the carving of 400 pumpkins and hosting their refreshment station. In March, members will participate at the Wehr Maple Sugar Days activities which demonstrate the collection of maple sugar. Future involvements include working at the Wisconsin State Fair on behalf of the Salvation Army providing ice water for visitors. The tradition of assisting the Hunger Task Force at Christmas continues this year as well as a "Christmas in July" donation recognizing hunger is year long! A special donation was sent to Easter Seals of SE Wisconsin. Ronald McDonald House benefits our saving pop tops, and soup labels for the Shepherds Ministries in Union Grove. Cans are collected and recycled by our club "Crusher" for various charitable recipients. Bottom line is: the Roamers are making an effort to share their time recognizing much is gained when we give of ourselves to others with the side benefit of melding friendships within our club.

Camp weekends are the usual fare starting on Fridays with the optional fish fry; Saturday morning pot luck breakfast starts the day; exploring the local area or playing games together fills the afternoon; pot luck dinner and a relaxing time around the campfire is the conclusion. Sunday we say our "good-byes", and pack up, looking forward to the next get-together.

Summer club campouts include:

May 13-15 Country Roads in Lake Delton, WI
June 10-12 Vista Royale in Bancroft, WI
July 8-10 Walworth Co. Fair Grounds (SE Jumbo) in Elkhorn, WI
August 19-21 Blackhawk Valley in Rockford, IL
Sept. 9-11 Bailey's Grove in Baileys Harbor, WI
Oct. 7-9 Rustic Barn in Keiler, WI

We welcome visitors to our events and are open to enthusiastic campers joining as members.

Dianne Michel
Wagonmaster

More Chapter Chatter

The Kinnic-Kampers enjoyed a Christmas party on December 1st at the West Wind Supper Club, for their last outing for 2010.

We had an officer's meeting to make up a schedule for 2011. At the January meeting we submitted it to the membership to be approved or changed and it is on the Website.

Tickets were distributed to the members to sell for the brunch fund raising event, 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.

Kinnic-Kampers
Ron Miller
President

STARS AND STRIPES Chapter.

Hello, I am Norman Nesmith, current President of the Stars and Stripes Chapter of the Wisconsin Good Sam Organization.

Two years ago, we held our first meeting at the St Croix Samboree to organize. Officers were elected and the charter was sent to National and was approved. Last year we met again with a low turnout.

The Stars and Stripes chapter is for ALL veterans. If you wore the uniform (peace or wartime) you are eligible to join. My vision for the chapter is to do one community service project each year, such as helping to open Camp American Legion, clean the grounds at King or at one of the Veterans hospitals or doing a police call after Memorial Day at Highground. We will also advance the colors at the opening and closing of the state Samborees.

At the Tomah Samboree, election of officers will take place and decide if we would like to pay dues. Please join us at our annual meeting in Tomah.

Norm Nesmith, President
Stars and Stripes Chapter

Black River Ramblers chapter is from central Wisconsin. We have members in Park Falls, Medford, Dorchester, Eau Claire, Hixton, Black River Falls, Cadott, Curtis, Thorp, Augusta, Osseo and Bloomer.

We camp on the second weekend of the month through the summer; May through October and eat at restaurants or members homes throughout the winter months; November thru March. On Saturday morning we have a short meeting starting at 11:30 a.m. and a potluck for lunch immediately following lunch.

During the campouts we usually go on Friday nights for a Fish Fry. Saturday morning the hosts put on a pancake breakfast.

Our 2011 schedule is as follows:

Jan. 15 at Osseo – Host - Vera Budzinski home w/Mildred Carter

Feb. 12 at Park Falls – Host – Mike & Connie Schmitt home.

March 12 at Chetek – Host – at Frank & LueAnn Yule's cabin.

April 10 at Kathy's Diner in Cadott, WI – Host – Jerry Emerson will make arrangements.

May 13-15 at Dorchester Park – No Hosts

June 16-19 WI State Samboree at Tomah, WI

July 21-24 Medford Jumbo

Aug. 12-14 at Chapman Park, Stanley, WI – Host – Jerry & Jean Tauchens

Sept. 9-11 at Bloomer Mikulas farm – Hosts – Linse & Mikula families

Oct. 14-16 – Marrillan - Gile Memorial Park – No host

Nov. 12 – Hixton - Host – Bill & Charla Schapfel

December – undecided at this time.

Our charity is the Shriner's Hospital in Minneapolis, MN and 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) 762-3881 or write to him at 517 North River Road, Park Falls, WI 54552.

Vera Budzinski
Historian



And Still More Chapter Chatter

Valley Bummers: The winter collection of pull tabs proved highly successful this year. The check for the tabs and the stuffed animals we collected will be given to the Ronald McDonald House in Marshfield, WI. This project, and others, keep the Valley Bummers a happy and busy camping group.

The tabs also weighed in at 192 pounds taking First Place in the Pop Tab turn in at the WI State Samboree in De Pere, WI.

Marie Cater
Historian
Valley Bummers
715-539-8928



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.

2011 Schedule of Meetings/Campouts:

- January 29:** Christmas Party: Dino's Restaurant, 2900 New Pinery Rd, Portage, WI - (608)742-4111
- February 26:** River's Edge, 30 Cty Rd A, Wisconsin Dells - 608-253-6600 www.riversedgeresort.com/pub-and-grub/
- March 26:** Suzy's Steak & Seafood House, 2711 County Hwy CX, Portage, WI (608)742-8400 - <http://www.suzysportage.com/>
- April 29 - May 1:** Vista Royale, 8025 Isherwood Road, Bancroft WI - 715-335-6860 www.vistaroyalle.com
- May 20-22:** Wisconsin Riverside Resort, S13220 Shifflet Road, Spring Green WI - 608-588-2826 www.wiriverside.com
- June 16-19 WI State Samboree:** Monroe County Fairgrounds, Tomah, WI - Theme: Moo-in' Back to Tomah.
- June 24-26:** Club Chapparal, S320 State Road 33, Wonewoc, WI 53968 - 608-464-3944 www.chapparal.com
- July 22-24:** Wisconsin Riverside Resort, S13220 Shifflet Road, Spring Green WI - 608-588-2826 www.wiriverside.com
- August 18-20 Southwest Jumbo:** Wannabee Campground, E10096 Trout Rd, Wisconsin Dells - 608-253-3122
- August 26-28:** White Mound County Park - Sauk County Parks Dept - 608-546-5011 www.co.sauk.wi.us/dept/parks/
- September 23-25:** Al's Fox Hill, E11371 N Reedsburg Rd, Baraboo - 888-236-9445, www.foxhillrvpark.com
- October 14-16:** Wannabee Campground, E10096 Trout Rd, Wisconsin Dells - 608-253-3122, www.wannabeecampground.com
- The Yellow Thunder Sams Officers for 2011 are:
President-Beth Boyce, Vice-President-Joan Francois, Secretary-Blake Boyce, and Treasurer-Alice Roundy

Beth Boyce
President, Yellow Thunder Sam

Moo-in' Back to Tomah

2011 "Moo-in' Back to Tomah" Samboree Tours

We're moo-in' back to Tomah
And cows we need galore.
We'd like you to decorate one
To display on the stage floor.

A frame can be made from
cardboard, a barrel or a sawhorse.
Gather the materials and make it
Look like a COW of course.

A cow from each chapter
Would really be nice
To help our moo-in' ceremonies
That are held each night.

Questions ??, comments ??,
Things you want to know?
Call Roni or Jean
They'll give you the info.

Roni's cell phone – 715-613-0127
Jean's cell phone – 715-491-2574

1. Fort McCoy Tour – Guided tour of Fort McCoy on Friday 6/17/2011 at 1 p.m. Bus will hold 47 people so space is limited. The cost for the bus and tour is \$5.00 per person. Fort McCoy no longer allows individuals to tour the facility, only bus tours are allowed. Allow 3 hours for the tour.

2. Necedah Wildlife and Crane Tour – Tour on Saturday 6/18/2011 at 9:30 a.m. Bus will hold 47 people so space is limited. The cost for the bus and tour is \$5.00 per person. Allow 3 hours for the tour.

Please fill out pre-registration form below and send with fee to Sharon Kreul, State Treasurer, 1402 Ellen Avenue, Madison, WI 53716-1541.

CUT HERE:

NAME:

ADDRESS:

CITY, STATE, ZIP

1. Fort McCoy # of people x \$5.00 = _____

2. Necedah Wildlife & Crane #of people x \$5.00 = _____

Total Amount Enclosed _____

The Wisingles are having a stage decorating contest. They have challenged our chapters to decorate a cow for our stage. Each entry will have a box to hold votes for the best cow. Votes will be made by dropping a quarter in the cow of your choice. The winner will be awarded a prize and the chapters will receive the money in their box for their chapter's favorite charity.

We hope every chapter will participate in this fun contest and don't forget to bring your rolls of quarters so you can vote for the nicest cow in the herd.

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2011 WISCONSIN STATE SAMBOREE

JUNE 16th – 19th “Moo-in Back to Tomah” EARLY BIRD JUNE 14th & 15th

Recreation Park 1625 Butts Ave. Tomah, WI 54660 1-94 exit 143, I-90 exit 41 or 43 for detailed directions
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**, **Fri. am golf** outing, join our theme based **rig decorating contest & costume parade**, 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 featuring our choir.

Registration: Pre-registration is \$75.00 per family unit (2 adults & children/ grandchildren living at home). \$70.00 for single until June 10th. At the gate \$80.00 family \$75.00 Single. Each extra adult (21 and over) is \$20.00. **Make checks payable to Wisconsin Good Sam.** No confirmation will be sent your check will be your receipt. Registrations received after June 10th 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 9, 2011. 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.

Emergency Phone: Tomah Police Department 608 – 374 - 7400
Send this form & check to: Sharon Kreul, State Treasurer 1402 Ellen Avenue; Madison, WI 53716-1541 608-222-7115

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Here

Name: _____
(HIS) (HERS) (LAST)

Address: _____
(STREET) (CITY) (STATE) (ZIPCODE)

Phone: _____ If this if your first Wisconsin State Samboree please check this box.

Are you a member of our state organization (i.e. pay state dues of \$5.00 per year)? Yes No

Do you need handicap parking electric for medical appliances only __ Yes __ No

Do you need handicap parking because of mobility issues? __ Please have proof available.

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

My check is enclosed for: Registration- Single Person \$70.00 Family Unit \$75.00 \$ _____

Website

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

Adult Catered Meal (s) _____ X \$12.00 each \$ _____

Child's Catered Meal (s) _____ X \$6.25 each \$ _____

Commercial Exhibitor Fee (10' X 10' booth space) _____ X \$25.00 \$ _____

Total Enclosed \$ _____

The undersigned person accepts full responsibility for the welfare of their unit and all people & pets with their unit while attending the Wisconsin Good Sam Samboree.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Commercial Exhibitors: Company Name _____

Product (s) _____

I am willing to do a seminar/workshop Yes No Amount of Time needed _____

Booth Needs (i.e. tables, chairs, size of booth): _____

Fee includes 10' X10' booth space Limited Tables Available. There will be an additional fee for more tables and/or space.

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Party Time in Redmond! Oregon's High Desert Hosts the 2011 Rally

July 14 – 17, 2011 Redmond, OR.

As you map out your travel plans for this summer, be sure to draw a red circle around Redmond, Oregon. Good Sam members can immerse themselves in all things RV – and have tons of fun in the process – by attending the 12th annual Rally, July 14-17 in Redmond, Oregon.

The annual extravaganza puts every aspect of the RV experience at your fingertips. If you're in the market for a new rig, you can stroll among the more than 1,000 new RVs on display at the Deschutes County Fairgrounds Expo Center along with indoor exhibits of must-have RV accessories and services.

Then join the many fun-filled activities held throughout the event. Rally organizers make sure you won't leave without enhancing your RV lifestyle.

Nightly entertainment by top-name performers will keep you rocking long after the sun goes down. Scores of seminars covering everything from engine maintenance to Alaska travel will fill the daylight hours.

During Good Sam Club Day, members can rub elbows with fellow members, make new friends, sign up for club services and play games for prizes.

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