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Hello everyone,

While you are having a spell of wintry weather in WI, it is a balmy 85° here in Southern Texas. Since we left on Dec 31, we have met many Cheeseheads along the way and down here. From here we are going to Yuma for the Arizona Samboree, then on to Phoenix to attend "The Rally". We enjoy

volunteering at "The Rallies" either in security or transportation.

Good Sam has three rallies across the United States this year. The first will be in the west, at Phoenix, AZ., March 22-25. The second is in Louisville, KY, June 21-24, with early bird June 19 and 20. The third one will be in the east, at Daytona, FL, Nov. 2-4, with early bird Oct. 31 and Nov. 1. All of "The Rallies" will have seminars, live entertainment, a dog show, rescued cats and dogs that you can adopt and hundreds of rigs and trailers to view and purchase. If you get a chance to attend one they are a lot of fun and you will meet other Good Sammers.

This is our first year as WI State Directors. Some of the State Staff and Chapter Presidents are new also, and with the help of the returning staff we will have a successful Samboree and enjoyable year.

This year the Samboree is at Polk County Fairgrounds in St. Croix Falls, close to the Minnesota border, June 14-17, with early bird June 12 and 13. The theme is "Cruising down the River". You will be kept busy with outdoor and indoor games, a golf outing, seminars, and tours. There will be door prizes and entertainment each night and an optional catered meal Saturday evening. There is also a program for the youth that attend the Samboree.

Having fun with Good Sam,

Wayne Schuette  
Wisconsin State Director



# International

## Constitution

### PREAMBLE

With the object in view of stimulating a greater interest and development of the principles of good camping, ecological awareness, decency, harmony through the Club, fellowship among campers, reverence for the woodlands, forests and wilderness areas that are our heritage, aid to fellow campers in any emergency situation no matter how small or how serious, safety in all situations, kindness for our fellow human beings and all wildlife throughout the world, and with the avid desire of creating an enthusiasm which by reason of example, will serve to awaken a spirit of emulation and cooperation to the same and throughout the camping world, we hereby form ourselves into **The Good Sam Club** adhering to the following principles;

*-I will stop and give aid to fell campers where safety and traffic conditions permit. I will not attempt to stop and give aid on turnpikes, freeways or expressways, but instead will give three short blasts on my horn to indicate that I am reporting the breakdown to the nearest patrol, toll gate, or police department.*

*-If I am broken down on the expressway, I will raise the hood of my vehicle and/or display other distress device, to indicate I am in need of assistance and stay with the vehicle until help arrives.*

*-I will keep my recreational vehicle in safe condition at all times and give special attention to brakes, tires and running lights.*

*-I will drive within the law and with consideration of others.*

*-I will watch following traffic and pull off the road as soon as possible whenever I am causing a slowdown.*

*-I agree to observe and cause to be observed all posted rules and regulations for the betterment of the enjoyment of outdoor recreational facilities.*

*-I will leave my campsite in better condition than I found it.*

*-I will try to wear a smile (like Good Sam's) and promote the objectives of Good Sam whenever I meet other RV owners.*

# Assistant Directors

## Northwest Assistant Director

Hi, I am Vera Budzinski, yes I agreed to another term as the Northwest Assistant State Director. I figured our new State Director could use the help of old experience. It would be pretty hard for a new Director to take over with all new help, so here I am again.

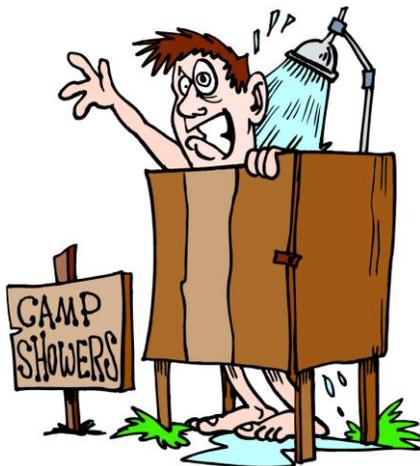
Chapters in my area are the Apple River Drifters - Amery Area; Black River Ramblers - Thorp, Bloomer, Dorchester, Medford, Stetsonville, Osseo, Augusta, and Eau Claire; Sawdust City Sams - Eau Claire and Altoona Area; Valley Bummers - Wausau, Merrill, Antigo and Stevens Point Area; Top-O-Wisconsin - Butternut and Ashland Area and the Wisingles from all over the State.

I am a member of the Black River Ramblers and the Wisingles Chapters. Elwood Elliott is the other Northwest Assistant Director and we work together on the Medford Jumbo which is July 19-22, 2012 at the Taylor County Fairgrounds in 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.)

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

Hello, my name is Jim Welcing. With my wife Kathy, we are the Northeast Assistance State Directors.

We are members of the Shawano Area Campers. We have been members of the Wisconsin Good Sam's Club since 1999. We enjoy camping and meeting old and new friends along the way.

We are in the process of organizing the Northeast Jumbo which is scheduled for August 8-11, 2012 at the Shawano County Fairgrounds in Shawano, Wisconsin. Just note these days are Wednesday through Saturday. We cannot conflict with the Sunday Flee Market. More information will be following. I will be contacting our local camping chapters for assistance.

I am very happy to be the Northeast Assistance State Director for the Wisconsin Good Sam's Club and hopefully will serve everybody the best I can.

Jim & Kathy Welcing  
Aka: Erin's Mom & Dad  
[jkwelcing@plbb.us](mailto:jkwelcing@plbb.us)

## Riddle of the Day

Arnold Schwarzenegger has a big one.  
Michael J. Fox has a small one.  
Madonna doesn't have one.  
The Pope has one but doesn't use it.  
Clinton uses his all the time.  
Obama is one.  
Mickey Mouse has an unusual one.  
Liberace never used his on women.  
Jerry Seinfeld is very, very proud of his.  
Cher claims that she took on 3.  
We never saw Lucy use Desi's.

What is it?

(Answer on page 14.)

# Assistant Directors

## Southeast Assistant Director

Hi, I am Carolyn Klassy and along with my husband Jerry we are the new Southeast Assistant State Directors. This will be our first year and we are looking forward to meeting all of the campers in our chapters. I am sure that it will be a great and rewarding experience. We have been camping for years and we have met a lot of great friends along the way and hope to meet many more.

Our Southeast Jumbo will be on July 20-22, 2012 and early bird begins on July 19. It is going to be held at the Walworth County Fairgrounds again this year.

We are also planning a campout at the Fairgrounds in Tomah, WI on September 28-30, 2012 so we can go to the Warrens Cranberry Festival. I am still working out the details and should have all of the information soon.

We are really looking forward to the spring campouts in 2012.

Stay safe and happy!

Carolyn Klassy  
Southeast Assistant Director  
608-289-6411  
[jcklassy@yahoo.com](mailto:jcklassy@yahoo.com)

## 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. 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  
Northwest State Assistant Director

## Southwest Assistant Director

Hello, I am Dolly Eggert, and along with my husband Jim, I am the new Southwest Assistant Director. If you have attended past Wisconsin Samborees you will probably recognize us as being in the kitchen early in the morning getting coffee ready for everyone as State Equipment Managers. I have also been involved in the youth program as Co-Youth Director and helped with the Blue Light fund raiser for the Wisconsin State Youth.

Jim and I have recently moved from Milwaukee to the Montello area and have purchased approximately 5 acres and are enjoying the quiet and rustic beauty of the area. We have cleared just enough space for the house and have left the rest the way nature had it, which also cuts down on maintaining the yard.

Chapters in the Southwest Area are:

Cranberry Country Cruisers  
Jack Pine Travelers  
Second Chance Sams  
Yahara Blackhawks  
Yellow Thunder Sams

The 2012 Southwest Jumbo will be at the Wanna-Bee Campground, August 17-19, 2012 in Wisconsin Dells, WI. (See the article on page 8.)

Hopefully I will be able to meet with each chapter and get your ideas and feelings on what you would like to see in a Jumbo, before I start looking for a place to accommodate the 2013 Southwest Jumbo. With everyone's busy schedules it may not be possible to get to all the chapters so I would appreciate it if each chapter could contact me with your thoughts and ideas of what you would like to see at your Jumbo.

Safe travels to everyone,

Dolly Eggert  
Southwest Assistant State Director

## WORDS FROM THE STATE STAFF

### State Sam-A-Gram Editor and Webmaster

Are you tired of winter? We are so ready to start the 2012 camping season? It's been a long winter.

The Website has been doing well with over 15,200 visitors, which has been averaging 6.2 visits a day. Anyone who is interested in what Wisconsin Good Sam members are doing, can visit the site at [www.wigoodsam.org](http://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 website, send me an e-mail at [webmaster@wigoodsam.org](mailto:webmaster@wigoodsam.org) after all – it's your site. We would like to remind you to send us any current obits you have so that we can keep the Website updated. Bonnie retired in 2009 but went back to work for First Student as an Attendant on the local school bus. 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 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 where we hold the offices of the President and News Reporter) so we are still enjoying the fun and companionship of being a part of the Good Sam Club.

Randi & Bonnie Owen

### Secretary

I am your State Secretary. I am a member of two chapters; the Apple River Drifters and the Wisingles. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at the Samboree in St. Croix Falls this summer.

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 crew 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 and enjoy all the attractions in the area.

Jim Vetter

### State Wagonmaster

My name is Bill Malicki. I have been retired and camping for several years. I have been a part of the wagonmaster program for about 6 years. During those years I have met a lot of people and made myself well-known.

Since I was given the position of State Wagonmaster, I found myself coming back every year due to the enjoyment it has given me. This year I'm looking forward to serving many new faces and reuniting with familiar faces.

Bill Malicki

## State Assistant Equipment Manager

I am Al Stolzman. I have been camping since the early 70s with my wife Diane and our 4 kids. We started out in a tent and graduated to a pull type (3) and eventually to a 5th Wheel. We are currently on our fourth 5th Wheel, but this will probably be our last.

We have belonged to the Good Sam Club since 1997 and are Life Members.

We enjoy the Samborees, Jumbos and getting out with other members of the Top-O-Wisconsin Chapter and travelling. We are snow birds and try to make it to Florida every year in the winter.

Al Stolzman

## Patch Packer

**Hello all you "HAPPY CAMPERS!"**

For those that are new to the Wisconsin Good Sam Club let me tell you a little about us. For those that are involved in Wisconsin Good Sam, bear with me. Keith is still working 6 days a week so we have limited time to camp. It will be a few years yet until he can retire. We have one son, Kevin (Tatiana) and they live in Coon Rapids, MN. Kevin works for Cummins as an Electrical Engineer. They have two cats, Flap Jack and Mehana. We have two cats, Shadow and Sneakers that go camping with us where ever we go.

We joined "Good Sam" in 2000 and joined a chapter in 2001. We went to our first Wisconsin Samboree in 2002 and have been to every one since. We helped to start our own chapter in 2005, the Cranberry Country Cruisers.

I held the State Historian position from 2004-2010. I then was the Southwest State Assistant Director for 2011 and now here we are as Patch Packers in 2012. What better way to learn what "Good Sam in Wisconsin" is all about than to have some fun jobs?

I also help with the State Paper Games and now the "Annual Medallion Hunt." I will post the clues each day near the Patch Packer tables. The clues will be posted Wednesday-Saturday mornings or until it is found. Remember if you find the Gold "Campfire" Medallion you win a FREE registration for the 2013 Samboree.

We are looking forward to meeting a lot of nice people this year at the St. Croix Falls Samboree. Stop by the Patch Packer tables and see what is new this year and say "HI." If you don't see something that you want, I just might be able to get it for you. Come and talk to us and pick up your souvenir "2012 Samboree Patch".

Remember to VOLUNTEER and help put on a Great Samboree in 2012. Chapters and Members At Large can help out so everyone has a good time. If you don't belong to a chapter, join one or start one in your area. They are a lot of fun!

Thanks and Happy Camping!

Cheryl & Keith Keene

## SAMBOREE DIRECTIONS

Driving Directions to the Polk County Fairgrounds:

East Bound: East on US Highway 8 to Glacier Drive (first stop light after entering Wisconsin about 2 miles) and turn left or north on to Glacier Drive. Follow Glacier Drive (first stop sign about 1 mile) turn right on to Golf Course Road (220th ) follow to stop sign turn left on to 140th Street. Follow 140th to the end and that is Fairgrounds Road and turn left or west. Follow Fairgrounds Road to Louisiana and turn right or north into the Fairgrounds.

West Bound: West on US Highway 8 to second stop light after Junction of US Highway 8 and WI Highway 35 (about 3 miles). Turn right or north on to Glacier Drive. Follow Glacier Drive (first stop sign about 1 mile) turn right on to Golf Course Road (220th) follow to stop sign turn left on to 140th Street. Follow 140th to the end and that is Fairgrounds Road and turn left or west. Follow Fairgrounds Road to Louisiana and turn right or north into the Fairgrounds.

Watch for the Good Sam Samboree signs.

# WISCONSIN JUMBOS

## Northwest Jumbo

This year's Northwest Jumbo, usually called Medford Jumbo, will be held July 19-22, 2012 at the Taylor County Fairgrounds in Medford, WI which is located on the corner of Hwy 64 (east/west) and Hwy 13 (north).

Last year we had construction but this year everything is done. We will no longer be able to enter the Fairgrounds from Hwy 13. We will enter on Hwy 64 at the far East end of the Fairgrounds, down by the cattle barns, watch for signs. Early bird will be July 19 after 3:00 p.m.

Following is a list of chapter duties and time your chapter may arrive at the fairgrounds:

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

If you are not in a chapter that is working you may arrive any time after 3:00 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 years.

Thursday night will be your own. If you have something to share for entertainment see Elwood Elliott or Vera. We could have a campfire weather permitting or maybe even a sing-a-long around the campfire, we will see what happens. Friday evening will be an ice cream social and bingo following. 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 Top-O-Wisconsin 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 will be coffee and donuts with a church service at 8:30 a.m. featuring the Promise Quartet from Medford.

We will have a campfire each evening (weather permitting, so bring some wood just in case. Cost will be \$30. **(This is for the whole weekend, not each night.)** This includes bingo, ice cream, pancake breakfast and donuts 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 I(Home) 715-669-3192 (cell phone) 715-271-6855. Hope to see you there.

Vera Budzinski & Elwood Elliott  
Northwest Assistant Directors

## Northeast Jumbo

The Northeast Jumbo is scheduled for August 8-11, 2012 at the Shawano County Fairgrounds in Shawano, WI. A registration form is in the works and will be available by the State Spring Meeting in Hustler, WI.

Jim (Kathy) Welcing  
Northeast Assistant Directors

## Southeast Jumbo

The Southeast Jumbo will be held at Walworth Co. Fairgrounds in Elkhorn, WI on July 20-22, 2012 with early bird on July 19th. This year the Jumbo will be hosted by the Rocky Rollers Chapter.

The plans for the weekend are as follows:

Friday night - Fish Fry and campfire following (weather permitting). Indoor games available (informal).

Saturday Morning - Breakfast in a bag plus toast. Charge \$2.50 per person.

Saturday Afternoon - Outdoor games and Root Beer Floats.

Saturday Evening – Potluck Dinner - Each rig attending to bring a dish to pass.

Sunday Morning – Goodbyes - Donuts and coffee.

There will be a \$5.00 registration fee and the Fairgrounds charges \$25.00 per night for camping.

Everyone is invited and we hope to see you there.

Carolyn & Jerry Klassy  
Southeast Assistant Directors

## St. Croix Falls Lions Club

The St. Croix Falls Lions Club will be providing a limited menu at the Samboree this year. For a complete available menu see the WI Website at

[www.wigoodsam.org](http://www.wigoodsam.org) and click on the Samboree Food Menu Banner on the Home Page.

Also the Lions will be collecting old eyeglasses, hearing aids, and cell phones. There will be a collection box at the Samboree if you have any of these items you wish to donate. Check at registration or the Lions food booth by hospitality for the location of the box.

## Southwest Jumbo

The Southwest Jumbo will be held at the Wanna-Bee Campground, E10096 Trout Road, Wisconsin Dells, WI 53965-9772, 608-253-3122 or 888-782-2672, Aug. 17-19, 2012.

Approximate cost: \$28 to \$30 per night.

Check in is noon.

Nothing is planned except for a potluck supper at 6:00 pm on Saturday and a campfire, weather permitting both Friday & Saturday nights.

Bring along any games (indoor or outdoor) that you enjoy playing.

When making your reservations be sure to tell them you are a member of Good Sam and with the Southwest Jumbo.

### DIRECTIONS:

Take I90/94 to exit 87, Hwy 13 Wisconsin Dells. Turn south on to Trout Road, between the Mobil Gas Station and Denny's. Follow signs, just 2 miles up the road.

Dolly (Jim) Eggert

Assistant State Directors, Southwest

## Wisconsin Members at Large

The Wisconsin Good Sam Organization invites 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 22 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](http://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 to become a State member 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](mailto: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? \_\_\_\_\_

### 2012 Dates to Remember ...

April 13-15 – WI State Campout at Lil' Yellow River in New Lisbon, WI

April 14 – WI State Meeting at Hustler Community Hall, Hustler, WI at 10 a.m.

May 17-20 – Michigan Spring Samboree in Cassopolis, MI

May 24-27 – Minnesota Spring Samboree in Hutchinson, MN

May 25-28 – Indiana Spring Samboree in Greentown, IN

May 30-June 3 – Manitoba/NW Ontario Samboree at Portage la Prairie, Manitoba, Canada

June 7-10 – Nebraska Samboree in Hastings, NE

June 14-17 – Wisconsin Samboree in St. Croix Falls, WI

June 15 – WI State Meeting - TBA

June 14-17 – South Dakota Samboree in Rapid City, SD

June 21-24 – Iowa Samboree at Amana, IA

June 21-24 – Good Sam Club Rally in Louisville, KY

July 19-22 – NW Jumbo at Taylor Co. Fairgrounds in Medford, WI

July 20-22 – SE Jumbo at Walworth Co. Fairgrounds in Elkhorn, WI

Aug. 8-11 – NE Jumbo at Shawano Fairgrounds

Aug. 16-19 – SW Jumbo at Wanna-Bee Campgrounds, Wisconsin Dells, WI

Aug. 16-19 – Minnesota Fall Samboree in Little Falls, MN

Aug. 23-26 – North Dakota Samboree in Williston, ND

Aug. 31 - Sept. 3 – Illinois Samboree in Henry, IL

Sept. 20-23 – Michigan Fall Samboree at Otisville, MI

Sept. 28-30 – Indiana Fall Samboree at Ft. Wayne, IN

Oct. 5-7 – WI State Campout at Circle R Campgrounds in Oshkosh, WI

Oct. 6 – WI State Meeting at Nekimi Town Hall, Oshkosh, WI 10 a.m.

Nov. 2-4 – Good Sam Club Rally – Daytona, FL

# Chapter Chatter

Greetings from the **Cranberry Country Cruisers** of the Tomah, Wisconsin Area. Our chapter is six years old this year.

We started out with 5 Charter families and currently have 11 units and 20 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, the Teepee Supper Club in Tomah or Perkins (Jan.-Apr.), and all of our summer campouts at Granger's Campgrounds in Oakdale (May-Oct.). Some of our other activities in 2011 were: We attended several benefit fundraisers, attended the A.S./A.P. Cat Shelter fundraiser dance, we attended the WI Samboree in Tomah, and took second place in collecting pop-tabs with 108 lbs., we participated in rig decorating by creating a pasture of WI Cows and CA Cows coming over to the WI side which took Second place in the chapter category. We helped raise money for the A.S./A-P Cat Shelter with the Stage Decorating fund raiser. The chapter received the 2011 WI State Chapter of the Year for the 4th 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.

On September 10, 2011 the chapter was part of a crowd eagerly awaiting the final unveiling of a Memorial dedicated to the service members of our community. The 40-foot-by-60-foot memorial features a large monument honoring all branches of the military, three flag poles, seven benches, two pillars honoring those killed in action and more than 600 tiles and 250 bricks that businesses, organizations and individuals purchased to make the three-year project a reality. This memorial was built without any outside financial aid. It was built and financed by the people of Tomah, and our chapter purchased one of these tiles. The design, created by Michael Feinberg of Peter Troost Monument Co., was selected as the winning entry out of more than 10 national submissions by members of the American Institute of Commemorative Art in the public and civic memorials category, making this project even more amazing and we were part of it.

Our 2012 camping schedule has been posted to our website at [www.wigoodsam.org/cranberrycountrycruisers](http://www.wigoodsam.org/cranberrycountrycruisers) and the State website at [www.wigoodsam.org](http://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 **Top-O-Wisconsin (TOW)** Good Sam Chapter was chartered in September, 2008. We began with 10 charter member units. In our short existence we have grown to 16 units. The TOW chapter members are truly from the Top-O-Wisconsin and beyond. Members are from Superior and South Range in the West to Washburn and Ashland in the North then South to Marengo, Park Falls, and Phillips then back West to Hayward. We also have 'foreign' members from Nevada, Texas, Louisiana, and South Dakota that take an active role in TOW.

Our chapter is a mix of young and mature members, retired and still working. What we have in common is a love of camping; a love of enjoying each other's company and a never ending search for fun and laughs. Members of our chapter have caravanned to the Northwest Jumbo, the Wisconsin Samboree, the Illinois Samboree, the Michigan Samboree, and the Iowa Samboree. A couple of our members are winter Texans and have attended the Texas Samboree and joined the Texas at Large Good Sam Chapter.

2011 was a fun and exciting year. We hold our monthly meetings May thru October at a campground within 200 miles of Mellen, WI. While the official meeting outing is held Friday-Sunday most units arrive a couple days early to practice having fun. Our first meeting in May is held at Copper Falls State Park in Mellen. We have adopted Copper Falls and continue to do volunteer work there during our gathering. In 2009 we helped do a general clean-up of the park and stained picnic tables. In 2010 we stained approximately 2.8 miles of guard rails along the trail that circles the Bad River and Tyler Forks Creek area in the park. In 2011 we cleaned up debris from a wind storm, opened trails and cleaned up the picnic area. We also stained the pavilion. This year we plan to stain a club and educational cabin, unless there is a greater need in the park.

In addition to Copper Falls, the chapter has also adopted a 2-mile stretch of WI HWY 13 south of Ashland under Wisconsin's Highway Beautification Program. 2012 will be our first year carrying out this project. We have a charity account that we raise money for and have contributed funds to the Dogs for the Deaf and the Cancer Society by sponsoring a Relay for Life team in Ashland.

The Top-O-Wisconsin Chapter has taken an active role in the Wisconsin Good Sam organization. At the Samboree when we see things that need happy, helping hands we join in. Since 2009 we have handled the hot dog lunch at the Samboree. Two of our members have accepted positions on the Wisconsin Good Sam State Staff. Tom and Karin Hoffman are in their second year as Safety and Security Coordinator while Al and Diane Stolzman are in their first year as assistant State Equipment Managers.

If you live in the Northwest area of Wisconsin or wish you did and want to join an active Good Sam Chapter while getting the rig out of the driveway once in a while, consider giving the Top-O-Wisconsin Chapter a look see. We have lots of fun and enjoy camping.

For information or to just chat about TOW contact Dave Kedrowski at (715) 292-2275.

# More Chapter Chatter

Here's a shout out to all single people in Wisconsin that don't want to give up camping. We would love to have you join our **WISINGLES** group and camp with us this summer. We have a lot of fun getting together, sharing stories, laughing, playing card games and board games, sitting around a campfire, and eating. Lots of eating!

The schedule for the 2012 summer is as follows:

- May 20-24 Bancroft with the Retirees - Vista Royale
- June 14-17 Samboree at St. Croix Falls - Early Bird June 12 & 13
- July 19-22 Medford Jumbo at the Fairgrounds
- July 23-30 McMullen Park in Warrens
- August 13-20 Castle Rock on the Adam's side
- August 20-27 Strum at Crystal Lake City Park
- Sept. 9-13 Bancroft with the Retirees - Vista Royale
- October 1-8 To be determined but plan on the eastern side of the state, around Oshkosh.

For any questions please call our president, Carol Yoemans at 608-347-4999 or secretary, Roni Kaczor-Smith at 715-613-0127 or e-mail her at [rkaczorsmith@yahoo.com](mailto:rkaczorsmith@yahoo.com).

I would like to invite all Veterans to the yearly meeting of **The Stars and Stripes Military Chapter** of the Good Sam Club, at this year's Samboree.

The state Veterans Coordinator has arranged for Merlin Blaisdale, the Veterans Service Officer for St. Croix County, to speak and answer any questions. Please come prepared with any concerns or questions for this experienced VSO.

We would like to thank the Top-O-Wisconsin chapter for donating a flag that was flown over the U.S. Capitol, to the chapter. It will be raffled off during this year's Samboree.

Remember, if you wore the uniform in peacetime or war, you and/or your direct relatives are eligible to join us.

We hope to see you at St. Croix Falls.

Norman Nesmith, President  
Stars & Stripes Military Chapter

Hello everyone, we are the **Lake-2-Lake Sams** chapter of the WI Good Sam's Organization. We have 10 units, which include our new State Director, Wayne Schuette and the new State Youth Director, Karen Birschbach. Our units come from the areas of Sturgeon Bay, Green Bay, Shawano, Elkhart Lake, Cleveland, Sheboygan, and Manitowoc.

We like to follow the 4 F's, family, friends, fun and FOOD. We have up to 3 brat fries per year and donate the proceeds back to the community. We have donated to Dogs for the Deaf, Peter's Pantry, S.O.V.E., Healthy Teeth for our veterans without dental insurance, and other charities or seriously ill people in the area. We also do roadside clean-up in the county.

This year our activities include a corn beef and potluck for St. Patty's day, brat fry and camp out for May 18-19, the WI State Samboree at St. Croix Falls June 14-17, Calumet County Park July 11-14, Northeast Jumbo Aug. 10-12, camping at Bayshore Sept. 17-20, and Oct. 20th at Schuette's.

We invite anyone to come and join us at our activities, or even join our chapter as new members are always welcome.

Sherri Osterloth

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

We camp on the second weekend of the month, Friday thru Sunday, through the summer; May through October. April we have our Annual Eat-Out Dinner at different restaurants in the area. November thru March we meet at the homes of hosts or eat at restaurants. For the winter months we normally meet on Saturday with potluck at noon and meeting immediately following

For our campouts we normally go for Fish Fry on Friday night, Saturday we have potluck at 5:00 p.m. and meeting following.

Our 2012 schedule is as follows:

- Jan. 14 at Osseo – Host - Mildred Carter w/Vera Budzinski
- Feb. 12 at Park Falls – Host – Mike & Connie Schmitt home.
- March 10 at Chetek – Host – Frank & LueAnn Yule's cabin.
- April Eat Out - Day & Time to be Determined
- May 11-13 at Dorochester Park – No Hosts
- June 14-17 WI State Samboree at St. Croix Falls, WI
- July 19-22 Medford Jumbo
- Aug. 10-12 at Mead Lake – Host – Jerry & Jean Tauchens
- Sept. 14-16 at Bloomer (Mikula's farm) – Hosts – Roger, Rita, Gail and Delma
- Oct. 12-14 – Merrilan - Gile Memorial Park – No host
- Nov. 10 – Open
- Dec. 15 - Open

These could change times or dates so call first before coming.

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 Gail Mikula at (715) 568-3679 or write to him at 19722 80th Street, Bloomer, WI 54724.

Submitted By: Vera Budzinski  
Historian

## Makes Football Make Sense!

A guy took his girlfriend to her first football game. They had great seats right behind their team's bench. After the game, he asked her how she liked it?

"Oh, I really liked it," she replied, especially the tight pants and all the big muscles, but I just couldn't understand why they were killing each other over 25 cents."

Dumbfounded, her boyfriend asked, "What do you mean?"  
"Well, they flipped a coin, one team got it and then for the rest of the game, all they kept screaming was... 'Get the quarterback! Get the quarterback! I'm like... Helloooooo? It's only 25 cents!!!!!"

# And Still More Chapter Chatter

The story of the creation of the embryo that grew into the **Winnebago Wonderers**, Good Sam Chapter as written by one of our own Charter members.

It all started up with a simple question from me to my husband Ken in the spring of 1992, "Did you pick up the mail?" The mail is on the table, Ken answered. "There is some interesting stuff about an invitation to a Good Sam Camping Organization."

We had recently bought a new 5th wheel trailer and a new dodge pickup truck to pull it. Our first trip was to the Smokey Mountains and the Blue Ridge Parkway. We had a great time, but it would have been even better if we had another couple to travel with us. So the idea of a camping club seemed like a good idea to check out.

The letter was about a meeting at the Breezewood Restaurant in Neenah, WI for potential Good Sam Club members. Good Sam Clubs are nationwide for campers looking for places to camp and meet others looking for the same. About twenty persons attended the meeting with, Good Sam Director, Bernice Moore of Larson presenting the program.

Ken & I liked the idea of the Good Sam Club, so we decided to host a meeting at our home for others who were also interested in organizing a new chapter. We asked some friends, Bob and Betty Messner, who also had a camping trailer, if they would be interested in a camping club. Bob said they would ask Dick and Alice Holzer, friends who were also campers. State Director Bernice Moore said she would be happy to come and get us started as a new chapter. There were ten of us at the first meeting. Bernice said she would get us a copy of all the persons in our area that had noted that they too were interested in a camping club. After receiving the list, we sent out invitations to those in Oshkosh to a meeting at George's Gas Light Restaurant in Oshkosh. We had a good response to our invitation to start our camping chapter.

A chapter constitution had to be written and a name chosen for our chapter of the Good Sam Club Organization. Our Constitution and By-Laws were approved at our April 21, 1992 meeting and okayed by State Director Bernice Moore and forwarded to the Good Sam Club headquarters for approval.

Our chapter began with 8 due-paying rigs. It was decided since we were a low-key chapter, that it will be up to members to recruit fellow campers. We set our dues at just \$5.00 a year. The name chosen for our chapter was Winnebago Wanderers suggested by Kay Witzke. Winnebago refers to a county, not to Winnebago motor homes.

The purpose of our chapter was to share future travel plans, review travel experiences – good and bad, to promote fellowship and networking among members, and to publish a newsletter to promote chapter purposes.

The Charter members were; Wayne and Marion Balsley, Ken and Luella Biendarra, Richard and Alice Holzer, Curt and Dorothy Kleeman, Robert and Betty Messner, Eugene and Beverly Meyer, Homer and Bernice Moore and LeRoy and Kay Witzke.

Chapter officers elected were:

President – Bob Messner,  
Vice President and Wagon Master – Dick Holzer,  
Secretary/Treasurer – Curt Kleeman  
Newsletter Editor – Ken Biendarra

Our next meeting was held on May 5, 1993, at George's Gas Light Restaurant. Winter meetings were not held at first as some campers went south for the winter season. Members were requested to come up with a drawing or sketch for the Winnebago Wanderers logo.

The Winnebago Wanderers first newsletter was published on November 1, 1992. Chapter members listed some of their past adventures with good places to visit.

Activities of the Winnebago Wanderers included a spring dinner/business meeting, campouts, a summer picnic, Wisconsin Good Sam Samboree, National Good Sam Rallies, and a fall business/dinner meeting. Activities are planned by the chapter officers at executive meetings as needed.

Membership increased to 22 rigs or 44 members by the summer of 1994.

Planning a trip to Alaska began in the fall of 1994 by Bob and Betty Messner, Tom and Rose Pease and Ken and Luella Biendarra. A six-week caravan with Point South RV Tours leaving Dawson Creek, Canada on June 6th and returning to Prince George on July 20, 1995 was planned. Others interested were invited to join us. Seven rigs from the Winnebago Wanderers left Wisconsin about the third week in June 1995 and joined a 20-rig caravan organized by Point South RV Tours. The tour was super, we were on the road over six weeks and all had a terrific time. Several new couples joined our chapter to go with our group. This increased our chapter membership to 29 rigs or 58 members. Some of the other longer trips undertaken were to a Good Sam Samboree in Duluth, Minnesota and to the Kentucky Bluegrass International Rally in Louisville, KY in October 1997.

Several difficult camping outings are planned during the year and are always well attended and fun. We have enjoyed turkey roasts, pig roasts, and fish boils along with many varieties of potlucks at our campouts. We have explored many different areas in Wisconsin and adjoining States.

Our regular get-together presently is breakfast every Tuesday morning at 8 a.m. held at the Delta Restaurant. About 30 members gather to discuss chapter plans and just visit.

New members are welcome to join. Four couples who organized the chapter are still members even though some of us have given up our camping rigs.

As of December 1, 2011, Winnebago Wanderers, Good Sam Chapter had 18 rigs actively camping and 7 honorary members no longer camping.

For information concerning our chapter call our current President, Mary (Jerry) Braasch at 20-688-2294.

Submitted By:  
Luella Biendarra

# Keep collecting those ALUMINUM-TABS

## How did the pop-tab program begin?

The Minneapolis Ronald McDonald House started the pop-tab program in 1987, borrowing the idea from the VFW Post in South St. Paul. The program was originally publicized by word-of-mouth. Around 1990, they formalized their promotion through the creation of cardboard houses and eventually billboards.



## Why pop-tabs?

Pop-tabs have significant value in the recycling industry. They represent the purest form of a desirable metal for recyclers. The pop-tabs donated to the Ronald McDonald House are picked up by a local recycler, where they are weighed and cashed in. It is part of the ongoing fundraising efforts of the House. The money netted is used to assist the organization with programming expenses such as household supplies, and room rent for families unable to pay. ALL the collections do add up to make a heartfelt impact in working together to accomplish the mission of Ronald McDonald House Charities.

## Why collect ONLY the pop-tab and not the whole can?

The Ronald McDonald House does not have the physical storage space to collect the cans. Collecting pull-tabs is a simple and great way to enhance the public awareness of the House and its mission to serve families of children in need of medical attention.

## Are there special containers for pop-tabs?

YES and No! The Ronald McDonald House is phasing out its pop-tab houses; however, there may be some available if your local McDonalds still has some old stock. Instead, they are now issuing labels that you can put on your own container (i.e. coffee cans, detergent bottles, cat litter containers, etc.).

**The Ronald McDonald House needs your help! Please join this growing effort. Collect beverage tabs in your area. These little pieces of metal make a big difference!**

If your chapter doesn't already collect pop-tabs for this or another charity, tabs can be turned in at the next WI Samboree. The top chapters will be recognized and the State will take care of turning in the tabs to the Ronald McDonald House.

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### 2012 WISCONSIN STATE SAMBOREE

**JUNE 14<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> "Cruising Down The River" EARLY BIRD JUNE 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>**

**Polk County Fairgrounds 800 East Louisiana St. just off US Highway 8 St. Croix Falls, WI**  
For directions go to [www.wigoodsam.org](http://www.wigoodsam.org)

**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 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 \$75.00 per family unit (2 adults & children/ grandchildren living at home). \$70.00 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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, 2012. All other parking will be hobo style. Early bird parking is \$15.00 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: 911 or St. Croix Police Department 715-483 -9282**

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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?** \_\_\_\_\_ **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 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Extra Adult Person (s) \_\_\_\_\_ X \$15.00 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

Child's Catered Meal (s) \_\_\_\_\_ X \$6.50 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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**Vincent Van Gogh's Family Tree**

His dizzy aunt...Verti Gogh

The brother who ate prunes...Gotta Gogh

The brother who worked at a convenience store...Stop N Gogh

The grandfather from Yugoslavia...U Gogh

His magician uncle...Where-diddy Gogh

His Mexican cousin...A Mee Gogh

The Mexican Cousin's American half-brother ...Gring Gogh

The nephew who drove a stage coach...Wells-far Gogh

The constipated uncle...Can't Gogh

The ballroom dancing aunt...Tang Gogh

The bird lover uncle...Flamin Gogh

The Fruit-loving cousin...Man Gogh

An aunt who taught positive thinking...Way-to-Gogh

The little bouncy nephew...Poe Gogh

A sister who loved disco...Go Gogh

AND...(drum roll, please!)

His niece who travels in an RV...Winnie Bay Gogh

Hey...I think I saw you smiling.....There ya' Gogh!

