

MEADOWLARK GOOD SAMS

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JULY — We camped at one of our favorite places, Altamont Lake. We had eight of our members in attendance. We had birthdays and anniversaries to acknowledge and also took up or little collection from members who had not worn their Good Sam shirts/vests, just a little something to help our treasury. We collect our “Best Choice” labels at each meeting which soon adds up. The weather was really good and, of course, our food is always delicious.

AUGUST: We were able to camp at Oswego Park and Campground this month. This is a place we like to camp as it is above a pretty river, has a very good shaded area with a roofed shelter and restrooms. However it can be busy during the summer months with fairs going on and other activities. We did have some rain off and on for a couple of days, but nothing that stopped us from having fun, good food, and some card games. It was agreed that we keep the same officers for next year. Guess that means we are doing okay.

SEPTEMBER: We were back again at the Altamont lake area. We decided to donate money and a cake for the upcoming state rally. We also decided to have our own brown bag auction in November and the monies brought in for that would be our donation for our service project. We usually do pretty good on our auctions and it is so much fun. We also collected some dues.

OCTOBER: We were again in one of our favorite places to camp, at Chetopa, Elmore Park. The weather was a little windy but not too bad, at least we didn't have to get out the tarps and protect our shelter. We had five rigs there and our two family camping dogs. We played some cards, had some good conversation and got caught up on some member happenings. We picked up some pecans but a lot of them were not good. Elmore Park is a good place to camp and is basically close for most of us. It is well kept up, has a lot of spaces and is well patrolled. A place where we feel safe and I think most of the force knows us by now.

NOVEMBER: Is it really supposed to be getting cold and fall weather? Well we had another good day to drive to our meeting in Parsons at the Chinese Chef. They have a real nice big room for us to have our meeting in and the service and the food is real good. They do have American food there too. After everyone had been through the buffet at least twice, why not, we had our meeting and our famous brown bag auction. We had decided last month to bring items for the camper or campout to the brown bag auction. That was a super idea and we had many good items in the auction and we raised a good amount of money which we donated to the dog training program in Washington, Kansas.

DECEMBER: We are going to a Mexican restaurant in Pittsburg, KS. This will be a new place for us but we are an adventurous bunch. Maybe a few hot peppers will warm up the area and some of our cold blooded campers. We try to move around to different areas so some of our campers do not have to drive far every time they camp out. Hopefully the weather will stay warm as predicted and we will have safe driving. As we bring this year to a close, the Meadowlark Sams would like to wish everyone a VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR. May your new year bring you joy, love, and peace.