



SERENDIPITY SAMS

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2019 is almost over for the Serendipity's! Our June road trip to Claremore, OK was fun, but there just wasn't as many of us as we had hoped. We saw some great history and really had a good time visiting.

In July we went to a new to us campground, 4 Mile Creek in Augusta, KS. It went public a year or two ago (it use to be only for school teachers). It has a nice lodge that is air conditioned that we used while camping there at no cost. The campground has electric, water and a dump station all for a cost of \$15 per night. The campground has some awesome trails to walk, a lake for fishing, and a beach for swimming. We went to Prairie Rose and had a grand time with the ranch hands.

August was Chapman and we went to Mr. K's farmhouse restaurant and toured Abilene. Dwight Eisenhower's Presidential museum and a carousel were great fun. Chapman has a great airconditioned clubhouse that is available to use at no cost while camping there. There is a new Mexican restaurant next door to the campground. We had 7 rigs and 4 members who drove up for the meeting. We firmed up the details for the lunch we were going do at the Kansas State Rally.

September was the Kansas State Rally, the Serendipity's sold popcorn and we worked the Thursday luncheon of sloppy joe sandwiches. The attendance was down but those that were there were hungry and we sold lots of sloppy joes and popcorn. Thank you very much! We were able to donate to the KSDS for our charity again this year. We also camped at the end of September at Melvern and four rigs caravanned to the Missouri State Rally. Go Serendipitys!

In October we braved the weather and went to Pratt County Lake and the city was kind enough to leave the water on for one more weekend. Once again we toured around and visited a local restaurant. We had a campfire and a potluck to go along with the meeting. We had 7 rigs present. It was a little cold but the weather was nice and we had great fun.

This year we combined a couple of our campouts due to flooding in the spring. We were able to camp out and we had a great turnout from our group. We had some new members that we really got to know better. We feel good about that.

November was our first winter lunch and we had 8 rigs present at the Pizza Ranch in Hutchinson. Our new couple this year are Ken and Carol Neufeld. Ken's parents were members of the Serendipity chapter so we are excited to have a second generation in our club. Glenn Koster started in May walking from Nebraska to Washington state,

finishing up in September. Last year he walked from Florida to Nebraska. While in Nebraska he became ill and also had motorhome troubles so he had to postpone the remainder of his walk until this year. Glenn's goal was to spread awareness of how important foster parenting is and how much it helps children. Glenn also finished his book, "A Long Short Story" about his life as a foster child. Glenn had hoped to present a seminar at the Kansas State Rally, but due to scheduling, weather, and low attendance his seminar was cancelled. Sorry everyone missed his seminar but he is raising awareness for foster children and we are very blessed to have him and Charlcie in our group.

December will end our year with a meeting at the airport in Hutchinson and we will be passing everything on to the new officers, ringing out the old and welcoming the new for a 2020 of exciting camping.

Stay safe and warm. We will see you down the road.