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STATE DIRECTOR BILL & SHARON MANNING

Hello to everyone we hope you are all having a good Winter.

Sharon and I are spending our second winter as Winter Texans and have been enjoying the weather that has been great! We've been getting together with our friends and have been making new ones all the time. We did not go back to Kansas this year for Christmas but enjoyed it with our Winter Texas family. We have been busy doing our excursions, enjoying our card games and live entertainment. We are going on a 7-day cruise at the end of January.

We would like to, again, thank everyone for their hard work during our last rally, since without every one of you, we would not have been able to put it on or enjoy a successful rally.

Thank you letter to all Rally Sponsors have been sent. We will be sending letters to the list of corporate companies that we will need to contact early in the year for their donations for this year's



rally. We are actively vetting out our entertainment for this year's rally.

The program design for Rally 2024, "Still Going Strong" has a rough draft. We have several empty spots, and we need people to step up to fill in some areas that we will need to cover. Please think about what you can do to help and let us know where you best fit in.

During our last meeting, we voted to increase the rally fee to \$90.00 from \$85.00 since increased costs have forced us to do so. Early Bird fees have remained unchanged.

Sharon and I plan to be back in Kansas the first part of April before heading back to the other State Rallies (See Page 3).

Please note that the Arkansas Rally is earlier than the Texas Rally this year. As with our rally, it is greatly appreciated for planning purposes if you would register for these rallies EARLY!

Please get the info for our Kansas Area rallies so we can get it on our calendars. We will make sure that the information gets posted to our website as soon as we hear from you.

Our Semi-Annual meeting will be held on Saturday, June 1, 2024. Staff will meet at 10:00 AM and the Presidents will meet at 12:30 PM. Please mark your calendars and keep that date open. Location to be announced.

Until then, stay safe and well.

Happy Trails to All!

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TIDBITS FROM YOUR TREASURER

Dean Stewart

A New Year has started and so is this opportunity to be the State Treasurer. It seems that it also brought in a cold snap which I hope doesn't last too long. At this point I have been trying to learn some things on the fly. We still are coming up short on our budget again this year. Maybe there are some things we can do to help this situation. First, we still have a couple of chapters that have not completed the yearly renewals, this would help some. We also need to see if we can find any others that would be interested in joining the greatest camping group in Kansas. This I know is not an easy task, but we need to keep working

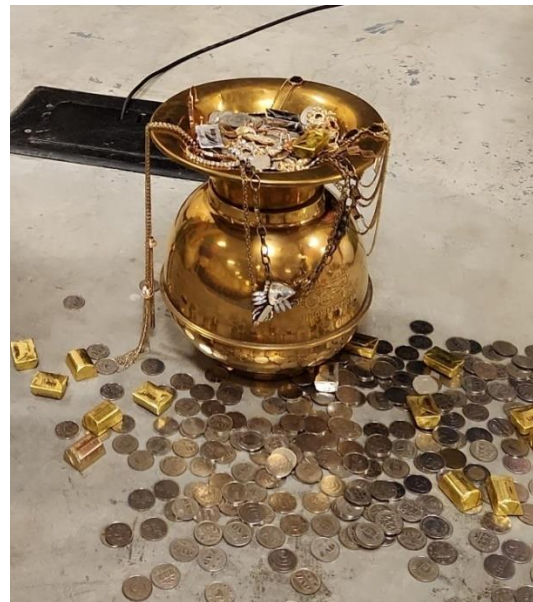
on the task at hand. How about some ads for the newspaper on the website? We can surely help this group of great campers continue to strive.

Looking ahead there will be some Area campouts coming this spring. Plan to attend one or more if you can. It is a great time to connect with those you haven't seen since October.

Make sure that you place the RALLY on your calendar this year. This is the only activity that we can (or HOPE) to make a little extra to pay for Insurance, taxes, and tags plus other necessary funds the State needs to operate the next year.

Do not forget the RALLY is a Statewide event and all are welcome.

Invite some friends that may not even be a member of Kansas Good Sam. For those of you that wish to join but are not associated with a chapter we do offer AT-LARGE memberships. In closing, I will soon go in and have surgery on my rotator cuff. It seems that swinging a hammer for many years has caught up with me. Hope all is ready to go come May, the start of camping season.



Till next time,
Dean Stewart



FROM THE EDITOR
DAVID MARLOWE
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Well, I disappointed Loretta, AGAIN! We were on the way to one of our chapter's rallies, when I was driving through "No Place", Kansas. The posted speed limit was 10 MPH as I cruised through town. I looked at the rearview monitor and saw several Blue and Red Lights. Assuming they were going on an emergency call, I pulled over to the side of the road. They pulled over with me! I got out of the motorhome (A no-no) and walked back to the lead squad car. The sergeant got out and met me halfway. He asked if I knew why he pulled me over. I said I didn't, but I was sure that it was not to give me a key to the city.

No, instead he said he clocked me doing 37 MPH in a 10 MPH zone. Then he asked me for my license and insurance papers and told me to wait in the motorhome. Loretta was all hyped up. Sure, was sure I was going to get a ticket. After ten minutes the sergeant came back, handed me my papers and told me to have a good day and to watch my speed. Loretta was completely deflated! You see I have been licensed for over 65

years and I have **NEVER** had a ticket. She says she is going to throw a big party once I do earn that badge of honor. Now to be honest, I deserved many a ticket, but none has ever been issued.

After we got to the rally, I told several of my chapter members what had happened. They were aghast. They said that doing more than 25 MPH over the posted speed limit automatically doubles the fine.

For the record, I am not Irish!

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UPCOMING RALLIES:

Arkansas State Rally 4/18-4/21
Early Bird 4/15-4/17
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Texas State Rally 4/24-4/28
Early Bird 4/22-4/23
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FUTURE NEWSLETTERS

Seldom does a week go by when I don't receive an inquiry about the deadline for the next newsletter. So that there is no misunderstanding, the deadline for the Winter Newsletter is always **January 15th**. The Summer Newsletter deadline is always **June 30th**.

Of course, every rule has its exception. The deadlines may be pushed back at the direction of the State Director, but the dates will NEVER be moved forward!

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Prices for ads in the newsletter:

Business card size	\$25 per issue
1/4 page	\$35 per issue
1/2 page	\$50 per issue
Full page	\$95 per issue

Just send me an email and I will send you a copy of the ad contract that you can use to sign up each advertiser. A newspaper will be sent to each advertiser.

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TRAILS END

Sept. 19, 2023 – Pat Nippert, member of the Serendipity Sams and Treasurer of Kansas Good Sams

Oct. 23, 2023 – Richard Stonel, member of the Sunflower Sams

Nov. 22, 2023 – Dale Guder, member of the Sunflower Sams

Jan. 15, 2024 – Dean Keil, member of the Heartland Sams

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UP TO DATE NEWS

Do not forget to keep the webmaster informed of the latest, and greatest, things happening in your chapter. Do you want to know what the latest and greatest happenings are for Kansas State Good Sam? If you go to www.kansasgoodsams.org you will find the latest happenings that pertain to the Kansas Good Sam organization.



A head's up to the Good Sam chapters from the www.kansasgoodsams.org website.

Go to the Chapters page on the website. I have inserted a link to the last newsletter article you submitted to the newsletter editor so if someone is interested in getting to know what your chapter does; they can read the article. The article may attract new members to you. Good luck!

Loretta Marlowe

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Exhausted after the long drive to the Kansas Rally

CHAPTER NEWS

AREA 1

No Reports Received

AREA 2

COWBOY SAMS

Bruce Rodie

Cowboy Sams joined Serendipity club for some campouts at Tuttle Creek, Scot Lake and Kannapolis Lake. With a lot of good games and socializing. The car museum in Manhattan was enjoyed by all along with the Flint Hills Discovery Center. The Farmhouse in Riley was great and the ice cream and cobbler at Pat & Ward's was great.



Dinner at the Farmhouse in Riley.

Everybody enjoyed the State rally in Hutchinson with good entertainment every night. We had a lot of good help with the Pancake feed with a good crowd attending. Thanks for the great help!! We had a lot of good compliments from the people attending. The Cowboy Sams group all went out to lunch with Texas attendees at the Dutch Kitchen and had a great time.

THANKS TO BILL AND SHARON MANNING FOR A GREAT STATE RALLY!!!!!!!

Hope to have another great year exploring the great places in the state with the Cowboy Sams and other great clubs around the state.

HEARTLAND SAMS

Cathy McClain

The Heartland Sams start the year off with a soup supper at Sam & Carol Schmidt's home with games and lots of plans for the new year. February we usually pick a place to go out and eat this year was Thirsty Brew Pub and Grill in Hays. The meal was great, and we did a lot of socializing and catching up with each other. In March we went to the Fort Hays Campus Center for a program, and they provided a Lasagna dinner for us.

Ruth and Dean Keil's daughter Dr. Sarah and husband Pastor Troy Miller gave the program. Our first campout of the year was at Glen Elder Kanza campground where we attended the storytelling festival.

Our camping outings for the summer included Cedar Bluff, Kanopolis Lake, Dodge City rodeo, Wilson Lake and the Kansas RV Rally.

Our chapter made donations to the Russell County food pantry for the Thanksgiving and Christmas food baskets this year.

We are looking forward to the new year with fun activities exploring Kansas and possibly adding new members to the chapter.

AREA 3

SUNFLOWER SAMS

Sheryl Karpinski

The Sunflower Sam's started their 2nd half of the camping season with a trip to Bloomington at Clinton Lake in Lawrence. The group went to dinner on Friday evening at Wayne & Larry's in Lawrence. On Saturday, we did a craft making utensil carriers with Debbie Morriss taking lead providing us all the materials and instruction with assistance from Jean Brown. We seem to be having a new tradition of breakfast on Saturday morning which was graciously cooked by Lloyd Hoobler, Steve Amego and Debbie Morriss. Our potluck dinner was BBQ themed with everyone providing protein to grill and sides to share. Unfortunately, the illness bug bit once again, and we had some members not feeling well and staying in their rigs. We had 24 members: 2 honorary members and 2

guests attending the meeting. On Sunday morning, Debbie Haney provided continental breakfast for everyone before they headed for home.

The group went to Michigan Valley in August. We had a total of 15 rigs staying the weekend with 24 members in attendance. It was definitely **HOT** and we all were feeling it. Friday night the group went to dinner at Greenbank. On Saturday Steve Amego provided biscuits and gravy for breakfast. AJ Hoyt provided the craft for us by giving us a lesson in watercolor painting. Some of us felt like regular Picassos! In the afternoon, a few groups went to see the antique trailer and car show at the nearby park. It was great seeing some of the old-time rigs and how the owners have kept up the retro theme. A few even braved the lake to cool off before dinner. Our dinner was a Friendsgiving theme with the Kelsey's providing turkey and ham and everyone else providing the sides and dessert. After our business meeting, everyone went in to enjoy their AC!



Early morning thunderstorm over the Sunflower Sams at the Kansas State Rally: Debbie Morriss



September's trip was to Wallace State Park in MO. We had 14 rigs with 24 people attending. For those that were able to come early, the Brown's hosted a hot dog dinner with cake and ice cream to celebrate their 61st wedding anniversary on Thursday evening. We had pancake breakfast again outside the Brown's campsite. A few of us helped Jean Brown tie some quilts she made and will be donating. For our evening meal, we did a hobo stew with the Roberts and Browns providing the protein and everyone else bringing a few cans of vegetables/soup to add to it along with some sides and dessert. After our meeting, some split into groups having individual campfires. Debbie Haney again provided a continental breakfast before hitting the road on Sunday.



For our last trip of the season, the group went to Treasure Lake in Branson. There

were 7 rigs with 13 people attending for the weekend. Unfortunately, the illness bug hit again, and some missed this trip. Pizza was the dinner choice on Friday and on Saturday a potluck dinner was held before the business meeting. We played games in the clubhouse and did some touring around Branson. The weather had definitely turned a little colder!

In November we started back with our monthly luncheon meeting with the first one at Pullman Place in Leavenworth. The Veteran's Day parade made it a little challenging for some to get to the restaurant, but the friendship and conversation was worth it. Our meeting was full of potential ideas for recruiting new members, organizing the potluck, making our annual charitable donations, and creating a Sunshine group. We definitely have a lot of work ahead of us to continue making this a great club and increase our membership!

December's meeting was held at Rodeo Mexican Restaurant in Basehor. We had a short business meeting to finalize our charitable donation and determine where our foodbank donations would go. It was great to see everyone again before the holiday and lunch was great! AJ Hoyt took the food for his church food bank, and we decided to donate to American Cancer Society, Michael J Fox Foundation and the Veterans program in Leavenworth. We also donated to memorials on behalf of our two members we recently lost: Dale Guder to St. Jude's and Richard Stone to SPCA.

In January, we met at Pizza Ranch in North Kansas City for a buffet lunch. We had 16 members present. We discussed the need to start getting our reservations for the upcoming camping season to ensure we are all able to camp together. A reminder was made that we are having

an upcoming game night at Kelsey's house on Saturday, January 20th.

AREA 4

CHEROKEE STRIPPERS

Judy Crabtree

In July we camped at Walter Johnson RV Park in Coffeyville, Kansas and were joined by some of the Ninnescah Good Sams, Wichita Good Sams, and a guest of the Beverages. We got together for a potluck Friday evening and some of us supported the American Legion for breakfast Saturday morning. We also got to enjoy a good car show, many vendors, and a fireworks show during the Coffeyville Summer Celebration in the fairgrounds by the RV park.



Sitting around visiting in Coffeyville with Ninnescah Good Sams and Wichita Good Sams



Fireworks at the Coffeyville Summer Celebration



Watching the fireworks at the Coffeyville Summer Celebration with Ninnescah Good Sams and Wichita Good Sams

In August we camped at Anthony Municipal Lake and were joined by some Ninnescah Good Sams, and some Sonic Sams. We enjoyed a potluck with good food with everyone on Friday night. Some of us got together and drove down to Wakita, Oklahoma to check out the Twister Museum in the town where the movie, "Twister", was filmed. Then we got back to our campers just in time before some high winds and a downpour started.



Playing games at Anthony Municipal Lake with Ninnescah Good Sams and Sonic Sams



Sitting around the fire at Anthony Municipal Lake with Ninnescah Good Sams and S'Mores



At the Twister Movie Museum in Wakita, Oklahoma with Ninnescah Good Sams and Sonic Sams



We went over and helped with an awning after a sudden downpour and high winds caught these campers off guard

In September we got together at Sarge Creek, Kaw Lake in Oklahoma. We didn't have very many members then but we all had a good time playing games and sharing meals. A few of our members attended the Kansas State Rally.



Sitting around the fire at Sarge Creek Cove

In October we camped at Napawalla Park in Oxford. We had to eat at La Casita Friday night for some good Mexican food, and a potluck on Saturday

evening along with playing games and sitting by the fireplace.



Playing games at Napawalla Park in Oxford



Potluck meal at Napawalla Park in Oxford



Playing games at Napawalla Park in Oxford

In November we met at Luigi's Italian food restaurant. We had great food, lots of visiting and laughs.

In December for our annual meeting, we met at a member's house and had our annual Christmas dinner since plans for our normal place got double booked. It all worked out and we had a great time, plenty of good food and lots of visiting.



Annual Christmas meal with some of our past members



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2024 Tentative Campouts

- Apr 24-28 Area IV Rally in Winfield
- May 9-12 Napawalla Park in Oxford
- June 6-9 Napawalla Park in Oxford
- Jul 11-14 Walter Johnson park
Campground in Coffeyville
- Aug 8-11 Anthony Municipal Lake in
Anthony
- Sep 12-15 Argonia River Park in
Argonia
- Oct 10-13 Napawalla Park in Oxford

Please do not forget to support KSDS Dogs



Forms---Forms Where are my Forms?

Now that your Kansas Good Sams News is electronic, there is no reason to duplicate the forms in the newsletter when they already are (and have always been) on the website. So where are they?

The Kansas State Rally registration form is on the homepage of the website.

The Vendor Registration form and the Advertisers Contract are also located on the home page of the website.

The Change in Membership status form, along with the request for Honorary Membership form and the Application for Member-At-Large can all be found by clicking on the "Treas & Sec" link on the website's homepage.

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