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**Kansas State Rally  
Hutchinson, Kansas  
Sept. 28 – October 1, 2023**



## **STATE DIRECTOR BILL & SHARON MANNING**

Hello to everyone we hope you are having a good Spring and the start of summer, and you are enjoying your camping outings. Sharon and I have been enjoying the Texas Rally, Arkansas Rally, Area 4 Rally, Area 2 Rally and the camping with Serendipity Sams and Cowboy Sams outings. We also had good Staff and Presidents meetings.

We are working hard to prepare everything for our upcoming Rally and good progress is being made. If you are planning to attend the Rally; *would you please send in your registration as soon as possible*, so we can get an idea of projected attendance numbers. It would be very helpful for planning purposes. We hope to have a good turnout to enable us to keep the cost to you the same going forward; so, let's join together and encourage all members to attend. Invite your friends and family. They do not need to be Good Sam members to come!



It looks like we will have between five to eight vendors at the rally, and this is good news.

A group of us have plans to go out around Hutchinson on 8/29/2023 to ask local retailers for prize donations. All members are invited to assist. Please contact me, so I can see how many we will have. Remember, this is *YOUR* Rally for fun and fellowship for all. The more we work to have a good time, the better the Rally will be for all.

We are just finishing up the rally schedule and will get it out to staff soon. We are very excited about the entertainment we have contracted for the 3 different

evenings. You will definitely enjoy the programs we have.

Our staff meeting and the Presidents meeting will be held at the rally on Saturday. There are positions to fill and many other things to go over. Please make it your personal goal to attend and be active in the meetings.

*"Over The Rainbow"* is our rally theme. Early Bird attendance is Sept. 24 – 27, Rally is Sept. 28 – Oct. 1. Let's show some amazing Good Sam Spirit!

Looking forward to seeing you all and friends we haven't met yet, there!

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## *Musings from Your Treasurer*

### **STATE TREASURER**

**PAT NIPPERT**

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I can't seem to find my crystal ball in all the boxes that were packed up from the old house and delivered to the new, but I am still predicting a much larger rally this year. Registrations are lagging but I know many of you procrastinate just like I do. Keep in mind, if you end up with a



family conflict or illness the week of the rally or before, I will gladly refund your entire amount, so there is no risk in getting that registration in soon. If you don't come, that's okay, it just increases my chances of finally winning a cake at the cake walk!!



No, really, I hope you can all make it. Bill & Sharon have planned some great entertainment for the evenings. Activities throughout the day are

designed for a variety of interests. There are the usual throwing games like washer toss, ladder golf, etc. and lots of card and domino games going on. Chicken Chunking always draws a crowd. If you don't know what Chicken Chunking is, you'll just have to attend to find out!! Sheila Tucker will be sharing her craft skills with those that like making things. I think we might have to find a larger room for her as her crafts were in high attendance. The puzzle table always seems to be a draw also. The morning coffee and donuts always bring out the folks that like to sit and just chat. So, as you can see, there is something for everyone!! We had some families with children attend last year. They were passing through and decided to register. They all had a great time with us golden agers!! Susan Grimes is working hard at bringing in more vendors for us. Should be a nice variety of items that will enhance our rigs and us! Invite your friends. You do not have to be a member of Good Sam to attend! See you all there!

## **Over the Rainbow**

Sept. 28 – Oct. 1, 2023

Lots of excitement happening on the 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>, so come early to take it all in! You can find the registration on our web page.

Membership - We now have 12 chapters, 5 at-large members and 30 honorary members in our Kansas Good Sam Club. Keep working at inviting new campers into your fold. Emphasize what it means to be a Kansas Good Sam member – fellowship, being a good Samaritan - always willing to help others in need, & lasting friendships. What else can you add to this list? I still remember 11 years ago when Ward & I joined Serendipity, they took us under their wings and gave Ward a plethora of do's and don'ts about the rig. Those tidbits saved us a world

of hurt! They are now like family! Joining was definitely one of the best things we've ever done.

Financials – We continue to lose money each year. Putting on the rally is expensive with costs like parking and food continuing to rise. We are trying hard to make it all work though, so we still have a great rally and do NOT have to increase registration cost. Putting it all in perspective – if you camp three nights at any average campground you will spend anywhere between \$60 to \$90 and more. Plus, they don't usually have free donuts! Ha! Our \$85 for registration covers those 3 nights plus nightly entertainment, games, activities, prizes galore and some food. Our rally really is a bargain! Anyway, back to finances. We can each do a lot to stop this downward decline of funds. Come to the rally, sell an ad for the newspaper, invite new people to join, & ask for donations especially from RV dealers and outdoor stores. Presidents took an oath to try to sell an ad, but don't leave it up to just them. Many of you are natural salespeople. Go to it!

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**FROM THE EDITOR**  
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“The Times They are a-Changin’” this famous song by Bob Dylan was never more accurate than today’s world of constant change. The pandemic/COVID 19 has changed everything! Just think of one activity that many of us have done for decades is now not permitted.

Since I was knee high to a pop-up trailer’s hitch, I have always heard that if you are tired, cannot find a campground, or just too cheap to pay the nightly rate that you could always stay overnight in a Walmart parking lot. No more! Walmart parking lots were always considered safe places because the stores were open 24 hours a day and there was too much activity for anyone to bother an rv parked in the lot. Now that the stores are closed from 10 PM to 6 AM, that protection is gone. As some of you know I work for Walmart, and I have been informed by our legal department that the official policy is that no Rv’s can stay overnight because of the concern that if anything were to happen Walmart would be sued!

The final determination if you can stay overnight or not is a store-by-store decision. If you want to try and stay at a Walmart, try to arrive by early evening and go into the store to Customer Service and ask the Front-End Coach (don’t ask me why we renamed the assistant store managers coaches) and ask permission to park. Failure to do so could cause you to meet the local constable in the middle of the night and be forced off the lot. One of the stores in my district uses a boot like the parking enforcement does. They clamp it on your front tire which forces you to go into the store to have a conversation before it is removed.

Another reason for this policy change is that many homeless people try to set up camp in their lots and that is just not going to fly!

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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 15<sup>th</sup>**. The Summer Newsletter deadline is always **June 30<sup>th</sup>**.

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**

January 19, 2023 - Harold Grimes,  
member of the Ninnescah Sams

May 15, 2023 – William Tucker, member  
of the Ninnescah Sams and Past State  
Director



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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? You are in luck, if you go to [www.kansasgoodsams.org](http://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](http://www.kansasgoodsams.org) website.

Go to the Chapters page on the website. I have inserted a picture of your chapter banner by your chapter's name. I have also 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 and the banner may attract new members to you. Good luck!

Loretta Marlowe, Webmaster

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## CHAPTER NEWS

### AREA 1 **KONZA KAMPERS** Genny Innes

The Area 1 camping rally met on April 20th at Walt's Four Seasons campground. We had a total of 8 rigs in

attendance, 5 Konza Kampers Sams and 3 Republican Valley Sams .

Thursday evening was spent catching up and visiting and playing games.

Friday mornings breakfast of French toast, coffee cake, and fruit was provided by Republican Valley Sams. The day was quite chilly, so we just visited among the campers. In the evening we enjoyed a delicious taco bar with sopapillas dessert catered by Walt's. We played bingo after the meal. We had associate members from Konza campers, the Baugher's joining us on Friday.

Saturday morning Konza Kampers furnished biscuits and jelly, egg casserole, and fruit for breakfast . The day again was too chilly for putt-putt golf or any outside games, so we retreated to the dining area of Walt's for dominos/ five crowns and visiting. Kelly, the owner of Walt's and her staff are so awesome to work with she graciously allows us the use of this room every year with no charge! Republican Valley arranged for the chicken, cheesy potatoes, green beans for our evening meal. Judy Stitt brought ice cream for all to share in celebration of Kenny's birthday. Kenny provided us with a show and tell of his woodworking skills. He brought 3 different guitars he had made which was very informative and impressive. We had a 50/50 drawing to end the evening with Marci winning.

Sunday morning, we all packed up and went home.

Konza Kampers schedule for camping this year is:

May - No camping. We enjoyed lunch at Early Edition and dessert at the Franks home.

June 13-15 – We camped at Westmoreland Oregon trails campground.

July - 11-13 Stockdale at Tuttle  
Creek  
August.8-10 - Sycamore Springs  
Sept 12-14 - Centralia lake  
Sept 28-Oct 1 – Kansas State Rally in  
Hutchinson

We hope all enjoy their summers and  
look forward to seeing everyone in the  
fall.

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## **AREA 2**

No Reports Received

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## **AREA 3**

### **MEADOWLARK SAMS**

Jan Gibson

Good morning, everyone! Got your  
coffee or tea and ready to begin the day?  
The rigs are rolling by as I can see them  
going to Big Hill Lake from where I live,  
big campers, little campers, it doesn't  
matter to have a good time.

Somehow, I missed our January meeting  
at Brush Creek Grill & Golf Course in  
Baxter Springs. The weather was nice  
for January. Our usual crew of eight was  
there. It is a very nice restaurant and the  
food and service was good. A good  
place we would probably return to in the  
future.

We decided to embark upon a new  
establishment in February. It is located  
just off Highway 400 in Dennis. It has a  
unique name of "Ole Saw Mill & Grill". It  
isn't very big but the food was good. The  
owner said his main calling is the big  
breakfast he serves and has customers  
from Cherryvale, Parsons and other

towns coming for that. We had our usual  
lunch and enjoyed it there.

March was nutty! Pardon the pun. We  
went to the "Prairie Nut Hut" in Altoona.  
It is a unique little and I do mean little bar  
and grill where you ate peanuts and  
threw the shells on the floor. They have  
great burgers and are known for their  
"Mountain Oysters". Well! Needless to  
say, I didn't partake of their menu  
specialty.

We've had our bumps and bruises and  
procedures along the way. Charlie Ritz  
fell in church Easter Sunday. Thank  
goodness his daughter was there with  
him. He is better now, but what a scare!  
Our treasurer had a fall and as we speak,  
our camp wagon master is in the hospital  
in Galena for a procedure. Where is that  
Fountain of Youth located? Surely that  
might be a good place to camp for a  
while.

April was sort of a, "We need to regroup"  
meeting, so we were back in Parsons  
again at the Great China. I think they  
know us pretty well by now. We can  
always get our back room there. There  
were eight of us for good food and  
conversation.

May took us back to our favorite Elmore  
Park in Chetopa. It is so nice and quiet,  
and it is usually not very crowded. The  
weather was great to. Bryan Vogel was  
a guest who has visited us before, and  
we are always glad to see him again.  
Dale and Elaine Newton, from Chanute,  
were also guests and decided to become  
members of our chapter. Welcome Dale  
and Elaine! We were glad to hear that  
Carolyn Magee was home from therapy  
and doing well. Way to go lady, keep up  
the good work so you all can join us  
again. Charlie Ritz is doing well also.  
Jan Gibson and Mark Stangles are still  
having back problems and some pain,  
but we don't slow down too much.



Did you know owls love jokes? They really give them a hoot.....

June, can you guess where we camped? Yep! Back at Elmore Park in Chetopa. The weather was great \_ not too warm and a great breeze, just right! We had a great lunch of a baked potato bar with a lot of good things to put on the potato. Also had a couple of salads. We sang "Happy Birthday" to Mark, and we had cake and ice cream. Wow! We all felt like fat cats and ready for naps. Good thing we don't have any hammocks. Well second chapter and third verse; We are camping in Chetopa again in July.

Dogs can't do an MRI but catscan! Oh My!

Well, that's all folks. Travel safe, be happy, and be well.

Editor's Note: The Meadowlark Sams made a donation to the Parson Police K-9 Squad. You might want to go to the Parsons Sun website to read the story.



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## SUNFLOWER SAMs

Sheryl Karpinski

The Sunflower Sam's were off to a strong start to 2023 with our January luncheon that was held at Pizza Shop in Shawnee on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. We had 24 members; 2 honorary members and 2 guests attended the meeting.

Our February luncheon on the 19<sup>th</sup> had a smaller crowd with 13 members in attendance at Frontera's in Gardner. While we weren't able to have an official meeting, those that were there enjoyed lunch and visiting with each other.

March's meeting was held on the 24<sup>th</sup> at the Ten Penny in Leavenworth. After some confusion on the reservation, we got down to business with 16 members in attendance. We were all looking forward to our first camping trip next month.

The Sunflower Sam's started out the camping season with our first trip to Arrowhead Point RV Park in Osceola, MO over April 14-16th. It is a privately owned campground with pull through sites and full hookups. We had a total of 8 rigs for the weekend with 15 members in attendance. What would opening weekend be without any issues? A few unlucky folks noticed some issues with their rigs but powered through for a fun weekend.

For those that were able to come down early, the Brown's provided a hot dog dinner with everyone providing sides on Thursday night. On Friday, the group went to dinner at Smith's. On Saturday, we hunkered down in the office/recreation space playing games during the day and crossing our fingers the predicted golf ball sized hail would pass us by. Fortunately, we had some wind and rain but escaped the rough stuff. We had a potluck dinner on

Saturday with everyone bringing a main dish and side or dessert. After our meeting, we played a few more games before we called it a night. On Sunday, the majority of the group left back home battling the heavy headwind the whole way.

The group went to Sparrowfoot in Clinton over May 5-7. The spots are spacious, and a lot have plenty of shade. Unfortunately, there is no covered area but with the nice weather it wasn't needed. We had a total of 11 rigs for the weekend with 18 people attend the campout. Friday's group went to dinner at Dietz Family Buffet. On Saturday morning, the Karpinski's provided blueberry pancakes for all with the group providing sides. The ladies did a craft provided by Debbie Haney where we created diamond dot keychains. There was a lot of visiting and resting going on through the day. Unfortunately, the Brown's became ill and had to stay in their motorhome missing all of the event.

Saturday evening, we had a Mexican themed buffet in celebration of Cinco de Mayo with all of the group providing a main dish or side. After our meeting, we split off into groups and sat around some sites having campfires roasting marshmallows or visiting. On Sunday morning, the majority left for home in the morning to rest up for the next trip.

For our next trip, the group went to Melvern and stayed at the Outlet over the weekend of June 9-11. The majority of the group stayed in loop B where there were full hook ups but no campfire pits. Some were in loop A where they had campfire pits but no sewer hook ups. We had a total of 15 rigs for the weekend with 24 members in attendance. Some missed the event due to health issues and they were missed!

Friday's group went to Cilantro's in Lyndon for a Mexican dinner. On Saturday morning, Steve Amego and AJ Hoyt made pancakes for the group with everyone providing sides. Afterwards, the men made flag poles with solar lights using some materials and direction provided by Mike Karpinski. The ladies made Fourth of July wreaths with Debbie Roberts providing direction. Dinner that night was potluck with a lot of the dishes being prepared over the fire or in a BBQ theme. After dinner, we held our meeting and then a few stayed around to play games. While we had rain over the weekend, it was not a complete washout, and we look forward to our next trip in July where we will go to Bloomington at Clinton Lake in Lawrence.

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## AREA 4

### CHEROKEE STRIPPERS

Judy Crabtree

We shared sadness with several of our members with sicknesses and the loss of some members. We also shared joys too.



January meeting at Green Door before they closed after more than 45 years.

Our winter months started in January as we all ate at Green Door in Arkansas City

where we enjoyed Mexican food and many laughs. Deciding what we plan to do with our new year of 2023.

The February meeting was at Luigi's in Winfield enjoying some wonderful Italian food and having many laughs and talking about upcoming camping ideas.

The March meeting was at El Maguey in Winfield enjoying Mexican food and talking about the crazy weather we have been having this year and are ready to start camping.

The April meeting was at Oxford in La Casita a nice little Mexican place but excellent food there. We talked about the Area 4 Rally coming up later in April and all the plans for it. Enjoyed visiting and had many laughs too.



Eating at La Casita in Oxford with Wichita Good Sams and Ninnescah Good Sams.

At the end of April we joined other chapters from across the state at the Area IV Rally in Winfield for food, games, and entertainment.



Playing games at Area IV Rally in Winfield.

May was our first chapter campout for the year at Napawalla Park in Oxford. We played many card and board games. Friday afternoon we went to the little Mexican restaurant La Casita and enjoyed their food. Saturday, we had a potluck dinner. We have many great cooks in our group we don't go away hungry.



Visiting at Napawalla Park in Oxford with Wichita Good Sams and Ninnescah Good Sams.

In June we camped in Oxford at Napawalla Park again and enjoyed the company of the Wichita Good Sams, and Susan Grimes of the Ninnescah Good Sams, that decided to join us at this campout. We had lots of fun playing games and visiting. We had a nice campfire too.





Eating potluck at Napawalla Park in Oxford with Wichita Good Sams and Ninnescah Good Sams.



Playing games at Napawalla Park in Oxford with Wichita Good Sams and Ninnescah Good Sams.

Scheduled campouts for the rest of 2023 are:

July 6 - 9 - Walter Jonson Park RV Campground - Coffeyville, Kansas

August 10 - 13 - Anthony Municipal Lake - Anthony, Kansas

September 7 - 10 - Lake Ponca - Ponca City, Oklahoma

October 12 - 15 - Napawalla Park - Oxford, Kansas

**NINNESCAH GOOD SAMS**  
Susan Grimes

Our club started the year with a dinner at the Hedgepath home on January 10<sup>th</sup> with chili made by Janice and everyone else brought sides to share. We had our meeting and we played cards for a few hours. We had all of our members present at that get together.

In February we met at the Bender residence after eating lunch at the North Cracker Barrel Restaurant in Wichita. Again, all members of the club were present. Unbeknownst to all of us, this would be our last full get together for the first half of this year.

Our March get together, which was to be held at the Tucker residence, was canceled Because of Bill Tucker's health.

In April, the Benders and the Grimes were able to make the April Area 4 Rally in Winfield, Since Bill Tucker was the ASD and Susan was the assistant to Bill and Bill was unable to attend, Susan, unprepared for the role, became the ASD and had to run the rally. Only with the help of everyone there and their encouragement, I was able to do that. Except for one glitch, which was the chili cookoff on Saturday night, it all seemed to go quite smoothly. We had the firemen from Winfield come and judge our chili last year but this year they were unable to come. We decided that a couple of police officers should come and judge the chili. Even after two phone calls, no officers showed up, so we ate the chili quite late Saturday evening. It was still good, and Marie Genereux was the Chili Cookoff winner with her white chicken chili. Congratulations Marie.

Because of an accident with their camper and Gene Bender's health, and Bill Tucker's death, and the Grime's camper's need of repair, our club had to cancel our May campout at Big Hill Reservoir. Susan Grimes was able to make it to the campout at Oxford

Napawalla Park in June with the Cherokee Strippers and the Wichita Good Sam clubs. A good time was had by all. I truly believe that all our clubs should try to camp with other clubs, especially since all memberships are declining. The more, the merrier, seems to be the right way of thinking these days.

At this time, as our club, we have no scheduled campouts of our own. We do plan to camp at Anthony Lake in August with the Cherokee Strippers as we have in the past two years. Hopefully, we will have all members present at that campout.

God Bless all our Kansas Campers and Safe travels to all!

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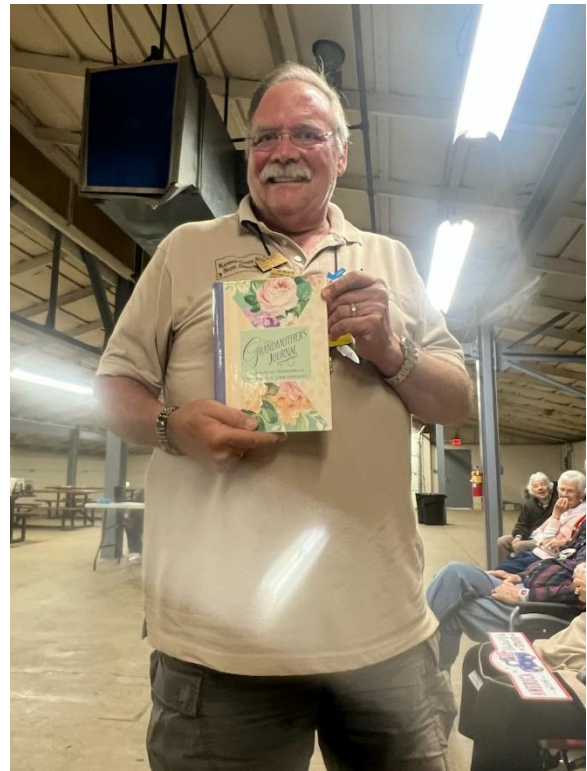
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### AREA 4 RALLY

Sue Friedel



Chili Cookoff contestants. Left to Right: Delilue Garcia, Ron Langfitt, Marie Genereux. George Ground, and Judy Crabtree



State Director Bill Manning with his well earned prize.



Chicken Toss participants Sue Friedel and Bill Manning.





Susan Grimes and Soozie Kern.

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