

NINNESCAH GOOD SAMs

Bill Tucker for Susan Grimes

I am writing this newsletter with a heavy heart. Our Ninnescah Good Sam is a very small chapter of only 9 active members in which 7 contracted Covid-19 in December. Two of our members were hospitalized fighting the deadly disease. We are saddened that Bill Walker, age 72, was not able to recover and was laid to rest on December 23, 2020. Our condolences go out to his family and he will be greatly missed. Harold Grimes pulled through but while recuperating in the Covid unit at the Masonic Home on South Seneca, Wichita, he fell and broke his left hip and some ribs. One rib punctured a lung. He is now recuperating at St. Francis Hospital. This has kept Susan Grimes, Ninnescah President, a busy person so I (Bill Tucker) am writing this newsletter to be printed in the state newsletter so she can focus on Harold. She has also asked for continued prayers for Harold and herself.

Sheila and I celebrated our anniversary of 33 years by looking at each other across the room (Sheila has the virus) with a virtual hug and kiss. She got the virus from my daughter so we are quarantined until January 2, 2021. So far I have tested negative three times. I retested at the request of Sedgwick County Health Department. I last tested on December 28th. I am supposed to get the results back by the 30th, if not then it will be after the New Year.

The last scheduled event for our chapter to attend was the October campout at Sand Hill State Park, north of Hutchinson, Kansas. In attendance were the Grimes, Walkers, Benders, and Tuckers. It is a very clean and neat young park with no mature trees yet. It has two small ponds, an elaborate hiking trail and an equestrian trail. That weekend was bitter cold and the very high wind gusts rocked our RV day and night.

We had a Meet & Eat scheduled for November and December. November was to be at the Yoder Carriage Crossing and the December meeting was to be in Kingman at Jeri's Café. We cancelled both of them.

Below is our tentative camping and meeting times for 2021. We usually start in January but this year we are cancelling the January and February meetings. Our first Eat & Meet will be in March at the Tuckers House for the annual soup luncheon, then our business meeting, followed by game playing.

The Ninnescah Good Sam chapter is working on a camping schedule for 2021. Our theme for 2021 is "Fishing and Camping". We hope to camp where we can fish.

Here is our tentative camping/meeting schedule. **All are subject to change.** Our members have to get together and work on finalizing it, whenever that might be!

JANUARY: Cancelled

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MARCH: Soup Meeting at the Tuckers home. Meeting and games after lunch.

APRIL: An Area Four Rally, Winfield, Kansas. We will find another venue if the Area Four Rally is cancelled.

MAY: Anthony Lake

JUNE: Big Hill, Cherryvale, KS

JULY: Melvern Lake, Lyndon, KS
AUGUST: Petit Bay, Park Hill, OK
SEPTEMBER: Kansas State Rally
OCTOBER: Scott Lake, Scott City, KS
NOVEMBER: TBD
DECEMBER: TBD

Other sites we will consider are: Cheney Lake, Lake Afton, and Spring Lake.

I and the entire Ninnescah chapter wish you and yours a safe, healthy camping experience in 2021.