

SERENDIPITY SAMs
Midge Miller

Good Summer Everyone from the Serendipity Sams. Hope you are all safe and doing well in this “New Normal” for our camping year of 2020.

Starting the year off saw our members surviving winter graduations and holidays, ready to start a season of camping, enjoying our get togethers, and missing our snowbirds. Due to extreme cold and the snow, the January meeting was cancelled. February’s winter meeting was a beautiful and sunny day to celebrate Valentine’s Day at the Jewel Café in Mount Hope, with the club being introduced to our State Directors, Bill and Sheila Tucker. We were especially pleased to have such a great turnout for them.

2020 showed lots of promise with plenty of activities, rallies, and campouts for our Good Sam folks. March threw us a curve with the cancellation of monthly

meetings, activities, and a new definition of “Stay Safe” and “Isolate”. The phrase “COVID-19 Virus” gave all our lives a new turn of direction.

Our State Director and Chapter President were great in keeping us informed of all the State and National mandates, but we all were wondering what was ahead of us on that road map. Serendipity Sams kept spirits up with members creating a “Round Robin” for March, April, and May. Now you may know we are old-timers when we have to explain what a “Round Robin” letter is to our grandkids! It is amazing how creative people can stay busy in the comforts of their homes — we heard everything from major cleaning efforts, checking on friends and family, learning a new language, lots of cooking new recipes, and trying to teach old dogs new tricks.

June gave us a “rainbow” and we were able to travel to Cedar Bluffs for a joint campout with the Cowboy Sams. We had a great turnout of 11 rigs. It was nice to be out and about again and yes “social distancing” was observed. Isn’t it amazing how many new terms and phrases we have managed to pick up this Spring?

July saw the Serendipity Sams as hosts at Council Grove Reservoir with the Cowboy Sams and Neosho Sams joining us for a total of 12 rigs. The weather was hot but the breeze off the lake made it bearable.

In August the chapter had planned an adventure out of state but due to continued outbreaks of COVID-19, it was decided to postpone our extended journey and stay here in state. We will travel back to Council Grove and the Cowboy Sams and Konza Kampers have been invited to join us

2020 will definitely be a year to remember. Not only will we be able to say that some of us lived through the Great Depression, World War II, Korean, Vietnam, and Desert Storm conflicts, Woodstock, Elvis and the Beatles, the first Moon Walk...gosh folks, we actually lived through COVID-19.

Hope everyone continues to stay safe, do your social distancing and keep a smile on your face (even through your mask, it will show)!

