

KANSAS GOOD SAMS NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2018

February, the month that brings out the Ground Hog, so he can look for a shadow and the month that brings out the flowers and candy for our Valentines. We can look for love this month, and hope for a shorter winter, so we can get up and go or it may be a longer winter, more time to snuggle with our valentine. Also, this month we have Presidents Day. This month seems to be one for many types of opportunities to eat at many soup suppers, pancake feeds, ground hog feeds, and other fund raisers.

Not much has happened this last month. Our State Good Sams did provide a service for the Greater Kansas RV Show in Wichita last weekend, Jan 25-28. I felt that it was well attended and the weather cooperated. I would like to THANK all those who helped take tickets and man the booth to answer any questions. I am still amazed at the number of folks who do not know about our Good Sam organization and what we strive to accomplish. Those who helped were Woody and Donna Bird, Phillip and Carolyn Osborne, Harold and Susan Grimes, Gary and Sharon Johnson, Jackie Ward, Ward and Pat Nippert, Dean and Judy Andreason, Ricky Beverage, Sonny and Nancy Crook, Jeff Guernsey, Mike Evans, Annette Russett, Larry Cody, Larry Bond and Dean and Karen Stewart. I do appreciate these members who traveled to Wichita and volunteered their time to help. Most of the RV vendors who participate in this show support our Rally with donations and door prizes. I also will be sending them a thank you for letting us be involved with their show. This year there were five RV dealers represented, so there was a great selection of RV's.

Before you know it March will be here. Have you made your list of what you want to do this summer? Start planning, camping season will be here very soon. Check you calendars for Chapter Campouts, District Rally's, the State RV Rally, and maybe you could attend some of the other South Region Rally's. All these activities are available to attend. You may need to plan ahead as reservations may be needed.

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We made it!!!!!! 2017 is past and we now look forward to 2018. I have always looked forward to a new year. It is a time to take a moment to reflect on the previous year and look ahead for improvements. First, I must comment on the colder than usual weather we are having. In checking the map it seems that this reaches way south. As I was watching some of the ballgames this past week, the folks in the stands needed more clothes because they seemed to be expecting nice warm weather in the southern states. For those who are already south and those who are just leaving, you need to keep the propane vendors happy. I recall several years ago we were traveling from Birmingham, AL south to Destin, FL on our way to Arizona. It was cold and those that are not used to 30-degrees and below weather had to contend with frozen hoses and other problems. Passing through Houston we stopped to visit NASA. We were running low on propane and wanted to fill up. Guess what? Everyone was out of propane. Lesson, don't get caught on the short side of keeping warm.

As we enter a new year we have one Chapter that has dechartered. We now have 27 active Chapters. Along with this we have 13 new presidents. We need to support our new chapter Presidents. If at any time you have any questions or concerns, please let me know how I might be able to help. As always, we need to keep aware of other folks that would like to join your camping group. Many do not know who we are or even what we do.

Our biannual newspaper will be sent out approximately the very last of January or first week of February. This issue should be a good one, thanks to Dave Marlowe. Please take note of all the upcoming events and dates that you can participate in.

One of my goals this year will be to increase membership and to increase participation at the State Rally. This can be achieved with everybody doing just a little more.

Its not too early to submit items for the Agenda to be presented at the State Committee meeting June 23. This Committee is very important to

our organization. The Chapter Presidents make the final decisions on the operation of the state.

The Audit Committee will be meeting soon to review the 2017 financial books. When this has been completed and certified I will send copies to all chapter presidents for your information.

I have started booking entertainment for the State Rally. One act is confirmed, King Midas and the Mufflers. They are a 50+ year rock and roll band. They have been inducted into the Kansas Music Hall of Fame. There are 3 members of the original group plus some off-springs of the group. They are from this area and we will recognize most of their music. Should be a great show.

Let's try to make this year better than last. Let's go more often; make more new friends; have great campouts; and hope to have fewer doctor's visits and **most importantly** KEEP IT SIMPLE, MAKE IT FUN.

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