

Texas News Fall 2010



Now that the Fall has come and gone and Winter is here and just as importantly, official rosters are complete and into California, its time to sit back with a cup of warm hot chocolate and think about growing our chapters, the fun and fellowship enjoyed by those that attended the Fall Samboree in Abilene and to look to the future Spring Samboree to be held in Waco.

Dwayne and I have just returned from the Directors' meeting with the Good Sam Club headquarters' representatives. It was motivational to say the least and there are lots of new things on the horizon. As I indicated from the onset of my term as your State Director, the most important job I have is that of membership growth within our chapters as well as the creation of new chapters. I believe we are well on our way to accomplishing this task. In an effort to continue chapter growth, I've tried to highlight below some of the benefits of becoming involved in a chapter.

First, there is, as you would guess, the benefit of keeping updated and informed as to the many areas surrounding the world of rving whether it is from the practical side of owning a rig or a more in depth knowledge gained from technical type advice from those more experienced. Think about how many times you have had to seek out the advice of someone in the chapter to help you learn about something in your rig; or, better yet, how many times have you been thankful for knowing that someone with that practical experience is right there to help out in an emergency type situation. I can personally say that had it not been for the experience of fellow rvers, we would have spent a lot more time on the side of the road, or even flooded out our next door neighbor. For those of you that attended the Samboree, you know that AD Neal was our "lifesaver" and kept our next door neighbors from floating away!

Secondly, there is a chance to be involved within a chapter. To this end, if you take the time to step up, even if for a one year term within your chapter, you have the chance to gain a sense of pride and purpose and somewhat of a sense of ownership within your chapter. Taking just one year out of your schedule to step up to the plate and volunteer will give you a sense of fulfillment that will last many years down the road. Remember, don't put off tomorrow what you can accomplish today!

Thirdly and most importantly, is the opportunity to forge lifelong friendships with others who share the same interest as you, i.e., the love of rving . Whether you are a full timer, an extended rver or the weekend rver, you have the opportunity to meet with your chapter family on a

monthly basis and share experiences, laughter, fun and of course, food with members of your extended rv family.

With 96 active chapters and three more on the horizon, our Texas Good Sam Chapters family is growing. While some chapters are experiencing a decline in membership due to age and illness, many more are experiencing a growth. I remain available to each chapter to assist with chapter growth. I encourage each of you to take advantage of the various avenues, such as contacting me as your State Director, contacting your Assistant State Directors, creating a website in which to highlight your chapter, putting your chapter newsletters on the web sites and by word of mouth, in an effort to increase your membership. There are many people out there today that are in the process of retiring or using weekends to take advantage of their rigs. I believe we can all work together to get these potential chapter members out to a meeting and once they arrive and are welcomed by you, they, like many others, will be excited to become a part of your chapter family.

With the Fall Samboree, the Bavarian Oktoberfest brought out a little bit of Bavarian in all of us! There was much fun, fellowship, laughter and of course food to enjoy with our fellow goodsamers. While the rig count was down, the fun and fellowship was enjoyed by those who attended. It was nice to see all those participating in the games, crafts, seminars and of course, the fellowship around the coffee pot and donuts. A great big thanks to everyone for having made the Fall Samboree such a success. You, the chapter members make the Samboree an experience to enjoy and remember. By participating, even if just for a little while, you have the opportunity to forge longtime friends and develop your extended family.

In closing, don't forget the other way to increase membership, i.e., by attending the Samborees and finding those first timers that are searching for chapters. Our Spring Samboree, will be held at the Heart O Texas Complex in Waco, Texas, on March 31st - April 2nd with early bird parking beginning at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, March 28th. For more registration information, go to our Samboree link and navigate your way through the registration process. If you need more assistance, you will find a link to our State Registrar. Remember, where can you go for an entire week for such a bargain price where you can experience lots of fun, games and fellowship. The Samboree, of course!

With Texas Pride and Hospitality,

Karen & Dwayne McAbee, Sr.
Texas State Director

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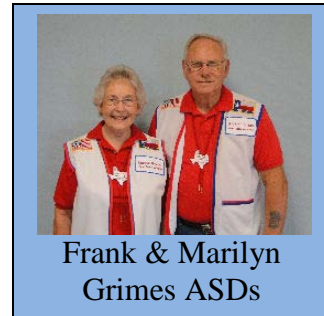
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AUTUMN TRAILS

No newsletters.

LAKE COUNTRY RV TRAVELERS

October 14-17 found the Lake Country RV Travelers at Salmon Lake in Grapeland with 8 rigs present. Friday morning Robert Pendergrass prepared a hearty breakfast for all to get them ready for a fun game of sand bag baseball. After lunch they had the Halloween costume judging. They got 3 campers from across the road to be judges for them. 1st place - Cleopatra & King Tut - Garland & Jean Mabe, 2nd place - Raggedy Ann & Andy - Wayne & C.J. Howe and 3rd place - Scarlett & Rhett - Sam & Dorothy Arrington. Dorothy and Jean decorated the room with Halloween items. Saturday they enjoyed the Top Guns of Texas competition skits, the Peanut Festival in town and on Sunday some attended church led by one of the Top Gun members.



Lake Ridge RV Park in Gun Barrel City was where 11 rigs showed up for the **November** 18-21 campout. Thursday they went shopping in Gun Barrel City. Their jig saw puzzle presented quite a challenge and they did not finish it this month. After the meeting on Friday, Wayne had a Newly Wed game. He had no volunteers (what a surprise) so he chose Sam & Dorothy, Mac & Jewel, and Glen & Shirley. It was a riot as they did not seem to know each other as well as they thought. Winners were Sam & Dorothy. Friday night meal was Taco soup, salad & pie. Saturday was turkey, ham and all the trimmings.

Texan RV Park at Athens was the camp site for 10 rigs on **December** 16-19. The weather was windy and cool, but the sun was shining. This was their first time to camp at this campground, but definitely will not be their last. Nice recreation hall with rocking chairs, porch and gazebo overlooking one of the two lakes.

Thursday they shopped and checked out antique stores in Athens, rested and talked, and, of course, played a little Mexican Train and 42.

On Friday, they had their meeting and installation of officers for 2011 in the afternoon.. At 5:30 they ate dinner at the Ole West Steak House and enjoyed a wonderful buffet with excellent service. Back at the camp ground they had a birthday & anniversary party with cake & ice cream for Ben House, Burley & Lynda Kinsel and Robert & Wanda Pendergrass.

Saturday morning they started their Christmas festivities with games, recessed from 11:30 - 12:30 so the committee could set up a surprise 50th Anniversary Celebration for Robert & Wanda. Frances Cryer made the wedding cake, Dorothy the mints and C.J. the

punch. Wayne Howe performed the mock wedding vows complete with shotgun. They then feasted on a fabulous array of foods the ladies had prepared.

They brought edible snack gifts to be taken to the CPS facility in Winnsboro, rather than exchanging gifts this year. They filled the back of Dorothy's jeep and Jean will help her deliver them.

They had some weekend excitement when the Vis's announced that their little dog Molly (a Chihuahua) had gotten out. Everyone got their exercise looking for Molly until it was discovered she was shut up inside the cabinet under the sink in their 5th wheel. A happy ending for that one.

A 50-50 drawing was won by Jewel McGraw. Way to go Jewel!

The next campout will be January 20-23 at Whispering Pines at Red Springs. Activities will include sand bag baseball and card bingo (bring a \$5-\$10 gift for the card bingo). The Friday night meal will be furnished by Lynda Kinsel and a birthday/anniversary cake by Jewel McGraw. There will be a potluck lunch on Saturday.

An Apple Dumplings recipe by Dorothy Arrington

2 whole Granny Smith apples	2 cans (8oz) Crescent Rolls
2 sticks oleo (Margarine)	1 1/2 cups sugar
1 tsp. Vanilla	Cinnamon to sprinkle
1 can Sprite	

Peel & core apples. Cut each Apple into 8 slices each. Roll each apple slice in a crescent roll. Place in a buttered pan (9X13). Melt butter, then add sugar and barely stir. Add vanilla, stir and pour entire mixture over apples. Pour Sprite around the edge of pan. Sprinkle with cinnamon. Bake at 350 for 40 minutes.

LOBLOLLY SAMS

No Report

PLESANT SAMS

The Pleasant Sams met on **October** 14-17 at Watts RV Park in Gilmer with 7 rigs present. They had enchiladas furnished by Nelda & Trev. Sounds like a lot of time went into planning next month's campout at Beavers Bend.

December 2-5 the Pleasant Sams met at Watts RV Park with 6 rigs present (Powells, Dalbys, Carneys, Neals, Scotts and Browns). The Blakes and Butlers attended the Christmas Party. They all had fun and lots of good things to eat.

The January meeting will be held at El Chico Restaurant January 15th at 6:00 P. M. and the February meeting will be at Pizza Inn at 6:00 P. M. on the 12th

Everyone is looking forward to getting back to camping in March. Time and place to be announced later.

PARIS RVers

First, let us give the Paris RVers a great big Texas WELCOME to the Good Sam family. They are a brand new chapter and the Paris RVers had their first campout on **September** 23-25 at Pat Mayse Lake. Friday evening they had a pot luck dinner and business meeting. At that time they already had 21 members signed up. They elected officers, collected dues, made arrangements to open a checking account and adopted their chapter logo. As of Nov. 27 they had 29 members. These RVers really know how to get the show on the road.

Note, the Paris RVers now have their full 30 member limit filled. Sounds as though their area was really in need of a Good Sam chapter. Congratulations on starting a new chapter and filling it to a 30 member limit so very, very fast!!

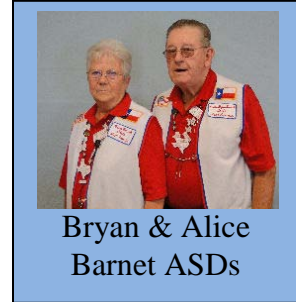
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COOL SAMS

The Texas Samboree in Abilene was the place to meet in **October**. Before going to Abilene some stayed Monday night at Cedar Ridge Corp of Engineers Park near Temple and then to Lakeside Corp of Engineers Park near Coleman then on Wednesday going on to the Samboree. Visitors Cal and Kathy Jennings from Clear Lake camped with us and Joan and Freeman Douglas of the Bay Area Sams chapter and Lynn and Bob Van Atta from Lake Conroe KOA attended our short meeting on Saturday along with the Jennings. David Stroud, Terry Zimmerman and Carol Sloan won places as winners in the games during the Samboree. Several members won really nice door prizes. Some of our good dancers took advantage of the entertainment. Members went to Country Place RV Park in Cut-N-Shoot for the fun and fellowship in **November** with 12 member rigs and 1 guest rig, Cal and Kathy Jennings, this is their second time with the chapter. The campout and Christmas Party in **December** was at Couahatte Ranch. David Stroud and Lois Samuel volunteered to bring the dressing for the meal, the chapter furnished the ham and turkey for the dinner. A donation of \$500.00 was given to the Bellville Food Bank and \$500.00 to a needy Military family was given by the chapter.



LONE STAR SAMS

A fun Halloween Party was enjoyed by all in **October** at Coushatte Ranch. Everyone was in costume on Wednesday night. Arlene & Tom Miessler and Sue & B. W. Thompson were the hosts. The **November** campout was at Country Place RV Park for a Thanksgiving Feast and to thank God for all the blessings we have received. The hosts for this meeting was Dee & Nick Norcini and Leo & Shirley Covington they provided the ham and turkey the others brought a complimentary dish. A Christmas Party was enjoyed at the campout at Rayford Crossing RV Resort in **December** with the hosts Ed & Beverly Antignolo and Charles & Emma Nell Hirschfield furnishing the ham, drinks and bread, everyone else brought a side dish or dessert. The members welcomed Pat & Cecil Campbell to the chapter as new members. At the meeting in November each rig was asked to bring two gifts and two new bears to the meeting in December. Joyce Calvert gave out a suggested list of toys that members could choose from to bring in December. to donate. Some of the members went to CPS Bear & Toy Warehouse to work from 10 to noon on December 7. Donations of \$150.00 to the Star of Hope, \$150.00 to the Fort Bend Battered Women, and \$150.00 to the Salvation Army. All our campers were at this campout except two.

PIONEERS

No news was received.

SLOW POKE SAMS

Members were to dress in a Scarecrow costume on Tuesday at the **October** campout at Sonny's RV Park at Lexington. Prizes were given for men and women costumes (Most Outstanding in the Field).. Congratulations to Pat and Lloyd Feaks as they were

selected for "Best Costumes". Jim & Myrtle Collins and Betty Dutton hosted this campout. A good time was had by everyone that attended the Fall Samboree in Abilene, there were 8 rigs. Carroll Harris was one the first place team in the golf tournament. Our Bavarian outfits and skit took first place. Our scrap book won first place. Thanks Nan Stein for a good job on our book. Marti Mumma made and donated a Texas lap quilt that was raffled off. Frances Laws donated an afghan and it was also raffled off. Thanks to Marti and Frances. Salmon Lake RV Park at Grapeland was the place for the fun and Fellowship in **November** with Carroll Harris as hosts. The **December** campout was at Coushatte Ranch with the Club Officers and their Spouses being the hosts for this meeting and Christmas Party. Members were to bring can goods for Focusing Families, also some brought thing for the resale shop, one toy per rig for Toys for Tots, Christmas clothes to wear to the Nursing Home, white elephant gift per person. Duke and Bubba Hannah were at the campout and because of health this will be the last campout they can attend with their rig. J and George Rrznicek were welcome as new members. Non-perishable foods and clothing were given to Focusing Families was given by members. The chapter gave two new benches and Carroll and Gloria Harris donated a patio table. Members gathered at the Bellville Nursing Home sharing the Christmas story and singing Christmas carols to the patients there. We gave each patient a pair of tube socks. On Wednesday a lunch at Volare's Italian Restaurant was enjoyed.

TRINITY VALLEY SAMS

For the fun and fellowship in **October** members went to Magnolia Lake RV Park with 10 rigs and 1 drive-in. Evenly Gage was a guest. The Sellar's and Morgan's were thanked for being hosts. The door prize was furnished by Opal Beverly and won by Fred and Fay Earls it was a Solar Lantern. At the Fall Samboree in Abilene the games winners were Jerry Niles, 2nd place in Jokers, Sidney Ferrell 2nd place men double beanbag toss and 2nd place men double bull toss, Fay Earls 2nd place ladies single washers, 2nd place in ladies double washers, 2nd place ladies single beanbag toss and 1st place in ladies double beanbag toss, Sylvia Morgan 2nd place ladies double beanbag toss, Fred Earls 1st place men double washer toss, Barbara Niles was on the 1st place team for sandbag baseball, Fred Earls and Jerry Niles 1st place in the golf cart rodeo (set a new record- 1 minute and 22 seconds to finish). Door prizes winners were Bill & Yvonne Robertson, 2 free nights at North Houston, Lake Conroe KOA, Sidney and Carolyn Ferrell, socket set and tools, Fred and Fay Earls, a plaque, Jerry Niles \$114.00 from a 50/50 raffle that the Military Retirees had. Several received coupons for free meals, \$10.00 off on meals and free desserts at El Chicos. A fun time was had by everyone that attended the Samboree. There were 11 rigs at Staway Ranch RV Park in Murchison in **November**. Don & Carol Day were guests. On Wednesday we went to eat at Applebee's, on Thursday a trip to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Fish Hatchery in Athens, was very interesting, then on to the Steakhouse in Athens for a lunch buffet. Hosts for the campout were the Finleys, Krejcis and Yusts. They fixed homemade soups for pot luck on Friday. The rest of the members brought food to go with the soup. The Finleys and Days brought donuts for Saturday morning before the devotional. The Earls brought the door prize of a Holiday Yard Flag which was won by the Finleys. The **December** campout was at Pineywoods Baptist Encampment at Woodlake, Texas.

WEEKEND TRAVELIN' SAMS

Everyone enjoyed the campout in **October** at San Luis Pass RV Park with the Bay Area Sams. Members had a big Thanksgiving/Christmas party at Coushatte Ranch in **November**. On Friday night the meal at Cat Springs was where the members went to eat fried catfish, coming back to the rec hall for desserts, games and fellowship. The Lynchs provided a soup lunch. On Saturday after the business meeting a game of sandbag baseball and polish horseshoes was played. A Christmas party and a catered meal by Howard was on Saturday night. Everyone was asked to bring a \$5.00 Christmas ornament for a gift exchange. Also members brought toys for our annual Christmas chapter project. The toys were taken to the Women's Shelter in Hempstead to help make a Merry Christmas for some special children.

8TH WONDER WHEELERS

No news was received.

**Happy Camping and Fellowship to All
Alice and Bryan Barnett, ASD's**

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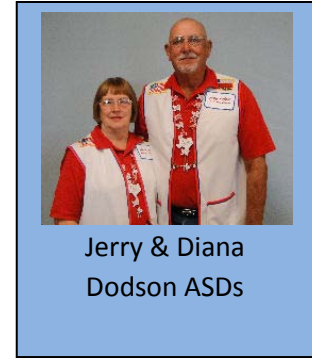
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CRACKER TOWN SAMS

The **October** camp out was in Chico with 10 rigs on the ground and 2 drive-ins. The weather was beautiful and everyone enjoyed visiting, eating, and playing games. The donation to the Graham Backpack Buddies was sent. It was announced that Karen McAbee was re-elected as State Director for 2 more years. Six rigs from Cracker Town Sams attended the Abilene Samboree. Thanks to the members that served doughnuts on Friday morning. The Lazy L RV Ranch in Sherman was the site for the **November** meeting with 12 rigs and 3 drive-ins. It was good to see Dorothy Kyle. The Nabours, Thomases, and Ewings prepared delicious fried turkey and dressing. The **December** meeting and Christmas party was held at the Dodsons in Jacksboro. There was 1 rig on the ground and 10 drive-ins. Jim and Gayla Kinder came by to visit and it was good to see them. They have been missed since they had to drop out for health reasons. After enjoying all of the good food that was brought and the business meeting, a Chinese gift exchange was held. There were lots of nice gifts and the Rubbermaid storage containers were certainly a popular item. There was lots of visiting, card and domino playing afterwards. Everyone is looking forward to a new year of camping in 2011.



MESQUITE-ERS

There were 7 rigs at the **October** camp out in Goodlett. Dinner Thursday evening was in Quanah and Saturday evening in Childress. On Friday, George Moss fried fish for lunch. Discussion was held concerning a trip to Branson next September. John Zinn has joined the club of people being locked out of their rigs. Jim and Lori Wise, Dale and Zona Thurman, and Rose and Marvin Millender attended the Samboree in Abilene. The chapter gave \$100 to Dogs for the Deaf, and gave two \$25 give cards for door prizes. The **November** camp out was at Rocker D RV Ranch in Mineral Wells with 11 rigs present. Friday afternoon was spent touring the beautiful Clark Botanical Gardens and then eating at the Mesquite Pit. The Thurmans decorated the room for the delicious Thanksgiving dinner on Saturday. It was voted on to give \$100 to Hospice of Wichita Falls "Tree of Lights" in memory of deceased members. Twenty-two members and friends met at Luby's in **December** for lunch and a meeting. Members brought toys or a cash donation for the Wichita Falls Fire Department. There were 6 toys and \$145 donated. New officers for 2011 were recognized in an informal ceremony.

ROCKIN' WHEELS

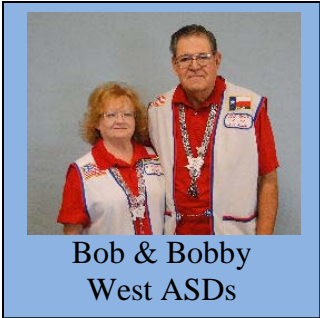
It was a wonderful camp out in Duncan in **October**. The Spanglers were the only members able to attend the Samboree in Abilene. Ray won 3rd in horseshoes and 1st in bull toss. Dot played lots of games and got in a lot of line dancing. The chapter gave \$200 each to Dogs for the Deaf, Hospice, and the Food Bank. The **November** meeting was at Red Willow in Chico. There was a great turn out and a wonderful Thanksgiving dinner. Everyone enjoyed playing beanbag baseball. There was a good group that met in **December** for the meeting and Christmas party. Everyone brought lots of good food and several games were played. Grace Randolph did an inspirational installation of the officers for the coming year. It was wonderful to have Maxene Miller there and to know that she is getting another RV and will be camping again.

Area 4
Armadillo Sams
Newsletter Editor Jan
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October Campout

October Report—John Sutherland
Lots of fun was had in October by the Armadillo Sams at Sonny's RV Park in Lexington, TX. Our host, Al Miller, arrived Thursday with the Broddrick's, Parks', Pedersen's, Sutherland's, Swails' and Arvie Herron along with Jonell Norris, a former member, coming on Friday. Friday afternoon was resting for some and board games for others. That evening we had our pot luck supper (excellent as always, especially the ribs) followed by visiting and the ever present games of Pinochle, Skip-Bo, and Train. Saturday's break-fast highlight was waffles smothered with blueberry syrup. Al Miller 'done good again' as host. He is one good chef! After Saturday's business meeting, most of us went to visit the local sights. We drove to the next town to see the Chocolate Festival and County Fair. Unfortunately, we were a week early for both events. After a good laugh, someone suggested changing our Armadillo Sams name to the 'Early Bird Sams'. Someone else said if we could get everyone up and on time for breakfast, we could be called the 'Walk on Water Sams'. When back in Lexington, we did stop in at Snow's Bar-B-Que, which according to Texas monthly is the best Bar-B-Que in the State of Texas. To top off the outing we went by the nearby 'Petried Wood Cabin'. Saturday evening we ate at Granny's Restaurant which has an excellent Mexican Plate. After supper it was back to the recreation hall for games until 10:30 or so. Sunday's de-votional was given by Glen Broddrick with Arvie Herron leading the music. After a fast clean up it was on the road again.



Halloween Decorations/Costumes

November Campout

November Report—John Sutherland

We met in November 2010, at Rio Raft and RV Resort near Canyon Lake, Texas. Members arriving early were Al Miller, John & Mona Swails, Don Williams and our hosts, Jean & John Sutherland. The Meeting Hall overlooked the lazy Guadalupe River where folks were seen fly fishing. In the meeting hall was a long serving table made from a huge pecan tree that fell during a flood. The table top was four feet wide, 18 feet long and 4 inches thick. It was a beauty. Our unofficial path finder's, John and Mona Swails drove through the local area checking out the sales and discovering possible eating places. On Friday Glen & Wanda Broddrick, Arvie Herron, Vernon & Billie Johns, Rich & Velda Pedersen, Bobby and Janice Blackwood arrived. Jonell Norris came visiting with Arvie Herron. Friday afternoon there were board games and visiting. That evening we had our traditional pot luck supper followed by games of Pinochle, Train and Skip-Bo. Saturday's breakfast was pancakes, sausage and juice. Al brought an egg casserole which was delicious. John Swails went pecan hunting a picked a big bucket full. I think all the squirrels were unhappy with him. Francine Evans arrived on Saturday and conducted our business meeting. She also brought supplies to make 20 or so reindeer for our visit to Gateway Villa in December. The reindeer looked cute and will be appreciated by the shut-ins at Gateway Villa. Saturday evening we ate at Granny D's by the signal light. It was good food but four of our group did not get served for over an hour. Their order got misplaced. At least the cost of their meal was reduced by half, but it did not make up for the inconvenience. After supper it was games till quitting time. Sunday's devotional was given by Glen Broddrick with Arvie Herron leading the music. After break-fast and a good clean up it was back on the road again.



Making Reindeer

December Campout

December Report—John Sutherland

We met in December 2010, at Boones RV Park in Lampasas, Texas. Members attending were Glen & Wanda Broddrick, Ed and Francine Evans, Arvie Herron, Vernon & Billie Johns, Al Miller, Paul & Carol Parks, John & Jean Sutherland, John & Mona Swails, Don Williams and Ray Young. It was nice seeing Ray as he has been missed. Jonell Norris came visiting with Arvie Herron. Friday afternoon Woody & Mickey Holder with their friends Woody & Charlotte Hall dropped in for a short visit. Lots of hugs as it has been a while since Woody and Mickey were able to come. That evening we had our traditional pot luck supper followed by games of Pinochle, Train and Skip-Bo. Saturday's breakfast was cooked by the guys. Al brought an egg casserole which was

delicious (he is going to have to write down the recipe as I am unable to remember it). I know the ladies enjoyed the meal as they watched the guys work. After a short business meeting it was determined that we would have our Christmas meal at three. Pinochle is played with 16 aces so for one side to get all the tricks (called being Pinochled) is really something. John Swails and Don Williams Pinochled Paul and Glen, a red letter day for them all. We had a lot of fun exchanging gifts. Ray got the now famous Kite book and Francine ended up with the yellow umbrella with dog ears. I think she wanted it for Ed who had to work Saturday. That evening we played Train and Pinochle. I learned not to play Train against Jonell as she is a whiz at playing that game. Sunday's devotional was given by Glen Broddrick with Arvie Herron leading the music. After breakfast and a good clean up it was back on the road again.

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The Armadillo Crew

Blue Jay Sams

Newsletter Editor Ruby Smith

December Meeting Christmas Party

What a great turn out for our annual Christmas gathering on December 4 at the Lone Star Hall & Backyard BBQ. The following members were in attendance:

Warren and Pat Broadstreet, Jackie and Lou Hightower, Clayton and Jerri Brown
Jerry and Ruby Jett, Paul and Nancy Carter, Felix and Virginia Lancaster
Vernon and Beverly Chenoweth, Gloria Mauldin and daughter, Kathy,
Buck and Alice Collins, Chuck and Carolyn Parker, Ed and Charlene Egeland, Albert
and Mary Simmons, Laverne Emberton, Murph and Louise Thorp
Ivan and Sue Evert Vernice Black, Bill and Mary Harris and Dorothy Symmank and her
daughter,, Diane

New Officers

This was also the time for passing the torch (candle) to the new officers for 2011. We are all grateful for those who have volunteered to take us into and through 2011:
Vernon Chenoweth President; Murph Thorp Vice President; Pat Broadstreet Secretary
Ruby Jett Treasurer

Beverly Chenoweth, in her new role as Chapter Wagon master, announced the schedule for 2011 camp outs and events. It took a tremendous amount of work and

time on her part to come up with all the sites for camp outs and to get all the hosts and co-hosts signed up. This should certainly make the Host and Co-Host jobs much easier. jljett@yahoo.com

Cen-Tex Sams

Secretary Mary Jane Pool

November Campout

We had a great time at our November Rally at Peach Country RV in Stonewall. Tommy & Georgia Williams did a great job as wagonmasters. We had 9 rigs and 1 drive in. Tuesday morning some of the ladies took part in a craft making Christmas bags for Safe Place. For lunch, we traveled to Fredricksburg to eat at Andy's Restaurant. Following our "brown bag" meal on Tuesday evening we had our business meeting.

We discussed the Samboree and elected officers for 2011. Also discussed was the February campout to be hosted by wagonmasters Larry & Linda Turner at Stone Creek RV in Shertz, TX.

We all enjoyed a Thanksgiving meal on Wednesday and several members, former members and visitors joined us. agvillarreal@sbcglobal.net

Chisholm Trail Sams

Samboree Report

2010 Fall Samboree in Abaline, TX, October 20 - 24, 2010

Chisholm Trail members Al and Lenore Beach, Frank and Lamanda Hammonds and Jim and Golda Brock attended the 2010 Fall Samboree in Abilene October 20 - 23, 2010. There were 268 rigs in attendance with "Bavarian Oktoberfest", "Wir Haben Viel Spass in Texas" as the theme. Beaches and Hammonds each won \$10.00 door prizes. Abilene was blessed with a hard rain Saturday morning, but it didn't keep Jim Brock and his partner from winning the 42 tournament. Lenore and Golda participated in the Jokers tournament and Lamanda participated in Skip-O. The ladies didn't win, but had fun trying. There was good entertainment each evening. The Polka Music on Thursday was most enjoyable. All attended officer's meetings and other seminars. The group met with the Blue Jay chapter and the two chapters began planning to host the Area 4 Reunion in Bandera March 10th - 13th, 2011. It was a well organized Samboree and the group met lots of Good Sam members from all over the state. A big thanks to Director, Karen McAbee and her staff.

November Campout

We met at Sonny's RV Camp in Lexington – hosted in a grand fashion by the Von Gontens and the Blevins'. We had 14 rigs and were joined by 9 rigs from the Blue Jays Chapter. Our Wednesday business session was opened by president Judy Blevins. The invocation was offered by Jim Kelley. Jim then presented the schedule for campouts during the year 2011, and a drawing was held for hosts at these campouts. It was announced that couples could – if they chose to – trade dates and sites with another couple. But Jim should be informed of the trade as soon as possible. Joy McCallum presented a list of plants that could be dangerous or poisonous if ingested.

Jim Brock offered the closing prayer. Jim Watson presented the devotional – based on the 3rd chapter of First Timothy. If I may be allowed an editorial comment here, I would like to say that our campouts for 2010 ended on a most pleasing note. Sonny's RV camp, with its spacious clubhouse is among the best on the list – the turnout was great, as was the added fellowship of the Blue Jays –the weather was perfect, and the food was great and plentiful. If you missed it, beat yourself over the head.

December Meeting ---- Per standard procedure, we did not have a campout in December. We did, however, get together – around noon at Temple's Golden Corral on Dec. 7. This was a lunch and social gathering hosted by Catalina James & Ginnie Griffin. There will be no December gathering of the Tee Snippers. They will resume on January 18 at the home of Ginnie Griffin. judynerb@yahoo.com

Heart O Texas Sams

Newsletter Editor Shirley Koehler

October Campout

What a wonderful campout we had in October, The campground and the meeting room were exceptionally nice and there was a fire pit outside in an enclosed area so we enjoyed a campfire on Friday night when we returned from eating. There were others there from the campground and we enjoyed talking and getting acquainted. We owe a big thank you to our Wagonmasters, the Williamsons. The Briggs were visiting for the third time and were voted in as new members unanimously.

November/December Campout

We enjoyed our Christmas meeting at Pioneer Village RV in Bandera which is near downtown and all the Christmas activities. The Christmas parade passed only a block away.

The campground provided a great breakfast on Saturday morning for a minimal fee and we had our business meeting after that. Our Thanksgiving/Christmas potluck dinner was enjoyed Saturday afternoon. The White Elephant gift exchange was enjoyed by all, along with singing Christmas carols.

The toys we collected will go to the Brown Santa project.

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Highland Lakes Sams

Secretary Yvonne Shuemaker

October Campout

At Bluff Trails RV Resort, Ingram, TX

President Sam Stubblefield called the meeting in order with a Big Good Morning to all Benny Locklear led us in the opening prayer and led us in pledging allegiance to the United States and the Texas flags. Sam recognized there were no guests present and suggested we invite our friends to attend and join us. He told his dog he couldn't come because he didn't have a little green vest.

Sam thanked the hosts for this campout: Betty and Earl Clary and Georgia and Bill Lehr. Roll was called with 15 rigs present. Those absent included the Bouchers, the Davises, the Edwards, the James, Glyn Hoffpauir, the Nelsons, Jean Phillips, and the

West's The minutes of the previous meeting were read and then approved and signed by Pres. Sam Stubblefield

December Meeting

Minutes for Highland Lakes Good Sam RV Club – December 7, 2010

Meadowlakes Club – Meeting, Lunch, & Games 10:30 AM to 4:00 PM

Otis Moore, Chaplain, opened our gathering with a prayer of praise and petition.

President Sam Stubblefield turned the meeting over to Art Heath, program chairman for the installation of officers for the year 2011.

Art began by thanking the officers for last year.

Art charged each officer nominee with the duties of their offices and required their pledge to carry out their duties, as defined in the bylaws and the constitution, to the best of their abilities. Gus hopes we will work together to make this the best Good Sam RV Club ever.

Then Art requested all World War II veterans to stand; four stood to loud applause.

Then he asked all to rise and we gave the pledge of allegiance to our flag followed by the pledge to the Texas flag

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Lone Star Travelers

Reported by Carl Vertrees

With many and varied community Charity projects, we Placed second with Scrap Book competition at the Samboree.

All year we collected cans and donate the money to the “Dogs for the Deaf” fund.

Instead of giving each other Christmas presents, we gave articles and Money to the “Second Chance Animal Shelter”. These are supplies needed to house and care for the Animals in the shelter.

Our faceless dolls project for the Scott & White Hospital was suspended but now continued as we decided it is a worthy project. These are dolls are made of plain Muslin with no face or features on them. They are given to Children who are about to undergo Surgery in the hospital. The Children draw their own face on them and often draw what the scars from their surgery will look like. This helps them overcome their fear and be more comfortable with their medical situation.

We are making plans to attend the Area 4 Chapters re-union in Bandera.

Many of our Members are also planning to attend the Area 14 mini-rally in Waco, then on to the Samboree in Waco.

For our May Campout, we plan to make the “Annual Good Sam Cleanup” at Danna Peak COE Park in Harker Heights. We always have good food, an enjoyable time and get the Park cleaned up too!

We have lost several Members but hope to replace them; in the meantime, we continue to press on with the “Good Sam” tradition.

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Rigs A Mortis Sams

Newsletter Editor Bob Rodell

October Campout

The October Rigs-A-Mortis campout was held at the Sunset Point RV Resort just west of Marble Falls on Lake LBJ. This is one beautiful campground! The park is located on LBJ and the owners are meticulous in the maintenance of the campground. All concrete slabs with a really nice rec hall. All the slabs had picnic tables and are manicured to perfection. Can't wait to return next year.

We had 22 rigs present including four guest rigs. Also, Dick and Jean Erdenberger joined us for the Saturday evening festivities since their motorhome is still in the RV repair shop recovering from the summer toasting it received on their east coast jaunt this past summer.

Our hosts for the weekend were Bill and Linda Lipscomb and Frank and Flo Pollack. They arrange the Friday evening supper at the Real New Orleans Style Restaurant in Marble Falls. Excellent choice! Then Saturday evening they had a wine tasting activity with each rig providing a bottle of wine that was sampled and judged by the members (at least by those who could still write on the ballots after tasting all that wine). The winner of the wine tasting competition was the Maces with a bottle of white wine. Following the tasting on the back porch of the rec center, we all staggered into the hall for our pot-luck. Our hosts provided lasagna and the rest made appropriate salads, sides and deserts. Great supper!

November Campout

The November Rigs-A-Mortis campout was held at the Riverview Campground (No River - No View) southeast of Waco. We had fifteen rigs present including three guest rigs. The campground was in "good" condition with some concrete parking slabs and some gravel/grass parking spots. The main complaint by our group was the noise created by falling acorns and pecans bouncing off their roofs during the night. It was suggested that, if we use this campground in the future, we should book it outside the "bombardment" season during the spring or early summer months. The rec hall was large but lacked kitchen counter space and the microwave was inoperative. Luckily, our pot-luck box lunches did not require much need for the kitchen facilities.

Our hosts for the weekend were the "Rigs Ladies", Barb Babcock, Carolyn Hall and Maureen Murphy. They chose the Elite Circle Grill located a few miles from our campground. Excellent choice! Good food and a private area for our supper. For Saturday, they planned a box-lunch auction with the male members preparing the lunches and the ladies bidding on the lunches. We had a good variety of "packaging" and meals. The auction was brisk and raised over \$100 for the club treasury.

A brief board meeting was held Saturday afternoon. Board members present were our President - Joan, Vice President - Jay, Secretary - Bob and Jan, Treasurer - Barb and Trail Boss - Darrell. Also present were our Area's new ASDs, Bob and Bobbie West. We went over the membership meeting agendas and adjourned.

The monthly membership meeting was called to order at 6:45 following our pot-luck box-lunch supper.

President Joan opened the meeting and thanked our hosts, Barb Babcock, Carolyn Hall and Maureen Murphy. She then introduced our new ASDs, Bob and Bobbie West and two other guest rigs, Pat and Bobbie Steele and Greg and Jeanne Akimoff.

December Campout

The December Rigs-A-Mortis campout was held at the River Valley RV Resort (both River and Valley were present this month) on the Guadalupe River in Sattler, Texas. We had 14 rigs (including one guest rig) and one member in a cabin at this campout. Nice park with an excellent rec building which was well decorated in the Christmas spirit. Hosts for the weekend were Shirley and Gene Flowers with co-hosts Jan and Bob Rodell. The Friday evening supper was at the Startz Cafe in Startzville (about seven miles from the campground). Food was okay. Service was good. Fun was great! The hosts provided lots of ham for the entree at the Saturday evening pot-luck. Members provided an outstanding array of side-dishes and deserts. Dave Arnette (our guest for the weekend) provided a surprise cake to celebrate his wife, Carolyn's, birthday which was presented toward the end of the supper hour. Also, several door prizes consisting of peanut brittle were given out at the end of the meal. The meal was followed by the monthly membership meeting and then the traditional gift exchange. From comments by several members, the hosts "Did Good!"

Rigs - Blue Santa Project

For the past four years, the RIGS-A-MORTIS RV Club has sponsored the Georgetown, TX **Blue Santa** program by providing service hours to help these underprivileged children. Our members have donated toys, sorted toys by age group, built gift boxes, decorated the Blue Santa Workshop to prepare it for Distribution Day, and even helped collect toys from various businesses. It is a worthy cause and a project our members are proud to support. Since Georgetown is the home base of RIGS-A-MORTIS, that city's **Blue Santa** program was selected as our sponsorship project. Many club members live either in Georgetown or in a close-by community. Members who live farther away from Georgetown are encouraged to help support and/or sponsor such a program in their own community.

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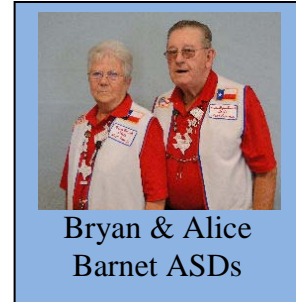
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BLUFF STUFF SAMS

The members went to the Wilderness Lake RV Park at Mathis for the campout in **October** with six rigs. John and Shirley Forester were the hosts. The campout in **November** was hosted by David and Marilyn Hauser for a Thanksgiving celebration. In **December** the Christmas Party was hosted by Jim and Mary Jane Falwel at Johnny Carinos Restaurant.



RICEBELT SAMS

The Flatonia RV Park in Flatonia was where the campout was in **September** with thirteen rigs. Mike and Veronica Barker were thanked for being hosts. The devotion was held after the meeting by Billy Watkins. Everyone sang Happy Birthday and Anniversary led by the voice of Bill Jenkins. Flatonia RV Park was the place with seven rigs in **October**. Clarence and Delores Crocker were hosts for the meeting and campout. Invocation was given by Billy Watkins and pledges to the US and Texas flags were given. Devotional followed the meeting with Peggy Watkins shaving some of her inspirational readings. The campout in **November** was at Peach Country RV Park in Stonewall with ten rigs. A donation to Dog's for the Deaf was made. The Houses were the hosts. In **December** with hosts Bill and Joyce Jenkins members went to Red Oak Ranch in Hempstead.

SPARKLING CITY GOOD SAMS

Sparkling City Good Sams chapter was chartered October 10, 1975, thirty-five years of fun and fellowship.

The **October** campout was held at Braunig Lake RV Park in San Antonio. Jay and Bernice Wiederanders brought a birthday cake and ice cream for everyone to celebrate. The Wiederanders hosted this fun campout. The place to be in **November** for the campout was at Bluff Trails Ranch in Ingram. The fall foliage welcomed us to Bluff Trails. The deer roamed freely and when the deer feeders disbursed the corn, the deer stampeded to the feeders. In the morning the turkeys roamed gingerly looking for corn kernels that were left by the deer. David fished in the crystal clear stream, however, the fish seemed to be smarter than he. Marilyn and Hazel hosted a Tacky Tea Party for the ladies. We were to dress in a tacky wardrobe. The men judges us. Geri Butler won the first place for the one who dressed the tackiest. Second place was Barbara Middleton, wearing a big red hat and a tacky dress. Reba Staff came in third place wearing Bill's jeans, shirt and cap. She looked cool. Friday a 19 piece string band entertained us. The String-A-Longs from the Ingram area performed and sang several songs. Quests were the Weiderander's son and his friend, Heidi, who played bass in the band. The Weiderander's granddaughter, Jesse and 2 year-old Aubri entertained us by dancing. D. W. and Gerry Patrick's son Doug and wife Judy joined in the fun. Gerry's brother and wife also came out to enjoy the music and songs. Everyone was asked to talk about what

they were thankful for. The Rittenhouses and the Horaks hosted this campout. Harriett thanked everyone for their support of the recyclable items, plastic bags, old cell phones, tabs from soda cans, empty printer ink cartridges, Campbell Soup labels, we are helping a lot of people. The **December** place was at Skyline Ranch RV Park in Bandera, with the Butlers, Middleton and the Staffs as hosts. Everyone was to bring some can product for the Xmas Taco Soup. The ladies were to bring a poem or Christmas story for the afternoon tea.

Happy Camping and Fellowship to All
Alice & Bryan Barnett, ASD's

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RIO VALLEY FUNTIMERS

There was no campout in **October** instead President Lillian Hatch asked everyone to meet at La Feria Coffee Shop on **October 23**. For the **November** campout members went to Arroyo City Hummingbird Cove Park. A great Thanksgiving Feast and fellowship was enjoyed by all. Joe Tucker planned the Christmas Party at Garcia's in Santa Rosa. The former members were our guests. The party was on **December 14**. Bob Whalen created the location map for the restaurant.



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Alice & Bryan Barnett, ASD's

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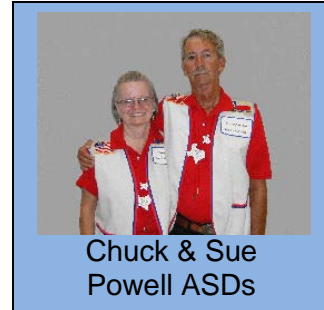
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AMISTAD SAMS

Secretary/Newsletter Editor: Tina Tyler

We didn't hear from them this quarter but hopefully next quarter. We visited with Charles and Marge Delaney at the Fall Samboree in Abilene in **October**. Their Secretary, Tina Tyler has been ill (in the hospital for a few days in **December**). Hope she is feeling better and on a speedy recovery!



Chuck & Sue
Powell ASDs

BLUEBONNET SAMS

Newsletter Editor: Al Ennis

They did not have a campout in **October**. They had 5 rigs attending their **November** campout held at Rivershade RV Park in Seguin. Jerry Mathis and Leona McKenzie drove-in to attend their business. Club Officers for 2011 were confirmed. Since this campout coincided with Veterans Day members who were veterans gave a brief scenario of their first days in the military.

They had 3 rigs attending their **December** campout held at Skyline RV Ranch in Bandera. They did not have a monthly meeting. However, as a group they decided to donate \$100 to the Salvation Army. A check has been mailed to Salvation Army. A good time and a good meal were enjoyed by all.

CACTUS CAMPERS

Editor-in-Chief: Bob Mangum

Web-Master: Bob Elder

Check-out their website at www.cactuscampers.texasgoodsam.com/ !!!! Bob Elder has done a really great job. Their newsletter is posted on their website as well. They also have pictures of some of their most recent rally memories. So, take a few minutes and check-it-out!!! And take time to read Bob Mangum's newsletter!! He also does a super job!!!

They had 7 rigs attending their **October** rally held at in Victoria. They had 13 rigs attending their **November** rally held at Texas 281 RV Park in Bulverde. The weather was terrific and great fun a usual! They had 8 rigs attending their **December** Christmas Rally held at Skyline Ranch RV Park in Bandera. They also had 5 members drive-in for the festive activities. Everyone had fun and overate as usual. Contact: cactuscampers7@aol.com

CANYON SAMS

Newsletter Editor: George Wangerow

George does a very informative newsletter. Hopefully they will have a website soon so everyone can see what a great job he does. His newsletters start with a section, "Betcha didn't know" where he writes about the history of the town or the area where they will be for the upcoming campout. He also includes any local activities or interests. Lots of effort and research are put into his newsletter. He not only includes directions to the RV Park but he also includes a map. Great! He has a section for "Timely Tips", "What's Cookin'", "Homespun Wit" and 'Thoughtful Thoughts"! Then the "Chapter News"! Wow!! Much more than we want try to retype. So, George, let's see a website soon and share your chapter's newsletter with everyone. Great job!

Their **October** campout was held at the Johnson Creek RV Resort. They had a great time. Their **November** campout was held at the Colorado Landing RV Park in La Grange. Their **December** campout was held at Canyon Trail RV Resort in Sam Marcus. "A Kringle Christmas" was enjoyed by everyone.

GO LUCKY SAMS

Secretary/Newsletter Editor: Glenna Croft

There were 9 rigs attending their **October** campout held at Sea Wind RV Resort on the Bay in Riviera. They had rigs attending their **November** campout held at Lake Medina R.V. Resort. They had rigs attending their **December** campout held at Millers Creek RV Park near Johnson City.

GOOD SAM ROAD RUNNERS

Newsletter Editor: Chuck Powell

Web-Master: Dave Desormeau

Check-out their website at www.goodsamroadrunners.texasgoodsam.com/ !!!! Dave Desormeau has done a really great job. Their newsletter is posted on their website as well. They also have pictures. So, take a few minutes and check-it-out!!! And take time to read Chuck's newsletter!! He also does a super job!!!

They had 17 rigs attending their **October** Campout held at the Top of the Hill RV Park in Boerne. Rig count included 16 chapter members and 1 guest, Elizabeth and Dave Hubbard. Everyone had a good time and Elizabeth and Dave expressed a desire to go to Fredericksburg with them next month. Yeah!

They had 15 rigs attending their **November** Campout held at Oakwood RV Park in Fredericksburg. Elizabeth and Dave Hubbard were able to join again, and they requested member status in the chapter, and after a lengthy discussion (2

seconds!!) the Chapter members voted them in. Yeah!! Welcome aboard Elizabeth and Dave!!!

They had 14 rigs attending their **December** campout held at Skyline RV Park in Bandera. They played bingo on Friday and Saturday had a "Chinese Gift Exchange". Everyone had a great time! Contact email: desormeau@prodigy.net

TUMBLEWEED SAMS

No Newsletter Editor

We didn't hear from them this quarter but hopefully next time.

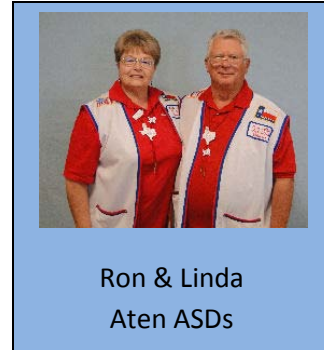
Happy RVing,
Sue & Chuck Powell
ASDs Area 7

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The **Big Country Good Sams'** November Rally was held November 11th-14th, 2010 at the Cottonwood RV Park in Roby. There were 14 rigs and 4 drive ins in attendance. Most of the weekend was enjoyable beautiful weather. Some days it was too pretty to stay inside. Of course, we had typical west Texas weather with some cold, blowing dirt, and of course wind, but everyone had a good time. The Cumbies, McHaneys and Roemisches were our hosts for the weekend and they did their usual good job. Lots of good food! On Friday, the ladies went into Sweetwater and had lunch at Schlotzsky's Deli and the Romeos did their usual. The December Rally was back at the Cottonwood RV Park in Roby December 9th-12th with Burnell Hargrove and the Bauers as hosts. : Thursday evening-Pot Luck Friday 11:30-Ladies luncheon at Mrs. Kathy's Southern Comforts in Snyder; followed by dessert and gift exchange at Mrs. Hargrove's home (Burnell and Joretta's mom), 3012 42nd St. Each person brought a gift in the \$10.00-\$15.00 range. Saturday evening 6:00-Dinner catered by Ritz Diner followed by Chinese Christmas gift exchange. Sunday morning-Devotional and goodbyes. SOUNDS GREAT! BCS.texasgoodsam.com



Three Rivers Good Sams met in November to share a Thanksgiving meal Special thanks to Sylvia Becker for providing the delicious turkey and gravy and to Jean Sullivan for the traditional dressing and to Jo Beth Shackelford for the ham plus special kudos to all the members support for the meal was expressed by Barbara (our beloved president) on behalf of the Chapter! In October "Samboree attendees were Barbara Richards, Bob & Celine Poynor, plus Barbara's daughter, Karen Rhoads, from Arlington. The job of doing popcorn was given up to Lake Pat Sams.....The Sundowners want us to join them for some trips in 2011 to keep up the rig count during the next year. Everyone seemed to be agreeable to this! A schedule of the Sundowner camp outs and locations will be mailed to us for our use in planning to join them. Bob Poynor reported that 30th year patches can be ordered through him (\$6.00+tax). Order at next meeting and yours will be available for pick up at the Waco Samboree next spring. Chapter Dues and State Dues must be paid in order to receive the newsletter. Full membership report was due November 1st for 2011. Anniversaries are past due, as they were due November 1st for 2011 Samborees recognition. SAMBOREE KUDO - - prizes we gave - - were great! Flea Market was great! They used the main floor since there were few vendors if any. The Christmas Party arrangements are for a Chinese Exchange of Gifts after the meal which will be held at Paula Sue's new location at the Old Crossroads Building. The

buffet will be \$12.50 each. LUCILLE AND STAN ARE HOSTING THE CHILI MEAL/MEETING/PLAY GAMES IN JANUARY. DATE WILL BE ANNOUNCED LATER. Projects for 2011 will be soup kitchen, volunteer hours in San Angelo and Park clean up. 3River.texasgoodsam.com

Abilene Sundowners had their October meeting at the Samboree after the barbeque Lunch fund raiser. \$693 was raised at the lunch and \$144 at the flea Market table. The Sundowners received the certificate for percentage of rigs under 20 members. Bill Ashton and Jim Helm won second place in the Samboree Golf Scramble. Leon Chrane was on the first Place Sandbag baseball team. Luke, Jim Helm's dog won first Place in best trained at the Pet Parade. The November campout was at Abilene State Park with 12 rigs and four guests. The Chapter was thanked for their help at the Abilene Info table and the food Pantry table at the Samboree. 350 lbs of food was given to five pantries in Abilene. Ten blankets and hygiene items were donated for the Veterans hospital in Big Spring for delivery in December by Ron Aten. New members Jaime and Phyllis Limas were voted into membership bringing the rig total to 14. Bill and Pat Bratcher will become members at next meeting. Pete and Betty Martin were awarded 25 year members of the Sundowners. Their December meeting was held at Wylie Methodist Church on December 18th with turkey and potluck dinner. Chinese gift exchange was held. Christmas cards were brought for the Children's hospital as well as cards for the Veterans Hospital and Military deployed. The Chapter donated \$200 each to the Boys Ranch, Hendrick Home for Children, Meals on Wheels, Christian Service center food pantry and Methodist Food pantry in Abilene.

absundowners.texasgoodsam.com

The Abilene "Weekenders" is a new group forming for Good Sam Rvers who are still working. They are planning a camping schedule for a weekend campout starting in March-November. There are four couples so far and they are excited about forming a new group. Anyone interested email the ASD Area 8.

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The winter months are hard write about, not much going on the northern part of the state. Most of the rigs are in hibernation.

Central Plains Sams attended the Fall Samboree in Abilene, all had a good time. They said the entertainment was really good. This chapter had 15 rigs on the ground.

They left the Samboree when it was over on Sunday and went on to Hords Creek near Colman. They joined up with some more chapter members there. One of the best things to do in Colman is to eat a Tiffany's.

Some of the rest tried their fishing skills and ended up going back to Tiffany's.

The next meeting took place in the big city of Abernathy Texas at Hoppy and Mona Toler's place. The Toler's were business people in Abernathy, if you ever needed anything from a new pair of shoes to a cotton sack, Hoppy had it. As the old saying goes, if Hoppy don't have it you don't need it.

Everyone had a great time with a wonderful meal prepared by one of the local establishments in Abernathy.

Sad to say that this was the last meeting Mike and Brenda Carthel will have as President of the Chapter. Mike did a great job and this chapter will be forever indebted to Mike for his leadership. While he was President; the growth of the chapter was truly amazing. Well, it is time to change leadership; Tom Johnson along with his bride Dixie will lead this chapter. Tom will do a great job because he has been associated with several boards for different companies and will bring new ideas and challenges to this chapter.

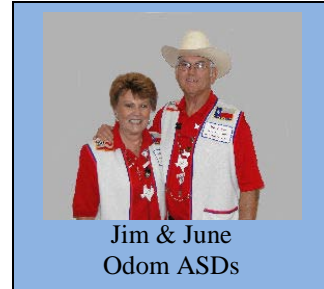
They all enjoyed a wonderful Christmas party with the food catered.

Chaparral Sams met for their October meeting at Lake Elmer Thomas Recreation Area on the Fort Sill military base at Lawton Oklahoma. A good time was had by all especially after they located the camp ground. Seems as though it was hid back in the corner of the base on some very curvy roads. It sounds like it was worth the effort.

Well, it is off to the big Samboree in Abilene Texas, where they can find some wonderful entertainment, games and fellowship. The sad thing they are leaving to many of their chapter members home, either sick or have the don't want to go syndrome.

Chapter members attending the Samboree were, the Ellis's, Teague's, Reich's Tate's and Porter's. When they go they keeps notes what happen on each day so everyone back home will know what they did and what was missed by not going. I think this is a very good idea and it will help attendance if all chapters would give a report on the Samboree. Skipper was the winner of second place in the cutest dog contest; of course he is the guardian of Larry and Eva Reich.

Some will never be the same as they were initiated into the Jack Ass Club. If they start acting a different way and talking in a different tongue you know why.



The November meeting was held at Bertie Fannie's restaurant in Memphis Texas. The chapter will discuss their new Standing Operating Procedures (SOP) this will bring everything up to date and make it easier to transact business for the chapter. If you have a chapter out there, this is most likely the best way to update the way you do business in your chapter.

Their next meeting was held at the Wedding Ranch, I do not know for sure what this is but it sounds like you can have a lot of fun there.

They presented, discussed, amended, and adopted the new SOP; the procedures will be in effect January 2011. Everyone that worked on this was thanked by the chapter.

The new officers were introduced. The new president is Tom Etheredge, Larry Reich Vice- President; JoAnn Meyer Secretary; Ruth Caldwell, Treasure; Rudie Tate, Wagon Master.

Cotton Pickin Sams attended the Fall Samboree in Abilene and said they will be at the next one. They really had a wonderful time and fellowship. This chapter is having a great time and are looking forward to the weather warming up so they can get the wheels rolling again.

Palo Duro Sams has a very special person in this chapter, her name is Paula Hayes. She keeps everyone going, even Bobby.

Paula has taken on the awesome job of writing each month a biography of one of their members. This month it is Bryan Buck, if you have not met Bryan you have missed something. Bryan is a wonderful giving man; he has done a lot of things for people that did not even know he was doing them. He stayed by the bedside of the love of his life, Betty. He loves his church, family and his Good Sam Chapter.

There was not a meeting this month because they were off to the Samboree. Bobby and Paula are on the Texas State Staff and are doing a great job. Paula is in charge of pre-registration and Bobby is special assistant to Jim Odom inside coordinator.

The person of the month is Mary Burgett, now Mary is as fun loving a person you will ever meet. Mary drove all the way to Abilene to be there when the chapter was awarded their 35 year certificate. Mary has been a member almost as long as it has been formed. Mary is a lover of animals, one time they were at a campout and the horn on the RV was going off and it was her dog in the driver's seat and telling them to either get me out or give him the keys.

We had five rigs at the Samboree. Bobby got sick and spent a good time in his rig, but felt well enough to come out and perform in the costume contest Saturday night, and WON FIRST PLACE IN BEST DRESSED. WOW!!!!!!! Several came home with door prizes

Our next meeting will be the Cowboy Poet meeting. Please make plans to attend. We have a lot of good input on upcoming events for the chapter to do. Come and share. New officers for the New Year were installed. Lots of games, good food and fun were had by all. Merry Christmas to all.

Morris and Chris Driver were honored this month. He is a pilot and reflected on a flight to Canada in which he became lost (off of the flight pattern) that's pilot talk but turned the plane around and landed safely. Wow what a story. They are faithful members of our chapter. We are very fortunate to have them.

WHIRLWIND SAMS

We had a great time at Caprock Canyon state park. The weather was good and food also.

We met at the Elks lodge for the November meeting. Our December meeting was held at the West Texas Grill in Plainview. Followed by caroling from the Wayland Baptist University choral group, refreshments and exchange of gifts. A good time was had by all.

Officers for 2011 are. President: Randy Hollums, 1st Vice: Don Dchesshir 2nd Vice: Jerry Livingston, Wagonmaster: Don Daniel, Treasurer: Teresa Hollums, Secretary: Carol Chesshir.

YELLOW ROSE SAMS

Our October meeting was held at the Wayne Russell RV Park in Floydada. Carl Ackerman welcomed our guest Gary and Jayne Mayfield. Members present were Ackermans, Chandlers, Edwards, Fords, Medleys, Thomases and Whitmans. Membership application was read for the Dillingham's and the Mayfield's and a vote by secret ballot was taken.

Officers for 2011 were elected as follows; President Carl Ackerman: Vice president, Glenn Dalke; Secretary/ Treasurer; Joe Thomas and Wagonmasters James and Helen Ford.

We had ten rigs for our November meeting at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Amarillo.

Minutes were read and approved. New business discussed a pot luck dinner for December.

At the December meeting a veteran's trip to Washington D.C. in September and October was discussed.

Carl reported on e-mail contact with a prospective member.

December meeting brought a bounty of food and games for all. They put "calorie hex" on all so no one gained anything from this meal (good thinking) after games and the meal the meeting was called to order, a letter from Jim Odom, ASD was read, treasurers report passed. Area10 Rally and the Samboree were discussed.

Meeting was adjourned

Merry Christmas to all.

West Texas Sams had to de-charter and what a sad day for Area 10. They were always there when you needed something. They were so faithful to help at the Area 10 Rally. You could not find any better people than the members of West Texas Sams. June and I and all of the chapters in Area 10 wish them the best and may God bless each and every one of them. West Texas you will be missed.

Jim and June Odom ASD Area10

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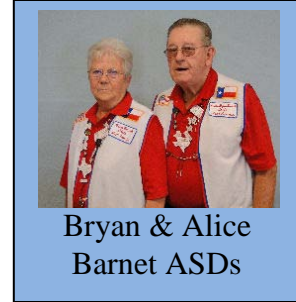
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BAY AREA SAMS

The Bay Area Sams chapter was chartered on October 12, 1989.

Everyone enjoyed the campout at San Luis Pass RV Park in **October** along with the **Weekend Travlin' Sams**. It was flounder season so the park was filling up. Also in **October** Joan & Freeman Douglas, Bob & Lynn Van Ata, new members, Cal & Kathy Jennings, visitors, attended the Texas Fall Samboree in Abilene. Members had a fun time for the Thanksgiving/Christmas Party at Coushatte Ranch along with the fellowship with the **Weekend Travlin' Sams** in **November**. The catfish dinner at Cat Springs was enjoyed, a soup lunch furnished by the Lynchs, a catered meal by Howard, games of Sandbag Baseball and Polish Horseshoes made the campout a great time for all. Dale and Laura Dudley were given a warm welcome to the chapter as new members. To celebrate the coming in of the New Year members went to the KOA Park at Weimer on **December 31** into **January**.



Bryan & Alice
Barnet ASDs

BRAZOS BEND SAMS

In **October** some of the members went to the Texas Fall Samboree in Abilene. The campout in **November** was at Coushatte Ranch with 12 rigs, with 1 visitor, D E and Rae Cote'. Mel & Carolyn Landreneau and Al & Mary Jo Litton were the hosts. Mel cooked Taco Soup and everyone else provided the other dishes of food for the meal. Columbus RV Park was the place to be in **December** for the Christmas Party. Congratulations to our new members, DE & Rae Cote'. We played Chinese Christmas and that was a blast, you get something you want and someone else would take it from you.

GO-SLOW SAMS

The Go-Slow Sams chapter was chartered on October 27, 1979.

Members meet at Coushatte Ranch for the meeting in **October**. There were no hosts, all chipped in and made it work. Coushatte Ranch was the place members went in **November**. The members voted to each bring a toy worth \$10 unwrapped to donate to needy children next month. The chapter moved to give \$50 to the Bellville Christian Food Panty. There were no hosts for the meeting. Tuesday evening's meal was spaghetti prepared by Virgie Perry with all furnishing the fixings. The noon lunch on Wednesday was catered meal of turkey with all the fixings. Les & Lou Carter thanked all of the chapter members for their help with the meeting. In **December** the members meet at Coushatte Ranch. There were 18 members at the meeting and special guests Bryan & Alice Barnett, Assistant State Directors. Toys for some of the children of Bellville was collected and delivered by Mary Ann Sauer. Bingo was played with small gifts presented to the winners. There were lots of laughter and fun for all. New Officers for 2011 was installed by R. E. Stafford.

HEAVENLY SAMS

The campout in **October** was at County Place RV Park at Cut-N-Shoot. We meet at Kelly's in Alvin for Thanksgiving lunch in **November**. It was nice to see so many

people and to visit with some that at this time can not come to the campouts. The campout for **December** was cancelled.

ROVIN' TEXANS

The place to be in **October** was at Rayford Crossing at Spring with the hosts Jeanne & Don Eiland, Louise & Phil Hunt and Lynn & John Martine. The hosts were thanked for all the great treats and for the BarBQ sandwiches. There were 10 rigs and 2 drive-ins. Artesian RV Park in Brenham 14 rigs rolled in and 5 drive-ins for the meeting in **November**. The Ryans, Ladds and Steigerss were thanked for being hosts. The annual \$100 contribution to Dogs for the Deaf was mailed. Everyone was the hosts for the Christmas Party and campout at Coushatte Ranch in **December**. Members donated \$400 and the chapter donated \$100 making a total of \$500 to MD Anderson Cancer Center. There were 16 rigs and 7 drive-ins. Bryan & Alice Barnett, Assistant State Directors was invited, and attended the fun and fellowship, also to enjoy the activities at this campout. Lola and Olan Halbert were thanked for their contribution to make the chapter directory that each member received and the missionary work they do building and refurbishing churches for communities that can not do it themselves. Don Eiland, President, read a quote from early 20th Century writer, Khalil Gibran, "YOU GIVE OF BUT LITTLE WHEN YOU GIVE OF YOURSELF. IT IS WHEN YOU GIVE OF YOURSELF THAT YOU TRULY GIVE. Members enjoyed playing games of Sandbag Baseball, A Trivia game, Card Bingo. The Silent Auction was a fun time. Howard Nelius set up his mobile kitchen and prepared his wonderful delicious chicken fried steaks with cream gravy, grilled BBQ chicken breast, German potatoes, green beans, coleslaw and hot rolls and butter. All of the sweets were brought by the many talented pastry and dessert chefs.

SAN JAC WHEELERS

Hidden Ponds RV Park at Sulphur, La. was the place to meet in **October** with David & Connie Azzano and John & Dede Plemons as hosts and furnishing spaghetti/meatballs and garlic bread and the others were to bring salads, vegetables or desserts. No news was received for **November**. In **December** the Christmas Party was at the Monument Inn Restaurant.

SAND DOLLAR SAMS

October's campout was at Dixieland RV Park in Carmine with the hosts being Clifford and Helen Reed, the Enchilada supper they provided was enjoyed. Members received the sad news of the death of June Thomas, she was the chapter's Secretary/Treasurer. She will be missed by everyone. In **November** members went to Coushatte Ranch to celebrate Thanksgiving and everyone enjoyed the catered meal by Howard. **December** was the time for the Christmas Party at Coushatte Ranch and the catered meal by Howard. Each man was to bring a man gift and the women were to bring a ladies gift to exchange at the party.

SHIFTLESS SAMS

Lazy Longhorn RV Park in Victoria was where the members went for the campout in **October**. The hosts, David & Judy Myrow and MR and Sarah Huggins were thanked for the breakfast. There were 14 rigs and 1 guest. Gail H. reported that she, Carol, Judy W.,

Mable and Margie delivered 41 blankets to the Ronald McDonald House and they toured this fabulous facility. The members will donate \$100 to two organization, the Alvin Food Pantry and Kidz Harbor. The Pratta, Rileys & McMinimys were The hosts for the **November** campout at Schulenburg RV Park. A continental breakfast was provided by the hosts. For the campout and Christmas Party members went to Couahatte Ranch in **December**. The host, Paul & Carol Hill, Don & Gail Hynds, Billy & Marvis Canard were thanked for helping organize the breakfast, the hosts provided milk and orange juice, everyone else was to bring there favorite breakfast dish to share with the group. The hosts provided refreshments for the Christmas Party. Parents or grandparents brought a gift for each child in their family with the child's name on the gift. Each adult brought gifts for the gilf exchange game. There were a total of 18 rigs. A letter was received from the Ronald McDonald House thanking the chapter for the blankets. There is a need for children books and paperbacks for the families to read who are waiting for the recovery of their children. The Camper of the Year Award was presented to Sarah Huggins and Lupe Salinas by Judy Wade. Congratulations to Sarah and Lupe for your very deserving award.

SOLO SAMS

Everyone was invited to go to Lupe Tortilla's in **October** to meet and enjoy the food. The campout in **October** was at Lake Somerville State Park along with Camping Friends. For **November** it was decided not to have a campout instead going to the Lasagna House 111 to meet for dinner.

Happy Camping and Fellowship to All
Alice & Bryan Barnett, Assistant State Directors

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October at the Rocker D RV Ranch was the place to be when **Arlington Sams** camped there and had a Pumpkin Carving contest while the Reina's great grandson got first place for having a Spider in his pumpkin while Janet Mitchell got 2nd place for her Dolly Parton look-alike. They had 8 rigs which included the Brennerman's who were the newest members. **Cowtown Sams**, their co-campers, had 7 rigs there to help the Hendricks celebrate their 50th anniversary. Condolences went to Billy Starritt on the loss of his brother. Steve Condit had double hernia surgery & Betty Mills recovered from pneumonia but then ended up with a fracture in the lumbar area. Alma Hayes was having blood pressure & blood glucose problems. **November** brought them to Lake Whitney Community with 10 rigs from Arlington, 6 rigs from Cowtown & 7 rigs from Penthouse Campers for a total of 23 rigs. The Christmas campout had surprise guests being Sarah Getto & family on her way home to Norman, Oklahoma.

Cowtown Sams the co-campers of **Arlington** & Penthouse had the usual eating out, Golf at Sugar Tree Golf Course & of course the girls shopped at the Outlet Mall in Mineral Wells. They also discovered that their President has changed his image & is now reborn into a Texan with his boots, jeans & cowboy hat. He is now called Buckaroo Bob instead of Yankee Bob.

In **October**, **DFW** camped at Whispering Pines in Tyler with 16 member rigs & 3 guest rigs, while the Lairds drove in for the day. Kommando boxes were now at 182 boxes shipped. Congratulations on the new members Al & Linda Jenkins and Gerald & Bobbie Bates. The free campout drawing was won by Margie Duncan. The **November** campout was at Red Willow in Chico with David Law conducting a CPR class. They had 20 member rigs & 1 visitor rig. Guests were Anita Stone, Mike & Maria Mather & David Law. Don Howell is still on a ventilator, Billy Fuller & Jim McDonald both had eye surgery. There is 6 prospects interested in the chapter. The **December** campout was at Staway Ranch RV in Murchison with 19 rigs & the Martins driving in for the day. We regret the passing of Don Austin who donated his body to SW Medical School. Larry Gray is recovering from back surgery, Don Howell is still in the hospital while Cecil Lawrence had a "silent heart attack". There was 13 more boxes mailed to the troops for a total of 198.

Frontier Sams camped at Coffee Creek in Santo in **October** with 14 rigs & 3 drive-ins. The **November** campout was at the KOA Choctaw in Durant with their guests Norwood & Corinda King. Wiley Yates won at 31, the 50/50 winner was Ed Counts. The **December** campout was at Oak Creek RV in Weatherford with 16 rigs which included the King's as new members, they was given a big welcome into the chapter, congratulations to Frontier.

Good Neighbor Sams camped at Coffee Creek RV with 16 rigs in **October** which also included the MacKinnon's & the Ryan's who were guests became the newest members of GNS. Congratulations go out to this chapter. In **November** they were at Bluebonnet Ridge

in Terrell. Bob & Ann Kriesman were visitors. **December** brought them to North Texas Airstream Park in Hillsboro with 12 rigs & 2 drive-ins. The MacKinnon's brought guests Howard & Sherry Coe.

Lone Star Single Sams camped in **October** at American RV in Corsicana with 13 rigs. The 2 visitors were Fran Grochowski & Philip Wood. They voted Philip in as their new member, congratulations go out to this chapter also. In **November** they camped at Lazy L in Corsicana with 12 rigs & 1 drive-in for Thanksgiving. **December** brought them to Blue Bonnet Ridge with 8 rigs & 1 drive-in.

Ramblin Sams camped at Lazy L in Sherman in **October** with 8 rigs & 1 drive-in. On Saturday after dinner they played Bingo plus the Silent Auction was a success that brought in \$104 for the chapter..John & Jimmie Lou discovered that Orlando not only recognizes the motor home but knows when he wants to go in after his nightly walk. The 4 couples that attended the Fall Samboree had a good time & Margaret Spiva won the 5/50. No newsletters received for November or December.

No news received from **Tex-Suns Sams** for this quarter.

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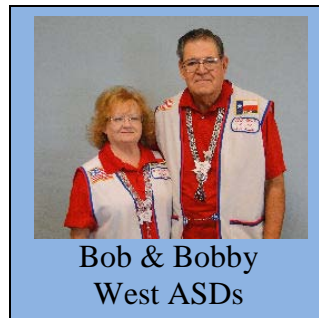
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Chuck Wagon Sams

Newsletter Editor Marilyn Jackson

October Campout

We could not have asked for better weather in spite of the rain everyone had earlier in the week. Eight rigs plus guests Treg & Anna Lou Towery made the campout. The Herb Festival at Lampasas was great. Most of us visited the booths downtown while some of the men played golf. It didn't start raining Sunday morning until most of us had already packed up and left. Several enjoyed dinner Friday night at the Fireside Barbecue and Saturday night we ate at the Yumm Factory. Everyone enjoyed playing Hand & Foot, Skipbo and Farkle.



Bob & Bobby
West ASDs

November Campout

We had ten rigs plus guests Brad & Kim Hipple from Hilltop Lakes. The rain did not hinder any of us much. Lunch at Oscar Store was great. What a variety of food! And the service was superb. Louise & LeeRay Chollett drove in to join us for lunch. The Hand & Foot tournament was great fun. Winners were Curtis Pogue, Tregg Towery and Bear Taff. We presented them with some pumpkin trophies. Somehow Curtis got the one that looked like a turkey. Maybe it had some-thing to do with his cute little dance when he won. We just had a lot of fun. Welcome to new members Brad & Kim Hipple. Their address is P. O. Box 1650, Hilltop Lakes, TX 77871. Phone numbers are 732-610-5963 for Brad and 732-610-5962 for Kim. E-mail address is house2go61@aol.com. We are delighted to have them join our chapter and look forward to seeing them as often as they can join us. Don Woodard sent them our way. Thanks, Don!

December Campout

We had 13 rigs present for our Christmas party and had a great time. I think Travis McCormick had to select a gift about six times because people kept taking his gift away from him and Norma Burns had to select several as well. It was great fun. We were very happy to see Lou & Tregg Towery there in spite of her broken leg. Hope she is doing much better by now. Everyone enjoyed playing Hand & Foot, Tick, SkipBo, and Pegs & Jokers. The food was excellent and we snacked on it most of the day

Comanche Peak Sams

Newsletter Editor Judi Jensen

October Campout was at Riverview R V Park in Waco TX. We had a very good turnout with 11 rigs, and 3 visitors. The Davis's were voted in as members.

Samboree We had 4 rigs at the Samboree. The attendees had a good time and did well in the game competition. Winston and Nona won first place in the Potty Race. Sharon won first place in Joker. Larry won first place in Forty Two. Pepper (Sanjo's new

puppy) won first place in the pet contest. Winston won second place in Joker. Larry won second place in Golf.



Comanche Peak winners at the Samboree



Sanjo Koen & Winston Nickel carrying the Flag at the Samboree

November Campout

Boone R V Park, Lampasas, TX.

Hosts: Tipton's & Nickel's

Dinner on the 9th was potluck.

10th 10:00 A.M. business meeting then Ladies day out.

We elected new officers for 2011, at our meeting

December Campout

R V Ranch, Burleson

Hosts: McIntire Lewis & Webb

Hosts furnished Spaghetti & Meatballs, Chicken Spaghetti, and garlic bread members brought a salad or dish to go with this. Tues 7th 5:30 was potluck Potluck .

Wed. 8th 9:30 A.M. we held our business meeting and installation of Officers. Lunch was at Babes. We enjoyed bean-bag baseball and the Progressive tour of Homes (R.V.'s)

After leftovers, we had a 42 Tournament. Thurs. was the Granbury Tour of Homes and at 5:00 P. M. we had our Christmas Party with snacks & Christmas Goodies and enjoyed the Chinese Gift Exchange. comanchepeaksams.freewebspace.com

Cotton Palace Sams

Newsletter Editor Shirlene Lands

October Campout

We had 36 people at Raymond's in Lorena, six were former members. If you missed it, you missed a good fellowship

November Campout

Our campout at NTAC in Hillsboro was a great success. Our hosts, Shirlene Lands and the Roses provided a sausage and biscuit breakfast on Friday morning. Some of us went to Willie's Place in Carl's Corner for dinner and Bob West joined us for games and fellowship afterward. We had a catered meal by Curtis Weithorn on Saturday night.

December Meeting

We had a great time at Raymond's in Lorena; a good meal and lots of fellowship. We swore in our new officers and took pictures for the web page. Toys were collected for "Toys for Tots". cottonpalacesams.texasgoodsams.com

Lake Pat Sams

Newsletter Editor Randy Grinnell

October Campout

How great it is! We had 13 rigs at NTAC Hillsboro, also 2 drive-ins, Gary & Denise Robinson and C.W. and Mae Griffith and son. Again we had to sample the food at some local eateries plus enough food for a small army at the potluck dinner on Wednesday. It looks like we will have a good showing at the State Samboree in Abilene with about 10 rigs. Most will arrive together to park together.

November Campout

We sat a record at Mitchell RV Park for our November camp-out. 19 rigs came for our gathering, that is more than any current member can remember. We also had 2 drive-ins and 1 visitor. And to think, it hasn't been very long since we had as few as 6 or 7 at a camp-out. Guess we are doing something correctly, like talking to potential members we meet, like Ronnie and Patsy Shafer, who just joined us as new members. Glad to have them with us in Lake Pat Sam. We sure had plenty to eat. Monday the Richey's cooked up a big pot of stew, on Tuesday the Shafer's furnished brisket and Wednesday we had our chapter furnished hamburger cookout. More food than we could possibly eat of course. We had a good time with the silent auction. We all have things laying around the house we no longer need and someone else would like to have, so what better way to get rid of it than sell it at a silent auction and the chapter profit from it. A lot of good stuff was there to bid on.

We had a good turnout at the Texas Fall Samboree in Abilene too. 13 members were able to be there. We attended to the popcorn and soda for 3 nights rather than the 1 we were scheduled for. All had a good time.

December Campout

Lake Pat Sams had another great Christmas party at Lake Whitney RV Community.

We had 16 rigs and 3 drive-ins. On Monday the Chaffin's and Neal's provided us with a fantastic breakfast of sausage, biscuits, gravy, and eggs. Then we had a wonderful feast on Wednesday followed by a Chinese gift exchange in the afternoon. A lot of swapping (stealing?) of nice gifts. Some had to swipe an item back several times before they were able to keep it. It was nice to see everyone have a good time and in the Christmas spirit. A lot of laughs were had by all. Our own ASD Bob West preformed the installation of the new chapter officers for us. patdmax@yahoo.com



Lake Pat gathered for New Years Eve at Lake Whitney State Park

Santa Fe Sams

Newsletter Editor Cynthia Moates

October Campout

Our campout for October was held at Coffee Creek RV Park in Santo. It was a lovely park with a beautiful club house, large pull through spaces and an interesting gift shop. We had 13 rigs, 1 cabin rental and 4 drive-ins in attendance. We enjoyed a delicious meal of hot dogs with lots of extras, side dishes and desserts. Entertainment was provided by Harold and Clara Billings and we played Knock. We had an interesting time trying to figure strategy for this game and finally decided that very little strategy is required. Needless to say we had lots of fun. Thank you Harold and Clara.

The Dogs for the Deaf newsletter was displayed and "T" and the folks at The Village made another generous contribution to this worthy cause.

Nominations for recipients for our Christmas fund were presented and the fund will be divided between Jayce Couch, the Jansen's great grandson, who is recovering from surgery and Lana Newman who is in treatment for very serious cancer of the bone.

The nominating committee presented the proposed slate of officers for the coming year.

November Campout

The November campout at Coffee Creek RV Park was well attended. This is a lovely facility with very friendly and accommodating hosts. Chuck Willoughby entertained the group with beautiful music both Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning at our worship service. Thanks, Chuck, for sharing your enormous talent with us.

December Campout

Let's everyone take a break attend the ***Santa Fe Sams Christmas party at Ayala's in Acton , Saturday, December 4 at 12:00.*** Each person is to bring a \$10 gift for the Chinese Gift Exchange. Men bring men's gifts and women bring women's gifts. This is always lots of fun. We will order from the menu with each person or couple being responsible for their meal. carindon@flash.net

Tejas Travelers

Newsletter Editor Janet Schuetz

October Campout

Regular campout: 12 rigs were present at Brazos River RV Park and one drive in.. Under Old Business the Fall Samboree was discussed and who was going:Schuetz, Swanks, Richard Nonamaker and the Speas. Some are leaving early in the week and the Schuetzs are leaving on the 30th.

November Campout

10 rigs were present plus one drive in at Riverview RV in Waco. We were also visited by ASD's Bob & Bobbie West who were camping with a chapter from Area 4; Rigs A Mortis Sams. Bob gave a report on the Samboree and discussed the Spring Mini Rally in Waco.

The chapter collected food for families at the Sam's store in Bellmead. We have adopted a family for Christmas. The childrens ages are 15, 13 & 11. The chapter will also give \$200.00 to the Family Abuse Center.

December Campout

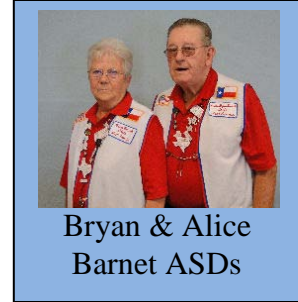
12 rigs and 2 drive ins were present for our Christmas camp[out at American RV in Corsicana. We enjoyed finger foods and played games on Friday night. Our Christmas dinner on Saturday was furnished by the chapter and afterwards we exchanged gifts. richardnonamaker@yahoo.com

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ORANGE GATOR SAMS

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In **October** members where to go to Rayford Crossing RV Park to go shopping in Spring. The place to go in **November** was Whispering Creek RV Park. In **November** some of the members went to the Syrup Festival, also the Autumn Feat. In **December** members were to go to the Louisiana boat parade at Breau Bridge.

PIRATE SAMS

Poche's RV Park in Breaux Bridge, La. was the place for the campout in **October** with eighteen rigs on the ground, including two visitors and some people stayed in the cabins. Bud and Lynn Richards and Bill and Jan Reynolds were the visitors. There were eleven rigs rolling in to Lake Conroe KOA at Montgomery for the campout in **November**. Members voted to continue the support for the Women's Shelter. Everyone enjoyed the campout at Northshore RV Resort at Onalaska in **December** with fourteen rigs. A motion was made to donate \$150.00 to Dogs for the Deaf and \$150.00 to Special Olympics, the motion carried.

Happy Camping and Fellowship to All
Alice & Bryan Barnett, ASD's

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DOGWOOD SAMS

November 1-3 found the Dogwood Sams at Whispering Pines RV at Red Springs with 10 rigs enjoying the fall colors and temperatures. Tuesday and Wednesday there was quite a bit of wet stuff, but it had been a long time since we had seen such and had a hard time remembering what it was called!! A lot of game playing went on, but the whopper of a jigsaw puzzle did not get completed. We did not give up...just ran out of time. We had potluck on Tuesday and ate out at Petty's in Lindale on Wednesday with very generous portions of delicious food.



Betty & Joe Hatch attended the Fall Samboree in Abilene. Betty served donuts one morning.

New officers were elected with only one change, Tony Hill will serve as Vice President.

The **December** campout was to be held at Salmon Lake in Grapeland on Nov. 29-Dec. 1 with a Christmas Buffet on Tuesday. Members were reminded to bring Christmas cards to exchange and canned or non-perishable boxed goods for donation to the charity "Our Father's House" (a guest house for families visiting incarcerated family members). Dalton Cotton will collect and deliver the food items.

GOLDEN ROLLERS

October campout was held at Pelican Isle RV Resort in Kerens with 7 rigs present. Everyone seemed pleased with the park, but the fishing was not very good. Next year we will go in May.

It was a long drive into Corisicana to eat at the Sirloin Stockade, but it was worth it.

Sue and Wendy had truck problems, but drove up Saturday to visit.

The business meeting was held Friday evening with the election of new officers.

November campout found the Golden Rollers at Watts RV Park in Gilmer on the 12th-13th. Did not find out how many rigs were there.

Sue and Wendy got there with their trailer and were voted in. Glad to have new members.

Jerry caught the largest and the smallest fish. Did he only catch 2 fish and no one else caught any? Was the largest a keeper and did Vi cook it for him? Guess we will find out when we get to Ajax Dec. 10th-11th. Ajax still does not have a club room.

LUFKIN SAMS

October games day was held on the 2nd at the Chamber of Commerce Community Room, 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. with Nell and Larry Hill as hosts with 13 present.

The **October** campout was held at Rayford's Crossing R. V. Resort, Spring, Tx. with 5 rigs present.

November games day was hosted by Raymond and Gerry Dunkin on the 6th at the Chamber of Commerce Community Room from 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

The **November** campout was held at Whispering Pines R. V. Resort, Tyler, Tx.

The Lufkin Sams had 31 present at their Christmas Party at Ralph and Kacoo's on **December** 4th

LUF-TO-GO SAMS

In **October** the campout was held at Salmon Lake, Grapeland, Tx. 20th-22nd with 3 rigs present. Frank & Marilyn had to leave early Saturday morning to go to the Fall Samboree in Abilene as new ASDs for Area 1 & 16. Joe & Dolores had rig problems and drove up in the car for the day. As always there were games, talking, lots of eating and TV watching. Marilyn had resigned as secretary in September after being appointed ASD along with Frank. Patsy Colbert had graciously stepped up and filled the office. Thank you Patsy for accepting the position. You will do a great job.

November campout was held at Northshore RV Park in Onalaska with 4 rigs present. Frank and Marilyn had rig problems and camped with Elvis and Peggy making 9 members present.

We had soup and desserts on Thursday. We had potluck Friday and ate at Catfish King on Saturday. This group does not know the four letter word **D-I-E-T**. Eating is what we do best!!! Of course, a campout would not be complete without a little shopping trip, so everyone went to the Factory Outlet before lunch. I'm sure they worked up a good appetite, not that it takes any work!

December 2nd - 4th found 6 member rigs and 2 visitor rigs present at Heartland RV Park in Riverside, Tx., for a total of 8 rigs present.

Frank and Marilyn drove over in the car for the day Friday for the Christmas Party (their rig is still not fixed). We had games, visiting, TV, finger foods, sweets, gift exchange (Chinese style), Christmas card swap and lots of laughter and fun.

Saturday morning the ovens were blazing as the Christmas luncheon was being prepared. We had a feast fit for a King...or two...or three!!!! The afternoon was spent visiting, laughing, watching football on TV and a little cat napping. Everyone enjoyed a few leftovers that night just because they were too good to leave along.

LUMBERJACK SAMS

The **October** campout was held at Staway Ranch near Athens, Tx. There were 9 rigs present including the Vests who were guests for the second time.

The David Shows provided an excellent Ham dinner.

The nominating committee selected a slate of candidates for officers for 2011.

November campout was on 19-21 at Rio Ranch RV, Canyon Lake.

December campout was on 10-12 at Camp Tonkawa, Nacogdoches. Ten (10) member rigs were present and several of the old timers came around for games and food: Gail Hinton, Pat and Weldon Smith, Odis and Patricia Hughes and Jeannie and Everet Stevens. The pot luck was great and no one went away hungry. A Christmas service was presented by the Shows and Ken Wood led the group in carols.

ROSE CITY SAMS

Starting Sunday with 2 more rigs coming in on Monday, Shallow Creek R.V. Park at Gladewater was the campout site for 14 rigs in **October**. They played marbles and bridge and both games had to share Peggy Larison. She was really in demand. Nice to be so popular, right Peggy.

Monday was a beautiful day, so Jerry got the old clubs out and golfed a little. We were excited to hear he won, but then we found out he was playing by himself. Everyone seemed to be moving slow and it took a while for the games to start. Once we got started there was no stopping us. That night we did what we do best. I mean we do this even better than playing games or visiting, we started to eat. We had a Mexican dinner complete with Chicken Enchiladas, salad, dips, beans and, of course, dessert. Then we got back to visiting and playing games, the second two things that we do best.

Tuesday started out slow too, that is until lunch time. Quite a few went over to Longview and had lunch at the Butcher Block. What a burger mmmmmmmmmgood. Others went over to Kilgore to McKay's Buffet. That is delicious, also. What a decision everyone had to make - where to go eat. That evening we had our singing followed by our business meeting.

As everyone knows by now our good time came to an abrupt end when C. V. was involved in a freak accident and was hit by a car and died on Tuesday evening. Everyone will miss him very much so, please, continue to keep Mary and her family in your prayers.

In **November** Rose City Sams met at Lake Athens Marina, Athens, Tx. with 12 rigs and 2 driving in. Of course, the games started right away. Since the Texas team, (you know....the Cowboys) were playing Sunday night and had a new coach, everyone wanted to see what they would do. So-o-o-o-o, Shirley Hale brought her TV from their rig to the REC room so we could all watch the game. Would you believe.....THEY WON!!!!!!! Everyone was thrilled. It had been a long time since we had seen them win a game.

Monday morning the air around the campground was filled with the aroma of burnt toast. That ole toaster just would not pop up when it was finished, would it Brevard? After a breath taking few minutes, and opening the door, and disarming the smoke alarm, everything got back to normal. Later we all decided to visit Beans & Burgers for lunch. Of course, we start off with the bowl of beans, then comes the burgers, fries, chicken spaghetti, etc to fill our tummies, then the topping off of your favorite flavor of ice cream. Boy, don't we need all that!!!! Then back to the campground for more games. Ray and Rita drove in and the table of bridge players came to life. Monday night, Shirley Hale and the ladies had prepared a meal of several different soups with all the trimmings that go with it, as well as luscious desserts. We all ate again. So good....thanks Shirley and all of you ladies. One thing for sure....no one goes hungry!!! There was enough left-over for a soup supper on Tuesday night. Oink, Oink.

Tuesday was visiting, which is always enjoyable, and more games. Ken & Betty Richey drove over in time to go to lunch with us and we sure didn't want to miss that. It was pretty cool, but we walked next door to the Marina for a fish dinner. Then back to the Rec room for games and fun. Tuesday night was the sing-a-long with Jake Sims leading us. Jerry Morris on the guitar and BJ Morris on the keyboard. Brevard led several songs and Paul, Betty, Durene and Jake sang some special numbers for us. It is so great that we can set aside some special time to sing praises to our Lord.

After singing we held our business meeting with new officers in charge. We were reminded of our annual Christmas luncheon at Traditions in Tyler on December 9th at 11:00.

We voted again to give our donations to "Path" and "Meals on Wheels" on Thanksgiving in the amount of \$400.00 each.

A Thank You note was read from Mary Pickett & family for plants and the loving response and comfort they received from our Chapter in the death of long-time member and loving, companionate friend, C. V. Pickett. The Pickett's will be greatly missed.

The meeting was adjourned and back to games. Wednesday morning we all loaded up and headed out.

In **December** we had our annual Christmas luncheon at Traditions. We had a good turn out and it sure was good to see everyone again. B. J. Morris played the piano and Jake led us in a few Christmas Carols. We will be going to Mineola in February for our first campout of 2011.

Our Chapter had a pretty good year but we did have our sad moments. In January Percy Thedford passed away, then Mae Gaiser in June, Randall Stephens in August and C. V. Pickett in October. I know that I speak for everyone when I say these four members are greatly missed and I think as we celebrate this holy season we should remember them in our prayers along with their families

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AREA 17



Don & Shirl
Prater ASDs

Collin County Travelers camped in Gilmer at Watts RV Park in **October** with 11 rigs. Since the Yam Festival was going on there was a parade, rides, exhibits & food to consume. Update on the Mac & Cheese was 370 boxes brought this month making a grand total of 4,301 for the year, this means that 12,903 meals were provided.

They announced that they are losing members Mary & Billy Bruce due to Mary going into an extensive MS therapy program & also taking care of her mother. No **November** campout. The **December** campout was at North Texas Airstream Park with 9 rigs & all the ladies pitched in to prepare the Christmas feast. Activities were a Brown Bag supper on Friday & a Spaghetti dinner on Saturday. The Pierce's requested prayer for the Dark Course 3rd Battalion of the Marines who have lost 9 members in four days. Other activities included Bingo & an Ornament exchange.

Garland Sams October campout was the trip to Choke Canyon State Park in Three Rivers with 8 member rigs & 2 visitor rigs. The overnight campout was at Braunig Lake RV park & then on to the state park but not before the supposedly (free) breakfast which actually cost \$4.00 much to everyone's surprise. The trip was great & on the arrival Jim Bothwell had prepared an awesome Fish Fry along with help from some of the others. The next day was a trip to King Ranch as well as an unexpected side trip to A&M Kingsville & lunch at Lydia's then on to the Henrietta Chamberlain King Museum. The Dolbys & Hazelwoods hosted a great breakfast on Tuesday followed by the business meeting, then a chapel service. Wednesday they headed to the aircraft carrier USS Lexington in Corpus Christi followed by lunch at U & I restaurant. Thursday was a Hamburger cookout & a birthday celebration for Lou Brush & Ed Dolby. Friday & Saturday were departure days. The **November** campout was at Staway Ranch with 15 rigs & 1 visiting couple the Beasleys became members. In the afternoon they played Sandbag Baseball, Jokers, Progressive Rummy, Skip-Bo, Mexican Train, Washers & Hillbilly golf The **December** campout was at Watts RV park in Gilmer with 15 rigs present & visitors Don & Shirl Prater. It was a GREAT campout with a white Christmas tree & lots of other decorations. Thanks went to Kyle Clevenger who always flies the American Flag at each campout Lots of games were played which included 42 & Jokers. Installation of the new officers was conducted by Wanda Price who presented a small gift to each officer with something that pertained to each of them. The grand finale was the catered dinner & gift exchange.

In **October Jolly Good Sams** camped at Red Willow in Chico with 12 member rigs. The men surprised the women by fixing breakfast on Monday. Later they had a Bocci Ball game followed by a Bean Bag tournament. Congratulations go to JGS for their new members Dick & Pam Ness. The **November** campout was at Whispering Pines. **December** was their Christmas get-together at Golden Corral in Mesquite where Don Prater installed the new officers.

Lake Texoma camped at the Fall Samboree in Abilene with 5 rigs in **October**. It was reported that the Inmans are back from their 16,000 mile trip to the Northwest, Alaska & Canada. **November** was a meeting at Gander Mountain in Sherman with 18 members & 3 visitors. The **December** Christmas meeting was the annual Christmas party at the Inmans home where Don Prater installed the new Officers.

Metro-tex camped at Campers Paradise in Bowie with 16 rigs in **October**. In **November** they camped at RV Station in Colbert, Ok with 11 rigs & 3 couples came in to visit for the day. The **December** Christmas campout was at Webb Hill in Wolfe City followed by the New Year campout at Staway Ranch.

Plano's October campout was at Quintana Beach down by Galveston with 7 rigs. Guests included Carl & Marjie Nicholas & Joe & Jannette Richardson. Their president Tom McAnally was having back surgery while Marie Hilliard is recovering from open heart surgery. The **November** campout was at Camp Tonkawa Springs. On Friday the Lane's arrived for the Brown Bag dinner and Hand & Foot. Saturday they went to Nacogdoches for the Farmers Market & Trade days. The **December** campout was at American RV in Corsicana but they found out there is new owners & the clubhouse was closed for remodeling but they made do in a section of the Office until the owner promised they would be in the clubhouse by New Years. Activities included a trip to CiCi's, a game of Jokers, the girls went to the Vanity Fair Outlet Mall while the guys went to check out a new park between Corsicana & Waco called Liberty Hill Park on Navarro Mills Lake. It is similar to Burns Run West.

The **October** campout for **Texas North Star Sams** was at Fort Richardson State Park and **November** was at Whispering Pines. Their prospective members are the Greenspans, Martins, Amarals & the Tanners who all have expressed an interest in their chapter. Dave & Kathy were back after their work camping on Chesapeake Bay. At the business meeting the 4 couples joined the chapter then they had a game of Bean Bag Baseball between the women & the men. The Christmas party in **December** was at the Country Place Clubhouse in Carrollton which was when they brought items for the adopted family for Christmas.