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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Well, here it is mid-October! Fall has arrived and before long we will be wondering what happened to 2020. Hopefully, 2021 will not be filled with so many surprises.

In September we “gathered” at Coffee Creek in Santo, Texas. Ten (10) rigs appeared. A good time was had by all. Because this was a rescheduled event, there was no host. All the campers pitched in and would you believe there was an abundance of snacks and food. Great job to all who attended.

October we “gathered” in Glen Rose, Texas, for the first time in several years. This time 11 campers made the trip. The campground was packed with family reunions, young campers and lots of children. Marjorie and Cecil Lawrence were our hosts and they did a great job! THANKS!

Next month we are off to Bedrock in Grand Saline, Texas. If you have not changed your schedule, remember that our Christmas Party has changed locations from Hillsboro to Corsicana the first week end of December. Hope everyone will make plans to attend so we can begin the Holidays together.

Good Sam chapter activities are still on “PAUSE.” We have heard nothing about reactivation or reorganization. There have been telephone conversations between the CEO and State Directors but no news about restarting activities.

At the September meeting the campers caravanned to Midlothian to celebrate one of our own: Jimmy McDonald. We were joined by several more DFW Sam members to support Judy. Our own James Parker led the service. We will remember Jimmy as a person who never met a stranger and who worked tirelessly at any job that needed to be done. Jimmy will be missed by all.

We are in the final stages of dues collection and notifying the state of our current membership. Currently there are 18 paid members. If you have not paid, this could be your last newsletter.

Looking forward to seeing a good group at our next “gathering” in Grand Saline. Be safe, stay healthy, and drive carefully.



SEPTEMBER MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The September gathering met at Coffee Creek in Santo, Texas. There were 10 rigs on the ground.

Larry Walker opened the meeting with discussion regarding the continued Good Sam “pause” and the state and local mini-rallies scheduled for 2021. The State Rally is scheduled for April 8 through 11. Early parking is Monday, April 5th. It will be held at the Canton Civic Center. The mini-rally is scheduled for September 15 through 19. Early parking begins September 12, also in Canton.

Larry stated that Ron Bouillion was re-elected as State Director for another two year term, as he was unopposed. The Treasurer will be up for election in 2021.

Chuck Hayes discussed what he has “heard” about the pause. Allegedly the chapters are allowed to operate as usual. He also stated the Delmars were stepping down as Assistant Directors.

Cecil Lawrence discussed the 2021 camping schedule. Our October campout is at Glen Rose, and reservations are required. They also require a credit card for deposit. The Lawrence and the Schnepf's are hosts.

It was announced that dues are due this month. Be sure to include four Good Sam membership number and expiration date.

Chuck mentioned Camping World is now referencing membership in local chapters in their magazine.

OCTOBER MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

We met at Oakdale RV Park in Glen Rose, Texas. Larry Walker called the gathering to order by offering a prayer.

Larry reported that we had not heard anything from the State Director or the Assistant State Director.

Cecil Lawrence reported 10 rigs on the ground, one drive-in, and one guest.

Our December campout will be Dec. 3-6 at the American RV Park in Corsicana. We will need to make our own reservations, and please also let Cecil now whether or not you are coming and date of arrival. A sign-up sheet for food for the Christmas luncheon, which will be catered and hosted by the officers, will be provided at the November campout.

Cecil stated he is working on finding parks for the 2021 camping year.

Marjorie stated she is working on the newsletter. She said we would have leftovers for supper tonight.

Before Larry adjourned the gathering, he announced the time we would be leaving for Midlothian.



Cecil Lawrence celebrated his 80th birthday at Oakdale!

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Melvin Mann will begin receiving radiation in December for a four month period. With Melvin's usual confidence he believes that this is going to work. His positive attitude has assisted him greatly throughout his entire process. Kathy says that the doctors consider him a "wonder" patient.

Cecil Lawrence has his cardio version (heart rhythm shock) on October 16. It worked. He feels fine. Now he has to become accustomed to a CPAP machine. He feels it interrupts his sleep, but managed to get 5 and a half hours of sleep during the first night's use.

Marsha Marino had recovered enough to drive to the September gathering in Glen Rose. It was wonderful to see her. She finally has the results of a CAT scan to know whether her broken knee has healed sufficiently for her to remove the brace. The answer is YES! She can take it off and put it back on if the leg gets tired.

Traci Ortiz, Jill and Pat Schnepf's daughter, has a 90% recovery from her recent brain surgery and is now on her own. She no longer needs Mom's help. Yeah!

Please offer your prayer to Tommy and Barbara Michaels on the loss of their son, Steve Michaels. We know that their hearts are heavy with grief at this time.

Also, please offer your prayers to Judy McDonald and her family members for their loss of Jimmy. Our members also feels Jimmy's loss deeply.

ANNIVERSARIES

NOVERMBER, 2020

<i>Dick & Terri Fletcher</i>	<i>Nov. 28</i>	<i>52 years</i>
<i>Maurice & Merrily Stanglin</i>	<i>Nov. 19</i>	<i>35 years</i>
<i>Lester & Diana Kimble</i>	<i>Nov. 24</i>	<i>58 Years</i>

DECEMBER, 2020

None



BIRTHDAYS

NOVEMBER, 2020

<i>Marjorie Lawrence</i>	<i>Nov. 4</i>
<i>Pat Schnepf</i>	<i>Nov. 10</i>
<i>K. R. Martin</i>	<i>Nov. 20</i>

DECEMBER, 2020

<i>Judy McDonald</i>	<i>Dec. 3</i>
<i>Mable Thompson</i>	<i>Dec. 15</i>
<i>Chuck Hayes</i>	<i>Dec. 16</i>
<i>Orville Barnhart</i>	<i>Dec. 17</i>
<i>Pennie Walker</i>	<i>Dec. 17</i>
<i>Pat Crabtree</i>	<i>Dec. 20</i>

NOVEMBER OUTING

Date: November 12-15, 2020

Place Bedrock RV Park
1995 Co. Road 1803
Grand Saline, Texas 75140
903-372-1451

(Bedrock only accepts cash or checks, no credit cards. The cost is \$29.00 per night)

DIRECTIONS:

Go East on I-20 to Hwy 19 (exit 527). Take a left (North) for approximately 8 miles. Turn right on Hwy. 80 for 6 miles to Grand Saline. At the first light (by Sonic), turn left for 1-1/4 miles and make a hair pin turn to the right on County Road 1803. Bedrock will be on your right. There are signs before you get to 1803.

Wagon Master: Cecil Lawrence

Please contact Cecil at 972-849-5453 or e-mail him at cmlawr@tx.rr.com to advise whether you will or will not be attending the campout and when you plan to arrive and leave.

Hosts and Hostesses:

Mike and Pennie Nichols

Thursday: on your own or go out as a group

Friday: go to the Lumberyard Restaurant
as a group

Saturday: community meal

Menu: fried chicken and meatloaf will be
provided by the hosts

Bring a vegetable, salad, bread, or dessert to
share

DECEMBER OUTING

Date: December 3-6, 2020

Place: American RV Park
4345 State Hwy. 31
Corsicana, Texas 75110
903-872-0233

DIRECTIONS:

From I-45 go South to State Hwy. 31 in Corsicana. Go West on State Hwy. 31. American RV Park will be on your left.

Wagon Master: Cecil Lawrence

Please contact Cecil at 972-849-5453 or e-mail him at cmlawr@tx.rr.com to advise whether you will or will not be attending the campout and when you plan to arrive and leave.

Hosts and Hostesses: The Officers

Menu: True Christmas Dinner with all the
trimmings

The turkey and ham will be provided by the club.

Please prepare the food item you signed up to
bring..



IN LOVING MEMORY OF A DEAR FRIEND

Jimmy McDonald, was born at his grandmother's home in Hubbard, Texas, January 29, 1944 to Cecil and Maggie Thomas McDonald. He had 1 brother and 3 sisters. He went to work at a very young age to help his family when his father became ill with multiple sclerosis. Perhaps that is where Jimmy developed his work ethic. Family and friends could always depend on Jimmy. He and his beloved wife, Judy, were married for 55 years. They had 1962. After graduation he worked for General Motors in Arlington for 31 years. He retired from GM in 1993. Somewhere in his working life he also worked for Bean, Massey, Burge, Funeral Home in Grand Prairie, Texas. That is where he became friends with Olan Massey.

He and Judy built a home on 10 acres Midlothian, Texas. Keeping the property ship shape was part of his daily routine. He had a riding lawn mower to keep the grass manicured and several outbuildings in which to house all his tools. He severely injured a leg in a fall trying to trim trees damaged by high winds.

He loved retirement. He and Judy joined our camping group in 2004. When Jimmy became wagon master of our DFW Sam chapter he found his calling. He could help people arrive, set up their rigs, assist with any leaking faucets, leveling of a rig, or faulty wires. He would have plenty of domino players available. His hearty laugh and friendly smile were always evident as he greeted each of us. For those of us who were the recipients of his humor and friendship, we each consider ourselves lucky to have had such a friend.

His darling Judy survives him, along with his children, Mark McDonald and Julie Fallis, and grandchildren Brittany and Tanner Dickerson. Chadwick James was like a son to him. His sisters Romana Archer of Keene, and Ruby Shanks of Arlington also survive him. Jimmy was so good at taking care of friends and family and looked after his sister-in-law Mary McDonald of Waco.

We have all been fortunate that God allowed us to borrow Jimmy before calling him home.