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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

WOW! Winter is upon us! Snow, ice, freezing temperatures—what more could a real camper look forward to? Seriously, I hope everybody is safe, healthy and has no property damage. Heard it was a little chilly in the Valley, so no one escaped this year.

Please join me in welcoming a new member to DFW Sams, Nola Schrum. Nola is a registered nurse and is currently an instructor at Texas Woman's University. In March she will be on her way to the Valley, but will be camping with us in April.

News From GOOD SAM:

- 1. Approved camping and club activities are still on "PAUSE."**
- 2. We have a new ASD. Donna Mann (Arlington Sams) has agreed to take that position. Donna has worked several years with the State Staff at State Rallies and has attended out of state rallies so she brings good experience to her new role!**

- 3. The 2021 State Rally scheduled for April has been cancelled! Our State Director and his staff (Chuck Hayes are working on developing a Virtual Rally for Clubs and members to participate in. Games, speakers, and programs will be available. Watch your email for details. They are planning registration beginning March 15, with the Rally starting April 5.**
- 4. Mark you calendars for a real State Rally scheduled for the week of April 5, 2022 in Canton!**

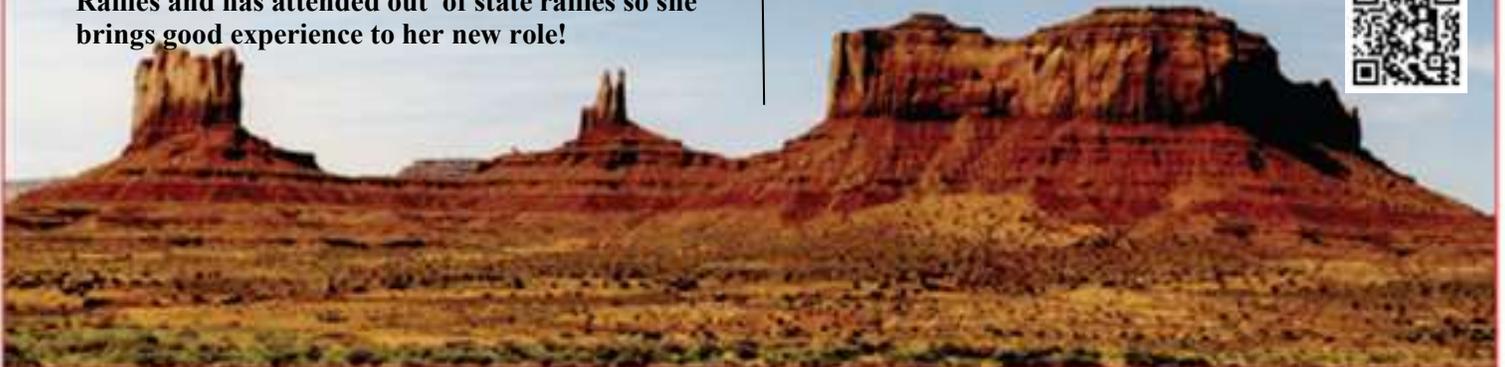
In February before the FREEZE, several of us met for lunch in Arlington. It was good to see familiar faces and catchup on the New Year. It was a great afternoon, sorry so many of you missed it.

By now you should have received the 2021 Camping Schedule. Cecil Lawrence, Wagon Master, has done a great job in planning parks for our "gatherings." As we have been discussing it is not easy finding campgrounds with meeting rooms for our numbers.

As the weather warms up get your rigs ready for the season ahead! We have our first Spring Gathering in Hillsboro March 11-14. The weather should be good so make plans to attend. It would be great to have a nice crowd to start the season!

As always stay safe, stay healthy, drive safely and get your shots. See you in March!

By Larry Walker, President



COLD IN THE VALLEY HIGHLIGHTS

This cactus used to stand straight and tall. Now slumped over and in danger of dying. Our car covered in ice/sleet in the sunny Rio Grand Valley. Just imagine what this COLD weather has done to tender crops being grown down here. Many residents in the area have been without power or water. We were lucky and only lost power for a few hours. We now have a boil water warning (as do



many of you). Stop lights don't work. Banks, grocery stores (Walmart!), gas stations, restaurants are closed because they have no power to run freezers, pumps or access to the internet. Long lines at gas stations that are able to function. Hope all of you are warm and safe.

No matter where we were this winter we all seem to have suffered several weather related problems. Hope each of you is now safe, warm, and have power and water.

FEBRUARY GATHERING HIGHLIGHTS

Eight souls braved the cold and attended the "gathering" at the Candlelight Inn in Arlington,

After our meal, Larry Walker passed out printouts of two emails, one dated January 22 from Jay and Gloria Delmar, and one dated January 31 from Jay, forwarded to Jay from Donna Mann. As many may recall, Jay and Gloria announced that they were stepping down as assistant state directors for our region. In the first email, Jay was asking for a consensus from the area chapters about what to do with the funds and equipment associated with the min-rally. He was asking if it should be donated to the state since there was no one to plan the 2021 mini-rally.

As it turned out, the second email was from Donna Mann, who volunteered to take the assistant state director position, and the funds and equipment will be turned over to her. Jay and Gloria and a host of others will be assisting her with the mini-rally planning, still planned for September.

Larry also announced that he continues to camp with other Good Sam chapters, with the goal being to get enough rigs to meet together so we can satisfy the campground's minimum rig count and get the rally room for free. Many campgrounds are wanting 15 rigs, with a minimum of 10 rigs. Various chapters are having difficulty even meeting the minimums. Each individual chapter would still be autonomous and hold their own "gathering meetings."

Larry announced that there would NOT be a state rally in April at Canton, and that Good Sam was still in "pause" mode. Our March campout is still planned for March 11—14 at Hillsboro, and he hopes we have a good turnout. Marjorie and Cecil Lawrence are hosting.

Because plans for the state rally in April were extremely "iffy," Cecil scheduled our April campout for April at Bedrock, and that is why we are staying at Bedrock two months in a row. Kathy Austin has volunteered to host both April and May campouts and would welcome anyone willing to help her.

On a side note. Penny Nichols apologizes for the mistake about the February meeting posted in the last proposed Campout Schedule. Hope to see you next month in Hillsboro. Just to let you know, the folks in the Valley are experiencing their own issues with power, heat, and water, as well as below freezing temperatures and even ice.

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Kathy Austin lost Melvin Mann to pancreatic cancer in December. Please keep her and his family in your prayers.

Also, all of you know Shirley O'Dell lost her mother, Robbie D. Montgomery, in December. If you want to make a contribution in Robbie's name to The First Christian Church, P. O Box 458, Wylie, Texas 75098, there is still time to do so. As if that wasn't enough to add stress to Shirley's life, her brother and sister-in-law have had Covid-19. They are both recovering, thank the Lord.

Linda and Al Jenkins have had Covid-19 and are recovering. Linda says they had light cases, but are still tired.

Ben and Pat Crabtree have been to heck and back. Both have had Covid-19 and are recovering. Ben had severe problems and was in the hospital several times in Mission (a story in itself). They are now at their daughter's, Barbara, house in Roanoke while Ben recovers. Keep them in your prayers.

A recent text from Terri Fletcher says they are hosting several people who have no power/water. Hats off to them for their kindness.

The vaccine is now available. Many of our members have gotten vaccinated. It is there if you want it although some procedures are easier than others.

ANNIVERSARIES

MARCH, 2021

None

APRIL, 2021

None

BIRTHDAYS

MARCH 2021

<i>Don Hafer</i>	<i>March 13</i>
<i>Tommy Michaels</i>	<i>March 15</i>
<i>Linda Donihoo</i>	<i>March 22</i>
<i>Terri Fletcher</i>	<i>March 23</i>

APRIL, 2021

<i>Joyce Kibbe</i>	<i>April 2</i>
<i>Margie Duncan</i>	<i>April 9</i>
<i>Sharon Lambert</i>	<i>April 10</i>
<i>Al Jenkins</i>	<i>April 16</i>



MARCH OUTING

Date: March 11– 14, 2021

Place Airstream RV Community
200 Walnut Hill Ave., No. 1
Hillsboro, Texas 75140
254-582-5566

REMINDER: Airstream only accepts cash or checks. No credit cards. Cecil will collect payments on Saturday.

DIRECTIONS:

Go South in I-35W or I-35E to Hillsboro State Highway 22. East on State Highway 22 approximately 1/4 mile. Turn right on Walnut Hill Ave to the park.

Wagon Master: Cecil Lawrence

Please contact Cecil at 972-849-5453 or email 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. You do not need to call the park to make a reservation.

Hosts and Hostesses:

Cecil and Marjorie Lawrence

Thursday: on your own
Friday: on your own
Saturday: community meal

Menu: Cabbage Patch Stew
Bring a vegetable, salad, bread, or dessert to share. Also, bring a bowl for the stew.

APRIL OUTING

Date: April 8-11, 2021

Place: Bedrock RV Park
1995 VZCR 1803
Saline, TX 75140
903-372-1451

REMINDER: Bedrock only accepts cash or checks. No credit cards. Cecil will collect payments on Saturday.

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 right onto CR. 1802. Bedrock will be on you right. (there are signs before you get to 1803).

Wagon Master: Cecil Lawrence

Please contact Cecil 972-549-5453 or email 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:

Kathy Austin

Thursday: on your own
Friday: on your own
Saturday: community meal

Menu: POT LUCK meal. Bring a meat, vegetable, salad, bread, or dessert to share.