

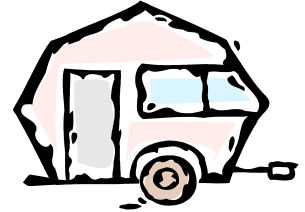
# NEWSLETTER



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## **Cool Sam's Chapter Texas Good Sam's Club Area 2 November/December 2015**

The November campout was held at Mill Creek Ranch Resort in Canton, TX, November 12-15, 2015. Those attending were Don & Terry Boldman, Sandy & Ann Cain, Vern & Marilyn Cummins, Al & Marilynn Eisenberg, Jay & Janet Henry, Joe & Dee Jackson, Cal & Kathy Jennings, Ron & Peggy Kissner, Jim & Zaidy Locke, Sybil Miller, Bob & Judy Norris, Alexis & Tommie Phillpott, Galen & Carol Sloan, Chuck & Sharon Van Tassel, Bob & Alice Vickers, Robert & Sandy Voigt, and Bob & Mary Alice Watson. Julie Lawson, daughter of Don & Terry Boldman, visited on Saturday.



Mill Creek Ranch Resort is a very beautiful park and the lodge and meeting room are also very, very nice; however, the room we met in did not have a kitchen, so a vote was taken not to return to that park. We did have discussions on other places to camp, including state parks. We will have a 2016 Campout Schedule available after all places have been finalized for next year.

Kathy Jennings bingo game was a lot of fun. Everyone really enjoyed playing. We can do it again some time. We also enjoyed shopping and eating in the restaurants in and around Canton. One of the most interesting things some members participated in was a visit to Grand Saline, home of Morton Salt and the Salt Palace. Did you know bacteria cannot live on salt?

We also had a visit with Don Prater, State Director of Texas Good Sams, and his wife, Shirl. They are trying to visit with as many chapters as they can. Since we don't camp too far north in the state, it was the first opportunity to meet with him. One decision we made, as a result of that meeting, was that we prefer to serve Sloppy Joes on Thursday during the State Rally.

Our prayers are with Joe and Dee Jackson. They had to leave the campout on Saturday morning because her niece, who has been suffering with cancer, was near the end. They managed to get home before she passed away. We are all thinking of you guys and wishing you peace.

December Birthdays

8 - Mary Alice Watson

12 - Bob Weggemann

12 - Janet Henry

12 - Vern Cummins

19 - Sandy Cain

December Anniversary

12/4/61 - Chuck & Sharon Van Tassel

The next campout will be December 10-13 at Coushatta Recreation Ranch between Sealy and Bellville. Camping fees are paid to Marilyn are \$22 (cash) or \$24 (check). Call Marilyn as soon as you know what day you will arrive. It is necessary to make your reservation with her. It will be our Christmas dinner and party. The dinner will be Friday, with left-overs on Saturday. The Chapter will furnish a turkey and ham. Members will bring whatever you want to share. Thursday will be the regular salad night. We will also play "Lucky 13 on Thursday, so each member needs to bring \$3 in quarters to play "Lucky 13."

The party and gift exchange will be on Saturday. Men should bring a \$10 gift for a man, wrapped in green and women should bring a \$10 gift for a woman, wrapped in red. Kathy Jennings will read a poem/story for our pass-around gift. That should be a \$1-\$2 wrapped gift. As Kathy reads, we will pass the gift around the circle when she says the words "left" or "right". It's always a lot of fun, although some people have a little trouble knowing their left from their right. But, it all works out eventually.

Ron Kissner has arranged for members to visit a car exhibit in Brookshire on Wednesday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. The cost is \$5. Directions will be furnished. This date was the only time the visit could be arranged. There are a wide variety of cars on display. If you need further details, call Ron.

Keep up with Cool Sams' activities on our website: [www.CoolSams.TexasGoodSam.com](http://www.CoolSams.TexasGoodSam.com). We also have Facebook. If you haven't yet or are unable to get on the Cool Sams Facebook, talk to Alexis.

Terry Boldman, Secretary, Cool Sams Chapter