

HISTORY OF GOOD SAM

IN UTAH

During the summer of 1966, Mr. Raymond D. Joens of Roy, Utah wrote a letter to a magazine by the name of TRAIL-R-NEWS disagreeing with a previous letter which was being critical of RVers in regard to courtesy on highways. Mr. Joens's letter was published in the July issue of the magazine. The letter told of the way in which a RV group, in which Mr. Joens was a member, helped other RVers who were having trouble. They then gave the RVer a card which stated that a local RV group was their "Good Samaritan".

Art Griffin, who was editor of TRAIL-R-NEWS, read Mr. Joens letter and it was in accordance with the ideas he had of forming a RV club, whose aim would be courtesy to fellow travelers and good campground conduct. Mr. Joens had suggested the idea of a logo bumpersticker, or decal, which would identify the occupant of a rig as a person dedicated to these concepts.

Therefore, in the July 1966 issue of TRAIL-R-NEWS, Mr. Griffin published an article stating he would furnish a "Good Samaritan" decal if there was enough interest from the readers. The readers responded immediately and enthusiastically. Mr. Griffin then asked a Los Angeles artist to draw Good Sam and his halo. Mr. Griffin then designed the first bumper sticker with the happy face representing the Good Samaritan.

Mr. Griffin announced in the August issue of TRAIL-R-NEWS that the stickers were free. He also drew up the Good Sam Pledge, which consisted of eight points and included it with the decal. The offer was again carried in the September issue of TRAIL-R-NEWS, and added to the September issue of Camper Coachman, another Griffin publication. It stated that the first 1,000 requests would receive lifetime memberships in the Good Sam Club.

A Mr. Bill Wilson, of Niagara Falls, New York, sent in the first request. Mr. Wilson still displays Good Sam #1 on his rig with a great deal of pride.

The response was overwhelming. Each day about 150 applications were received and in only a little over a week they had their 1,000 applications. Mr. Griffin had to hire help to fill the requests.

Mr. Ray Joens, who started the whole thing, received #367. Some of the other low numbers received in Utah were #93, received by Fred W. McKay, who at the time lived in Salt Lake City, #196 was received by Leland S. Coles, of Ogden; #338 by Leonard L. Ross, of Ogden; #370 by Dayton L. Kelly of Price, who was destined to become the second State Director of Utah; #422 went to Wesley H. Moore of Clearfield; #728 to T. N. Clark of Brigham City; #731 to D. D. Bjorklund of Kaysville; #819 to Hideo Taketa of Salt Lake City; and #997 to Richard A. Elwyn of Salt Lake City.

In order to continue, Mr. Griffin decided that there would have to be a \$5.00 membership fee. Even this didn't stop the flow of applications. It was decided that members up to the 10,000 total would be called lifetime charter members. By early 1967 the 10,000 membership total was reached. It included members from all across the country and there was talk of different benefits and get-togethers.

In the spring of 1967 the first Good Sam Directory was published, with a complete listing of all Good Sam Charter Members and also Lifetime Members. There was a section listing sanitary disposal stations by state. At that time Utah had 10 charter members, by 1971 five of these had dropped their memberships or moved to new regions.

On the evening of March 24th, 1968 Good Sam members who were interested in forming chapters met with Jim Platt, Utah's first state director, at the Vista Liner Factory on 21st south in Salt Lake City. The members attending divided into three chapters by location and straws were drawn to assign chapter numbers. The Salt Lake City group drew #1, Orem-Provo group drew #2, and the Ogden area #3. Each chapter appointed temporary officers.

In the latter part of 1968, Mr. Griffin decided to sell Griffin Publications to Mr. Art Rouse, so Good Sam became part of the Trailer Life Publication family. In 1969 Mr. Rouse decided that if Good Sam was to continue it's growth, it would be necessary for all members to pay dues. He, therefore, abolished the Lifetime memberships. There was a great deal of consternation about this and several chapters withdrew from national Good Sam. The majority of members realized, however, that this was needed if Good Sam was to continue its fantastic growth.

Chapter #1 chose the name "The Ute Salt Shakers" and it is the only one of the three original chapters still in existence.

The second chapter decided to be named "The Timp Travelers". Temporary officers appointed were: President-Dayton Kelly, Price; Vice-President-Merle Ziegler, Orem; Wagonmaster-Jim Newell, Orem; Secretary-Treasurer-Julie Kelly, Price.

The third chapter picked the name "Golden Spikers". It is regrettable, but not much information seems to be had about the early Salt Shakers or the Golden Spikers. Anything that comes to light will certainly be added.

On April 5, 1968 an informal meeting of Good Sam Club members was held in the Orem City Hall, to form a chapter for Utah County and south. The temporary officers aim was to explain to prospective members about the Good Sam Club and its goal. The Dayton Kelly's were planning to attend the 1st National Rally in Las Vegas, Nevada during the middle of April and it was agreed to meet again after the rally to allow them to be able to make a report.

The first national rally of Good Sam was held at a site adjacent to the Showboat Hotel, April 19th to 22nd, 1968. The Dayton Kellys of the original Timp Travelers represented Utah at the outing. Rick Gower, Executive Director of Good Sam, had many activities planned for the group. There were tours of the surrounding area, such as the Lost City Museum. Valley of Fire, the Mint Casino Hotel's counting room, Fremont Street and the strip. Several buses took the groups on these tours and on one outing it is reported that the group would have been lost if Dayton Kelly

had not been talking to people at the Lost City Museum about the desert roads, which were not very well marked at that time.

On Saturday night a banquet was held in the Showboat dining room. Several couples were honored, one for the Good Sam with the lowest membership number, the one who had traveled the greatest distance, and the oldest couple attending-Mr. and Mrs. Frank Foxx of Corvallis, Oregon.

Mother Nature co-operated with beautiful weather, beautiful cactus blooming among green vegetation on the red desert sand, until Sunday when the rally broke up and the wind came, blowing the Good Samers out of town. While there is no record of the attendance at this rally, it was certainly the forerunner of many Good Samborees to come.

On May 3, 1968, the Good Sam members again held a meeting in the Provo City Power building and the temporary officers were sustained in office for a period of 1 year. At this meeting the name Timp Travelers was selected and Wagonmaster Jim Newell made plans for the first outing of the new chapter. The outing was to be on May 18 and 19 at the Lions Park in Moab. There were ten new members signed up that evening. Ten units attended the first outing of the Timp Travelers. The outing held at Lions Park included tours of Dead Horse Point and the Arches National Parks. Monthly meetings or outings all during 1968 were trips such as to the south fork of the Provo River, American Fork Canyon, Geneva Steel Plant and to the Needles outlook.

On May 31, June 1 and June 2, 1968, the first Utah State Rally of the original three chapters was held at Cross Winds Campground in Kaysville. Cross Winds is now known as Cherry Hill Campground. The weather was beautiful and the cherry trees were in bloom. The rally was under the direction of Jim Platt, State Director. Timp Travelers Chapter from Provo had 7 rigs in attendance and signed two new members to their chapter while there.

In April of 1969 the Good Sam Chapter from western Colorado, the Ute Salt Shakers and the Timp Travelers met at Goblin Valley. There were approximately 40 people in attendance. It looked, in the photos taken, like they had a good time even when they were digging trailers out of the sand.

In the summer of 1969, Jim Platt, First State Director of Utah, resigned because he was moving to California and Dayton Kelly, President of the Timp Travelers, was appointed State Director to fill the unexpired term. At the beginning of the year 1970, Mr. Kelly was elected by the chapters to continue in the position, and again in 1971. He retired as State Director on December 31, 1971.

Throughout 1969, outings were made to Heber City, Joe's Valley, and to Palisade Park, where it took three tow cars chained together to pull Dayton Kelly's rig out of the mud after an after dark attempt to park.

On August 8-10, 1969, the second Utah State Rally was held at the Cross Roads Campground in Kaysville. The weather was co-operative by being clear, although a bit warm. Dayton and Julie Kelly, the State Director and his wife, reported that they were a bit more experienced about rallies and therefore, had more activities planned.

In 1970 during the time Trailer Life was taking over the Good Sam Club, there was a great deal of concern in Utah about the future of Good Sam, but this soon was worked out to the satisfaction of all concerned.

The third rally of the original Utah Good Sam chapters was on April 24-26, 1970. It also was held at the Cross Roads Campground in Kaysville, under the direction of State Director Dayton Kelly. The weather began nicely but as April weather can do, it became quite windy by Sunday. There were twenty-six rigs in attendance. One of the highlights of the rally was when Dayton Kelly received the worst driver award. Apparently he had gotten his rig stuck on an outing and also on one occasion had trouble backing it.

On July 22 through the 26th, 1970, Utah State Director Dayton Kelly and his wife Julie represented Utah at the first national rally sponsored by Trailer Life after taking over TRAIL-R-NEWS and Good Sam Club. The weather was cool and cloudy, with the elevation at about 7,900 at Chateau Chaparral Travel Trailer Resort, near Buena Vista, Colorado. There were 115 rigs and 279 people present. Art and Harriet Rouse, new owner of Trailer Life, was also in attendance.

In the spring of 1971 the directory again listed members but by this time the states had separated into regions and members were listed in their region. The area of Utah north of Salt Lake City, designated as Chapter 3, Golden Spikers, had withdrawn from the Good Sam club leaving Chapter 1, The Ute Salt Shakers with it's President Darrel Anderson, and Orem-Provo area Chapter 2 Timp Travelers with its President Dayton Kelly, who was also State Director.

In the spring of 1972 Gene Piepgrass was nominated for the position of Utah State Director and accepted the nomination. On August 2, 1972 he received confirmation that he would be the State Director and would assume office on January 1, 1973.

On August 22, 1973, Bill Fryer and Jim Folsom with the assistance of State Director Gene Piepgrass reformed the North Utah Golden Spikers. The meeting place was the Civil Air Building at the Ogden Airport. There were 60 members and 9 guests present. Forrest Wing designed a flag and it was accepted. Officers elected were: James E. Folsom, President; Archie Richardson, Vice-President; Caroline Johnson, Secretary; and Nancy Hudak, Treasurer. Bill Fryer became the Wagonmaster, Lee Warn, Publicity Chairman and Chris Markos, Legislative Representative.

The first meeting to organize the Wasatch Wagons was held October 11, 1973, at the Utah Power and Light Building, 1407 West North Temple, Salt Lake City. There were 33 people present and the meeting was conducted by Gene Piepgrass, State Director. At the meeting 24 rigs were signed up for the first year.

There were two names brought up at the meeting to decide on name for the chapter and Wasatch Wagons was chosen by vote. A contest was held for the design of the emblem. Blue and Gold was chosen as the chapter vest colors. Names were drawn for the months to decide who would host the outings. It worked so well they have used that method ever since, except for those who prefer to host a particular month.

Darrell Anderson and Ralph W. Kitchen were two of the presidents serving the Utah Salt Shakers during the years between 1968 and 1974. In 1974 it was noticed that several members had dropped their National Good Sam Memberships. State Director Gene Piepgrass then re-organized the members wanting to stay in Good Sam into the new Ute Salt Shakers and the others dropped out. The charter of the original Salt Shakers was then invalid. The re-organization meeting was held at the Utah Power and Light Building on North Temple, in Salt Lake City on February 20, 1974. Fourteen couples were present and eight other couples who were unable to attend expressed a desire to join. Mr. Roy Cabell was elected President Pro-tem. Other Protem officers were Justin E. Stevenson, Vice-President; Lucille Springman, Secretary; Dorothy Rehan, Treasurer; Carroll Elford, Wagonmaster; Gloria Fechner, Publicity; and Charles Hoffman Legislative Representative. The Pro-Tem officers were elected to serve until October of 1975.

Gradually some members of the Timp Travelers began dropping their Good Sam Club membership, but continued as Timp Travelers. In 1974 the Timp Travelers charter was cancelled by Good Sam International. In August of 1974, the Good Sam members regrouped with the assistance of Frank Geyerman, under the direction of Gene Piepgrass, State Director. A meeting was held at the Department of Utilities Building, 251 West 8th North, Provo, with approximately 30 people in attendance. There was a bit of friction over the name Timp Travelers, so a new name, submitted by Arlene Elder, was voted on and the group became the Utah Trail Dusters.

The officers elected by the group were Jim Lansing, President; Paul Craig, Vice-President; Wagonmaster, Frank Geyerman; Mae Geyerman was chosen Secretary/treasurer, Arthur Elder, Publicity; and Marian Sheffield as Legislative Representative.

The first Utah State rally of the re-organized Good Sams in Utah, featuring a Hawaiian theme, was held at the United Campground at Lagoon on September 27-28-29 1974 with 63 rigs and 136 people present. The Northern Utah Golden Spikers had 16 rigs and 43 people present. There were movies shown, coffee and donut hours, seminars, fashion shows, childrens games, a white elephant auction, luau, dancing, sing-a-longs, plus a meeting at which many decisions affecting Good Sam in Utah were made. There were several visiting directors from other state. Gene Piepgrass, State Director, introduced Newel (Curley) Clark, Idaho State Director; A. H. Wendlant, Washington State Director; and Frank Keiderling, Region 2 Director from Las Vegas, Nevada. Mr. Keiderling announced that there were 100,000 members now in the National Good Sam Club and Utah was holding the sixth State Rally of 1974. The Utah State Director, Gene Piepgrass recognized Ray Joens, one of the original organizers of the Good Sam Club.

It was at this Rally that the first Assistant State Director, Bob Hunter of the Wasatch Wagons, was nominated and elected. It was also decided that there was a need for other state officers. Carol Elford, from the Ute Salt Shakers was nominated and elected as State Wagonmaster. Mary Hinson from the Northern Utah Golden Spikers was nominated for State Secretary. She declined and asked that her name be withdrawn from nomination. Caroline Johnson and Lucille Coates were nominated and Lucille Coates from the Wasatch Wagons was elected Secretary. Ora Pullman, also from the Wasatch Wagons was nominated and elected State Treasurer.

Curley Clark played and sang "The Good Sam" song composed by George Shafer from Blackfoot, Idaho and written to the tune of the "Wabash Cannon Ball". A motion was made and carried that we accept this song as the National Good Sam song.

In 1974 the Northern Utah Golden Spikers returned James E. Folsom to the Presidency, Archie Richardson to Vice-President; and Caroline Johnson to Secretary. Beverly Fryer was elected Treasurer and Jim Street, Wagonmaster. Lee Warn remained as Publicity Chairman and Chris Markos returned for his second term as Legislative Chairman.

The officers chosen by the Wasatch Wagons for 1974 to 1975 were Harry Coates as President; Mac McEwen as 1st Vice-President; David Farrell as 2nd Vice-President; Elaine Wessman as Secretary; Ora Pullman as Treasurer; Carl Woodcock as Wagonmaster and Linda Gilvarry as Publicity Chairwoman. Bobbie Boogert was appointed Historian in 1975 and Bob Hunter and Ernie Wessman were Wagonmasters.

On February 14-15-16, 1975 the first Winter Mini Samboree of Utah was held at Dixie State Park in Snow Canyon, ten miles west of St. George, Utah. As with all Good Sam outings there was a potluck. The State Director Gene Piepgrass and Assistant State Director Bob Hunter were responsible for the planning.

On June 18, 1975 a group met at the Utah Power and Light building on North Temple in Salt Lake City and formed the fifth chapter of Good Sam in Utah, with some assistance from the Ute Salt Shakers and others interested in forming a new chapter. Nominations from the floor were received and the following Pro-tem officers were chosen: President - Charles Nye, Vice-President - Hartley Aires, Secretary - Ruth Tuttle, Treasurer - Violet Tracy, and Wagonmaster, Riley Goodfellow.

At the July 1975 outing at Bear Lake with 17 members present, the Pro-tem board was elected to permanent office, and Lola Lewis was appointed Historian. It was decided that a complete new set of officers would not be chosen at any one time. After many names had been submitted the chapter chose "Beehive Roamers" as its name.

At a State Committee meeting in January of 1975, Bob Hunter, Assistant State Director, was appointed by the State Committee to be Chairman of the 1975 Utah State Samboree. August 8, 9, and 10 were the dates selected in order to not interfere with other state rallies. A Mexican theme was agreed on by the committee. State Treasurer, Ora Pullman suggested "La Fiesta" and it was approved. The Salt Shakers were to be in charge of parking and cleanup; coffee, donuts. The Golden Spikers, Registration, tickets and door prizes. Wasatch Wagons, Food, entertainment, decorations, flyers. Trail Dusters, were to be assigned duties at a later time.

At a meeting in March, Don Moore was appointed to be Mr. Hunter's Rally assistant.

The second State Rally of the re-organized Good Sams of Utah was held at Cherry Hill Campground in Farmington with an attendance of 106 rigs and more than 250 people. There were guests from Pennsylvania, California, Nevada, Arizona and Idaho. There was a potluck on Friday evening and a film on Mexico. Coffee and donuts were served continuously. Pinatas, paper flowers and other memorabilia from Mexico formed the decorations. There were flag ceremonies, a dog show, a spoof fashion show, "bullfight" which was halted when a "girl" cow came on the scene, white elephant auction, catered dinner, breakfast, childrens games and many other forms of entertainment. Dayton Kelly, first Utah State Director, Curley Clark, Past Idaho State Director, and Ben Hoffman, Nevada Director, were honored guests. It was reported that there were 882 Good Sam Members in Utah at this time.

Utah State Good Sam Club officers for 1975-1976 in addition to Gene Piepgrass, State Director were: Bob Hunter, Assistant State Director; Lucille Coates, Secretary; Carroll Elford, Wagonmaster; Ora Pullman, Treasurer and Bobbie Boogert, Publicity.

In 1975 the Northern Utah Golden Spikers elected Willis (Buddy) Hinson as President. Ernest Miller became Vice-President and Ralph Hardy, Secretary. Beverly Fryer returned for her second term as Treasurer, Charles Whitehouse was Wagonmaster, Myrna Benson as Publicity Chairwoman; and Ken Street, Legislative Representative.

The 1975 to 1976 officers of the Utah Trail Dusters were Lloyd Mack serving as President, assisted by John Sheffield as Vice-President; Leonard McGlassen became Wagonmaster; Mary Helen McGlassen, Treasurer; Dayton Kelly was Publicity Chairman and Marian Sheffield was Legislative Representative.

In 1975 the Wasatch Wagon officers elected to the 1975-1976 term were Harry Coates returning as President, with Clayton Phelan taking the office in 1976. 1st Vice-President was David Farrell and Ernie Filion became 2nd Vice-President. Ruth Mehan became Secretary and Ora Pullman returned as Chapter Treasurer. Bob Hunter became Wagonmaster and Margaret Hunter took over as Publicity Chairwoman. Clayton Phelan assumed the post of Legislator, during 1975.

Harry Coates, President of the Wasatch Wagons, led a tag-a-long to St. George, Utah, on October 17-20, 1975. Again the Good Samers rendezvous point was Snow Canyon. It is reported that there was a trip down through Valley of Fire and that there was a bit of golf played.

In 1976 Utah's Good Sam membership stood at 1,200. Good Sam was now international, with 200,000 member families in 25 countries.

Officers of the Ute Salt Shakers #1, who served the chapter in 1976 were: Elmer Butler, President; Ed Rahan, Vice-President; Bula Hoffman, Secretary; Beverly Forman, Treasurer; Carroll Elford, Wagonmaster; Ward Wilson, Publicity Chairman and Charles Hoffman, Legislative Representative.

June 1976 saw many Good Sams going to the rescue of Curley Clark, Idaho State Director, when his ranch near Blackfoot, Idaho was flooded during the collapse of the Teton Dam. Utah State Director, Gene Piepgrass and his wife Mickey, Bob Hunter, Assistant State Director, and his wife Margaret, and Harry and Lucille Coates were there from Utah to help in any way they could. At one point there were ten rigs, representing six states and Alberta, Canada on the ranch as Good Sams helped flood victims.

The first meeting of the Color Country Ramblers was held on July 16, 1976 at the Vermilion Castles Campground near Parowan, Utah. The site was chosen by Jim House, who had initiated the organization of southern Utah Good Samers. There were sixteen charter members present, plus Assistant State Director, Bob Hunter and his wife Margaret, who were guests. The name Color Country Ramblers was chosen by an unanimous vote. Officers chosen were: Rick Williams, President; Cameron Norton, Vice-President; Gladys Williams, Secretary/Treasurer; and Cliff Norton as Wagonmaster.

Governor Calvin L. Rampton proclaimed August 1-7, 1976 as Good Sam Week. The Northern Utah Golden Spikers hosted the Samboree held at the Box Elder County Fairgrounds, in Tremonton from August 6-8. The Samboree, with a western theme, started early Friday morning with a flag ceremony at 5:00 AM, which was under the director of the Tremonton Boy Scouts. There was then a welcome by Mayor Max Mason and other local dignitaries. The local Bi-Centennial band gave a concert, there was square dancing, two catered meals as well as a pot-luck. There were seminars, childrens games, and other usual Samboree entertainment. The local newspapers ran several articles on the Samboree and the merchants of Tremonton extended their welcome by the means of a contest. There were approximately 143 rigs and 340 people in attendance according to the State Publicity Chairwoman, Bobbie Boogert.

The Northern Utah Golden Spikers elected the following officers for 1976: Ralph Hardy, President; Gene Dickenson, Vice-President; Joyce DeHart, Secretary; Jane McCrite, Treasurer; Ray Christensen, Wagonmaster; and Bill Fryer, Legislative Representative. Myrna Benson returned for her second term as Publicity Chairwoman.

G. M. Black was elected by the Utah Trail Dusters as their President, for the 1976-1977 term. Jay Jacobsen served as Vice-President, Leonard McGlassen was re-elected as Wagonmaster, as was the Secretary/Treasurer, Mary Helen McGlassen. Myron Fulrath became Publicity Chairman and Jean Paulsen became Legislative Representative.

The eight chapter of Good Sam in Utah was organized, under the direction of Mary Helen McGlassen, Assistant State Director, in October of 1976 at the club house of the Mona-Lea Mobile Home Park, in Orem, Utah. It chose Timpanogos Roadrunners as the chapter name. President of the Timpanogos Roadrunners for 1976 to 1977 was Durward Nelson. Acting as Vice-President was Ernst Eichler, with Lois Morgan as Secretary/Treasurer and Jack Rowe was Wagonmaster. Melba Kooford handled Publicity, while Ralph Daniels was Legislative Representative.

After serving for four years as State Director for Good Sam in Utah, Gene Piepgrass handed over the duties of the office to Elmer Butler on January 1, 1977. During Mr. Piepgrass's tenure, membership in Good Sam grew from 400 to over 1400. Under Mr. Piepgrass's direction the three original chapters were re-organized (Salt Shakers of Salt Lake, Northern Utah Golden Spikers of Ogden, and Timp Travelers of Provo, now the Trail Dusters.) He also organized four new chapters, The Sun Wheelers, Color Country Ramblers, Wasatch Wagons, and The Timpanogos Roadrunners. Mr. Butler was installed on January 8, 1977 at the Serv-us Drug in Bountiful, Utah. Elmer had been a member of Good Sam for three years and was in his second term as President of the Ute Salt Shakers, when he assumed the Directors post.

The 1977 State Committee in addition to Elmer Butler, State Director were: Assistant State Directors, Mary Helen McGlasson, Farrell Wadsworth, and Jim Folsom. Bula Hoffman was Secretary, Ora Pullman, Treasurer, Harry Coates Wagonmaster and Lola Lewis, Publicity Chairwoman.

There was a winter tag-a-long on February 19, 20, 21, 1977. Again it was held at Dixie State Park, Snow Canyon, near St. George. There was a potluck held on Saturday evening, along with sightseeing, hiking, visiting, golfing and getting acquainted.

On February 14, 1977, Jack Sorenson assumed the presidency of the Ute Salt Shakers due to Elmer Butler resigning to become the State Director. Ed Rahan became Vice-President and Naomi Little, Secretary to take Bula Hoffmans place as she became State Secretary. Beverly Forman was Treasurer; Carroll Elford, Wagonmaster; Ward Wilson, Publicity Chairman; and Charles Hoffman, Legislative Representative.

The first organization planning meeting for chapter nine was held on May 25, 1977, with forty people present. Sixteen couples were signed up for membership. Their first trip was a State tag-a-long to Eureka, where a meeting of the chapter was held. It was decided that their colors would be red with gold trim, and the name "Roaming Utes" was chosen. Bobbie Boogert was chosen President Pro-tem. It was also decided that 30 rigs would be the permanent number allowable for the chapter.

Permanent officers of the Roaming Utes, chosen on an outing to Sweetwater in June 1977 were Bobbie Boogert-President; Marion Thatcher-Vice-President, who only served for a short time and was replaced by Ed Naylor who was Wagonmaster; Helen Cozacos was elected Secretary, and Harry Cozacos as Treasurer. Their Wagonmaster Ed Naylor was replaced by Blaine Horton. Rulon Paramore and Ruben McEwen became the membership committee, Darrell Barker took the post of Legislative Representative, and Darwin Maughn took the Publicity job. The Roaming Utes charter was accepted in July 1977 and the officers were officially installed by the State Director at their August outing that year.

At the May 1977 meeting Mickey Piepgrass suggested the name Salty Sam for the Utah Good Sam newspaper. It was unanimously accepted. The Ute Salt Shakers published the first issue.

The Weber Waffies were organized on June 24, 1977 at the Washington Terrace Fire Station, by Gerald Fondren. There were twelve people in attendance. The name Weber Waffies was suggested by Orba Thurman, who said Weber for the county where they live and Waffie which means vagabond in Scottish. This is the reason why their chapter patch features the jaunty little scotsman. The first officers elected were: President, Gerald Fondren; Vice-President, Max Swenson; Secretary/Treasurer, Mary Fondren; Wagonmaster, Clifford Porter; Legislative Representative, Bill Davis; Historian Mary Treisch; and Publicity Chairman, George Chartrand.

In June of 1977 Vern Bullock, President of the Utah Traildusters was chairman of a Mini-Samboree to Eureka, Utah. Eureka is an old mining town with a great deal of history surrounding it. The Good Sams parked at the town park, from which they were taken on tours of the mines and other historic spots. As usual with Good Sams there was lots of food and fun and a good turn out of rigs.

On July 15, 1977, at Mt. Pleasant, the Beehive Roamers installed the following officers; Charles Nye, returned as President, Buelah Christensen as Treasurer and Frank Lewis as Wagonmaster.

Governor Scott Matheson proclaimed July 31-August 6, 1977 as Good Sam Club Week in Utah. There were now about 400,000 family members belonging to the International Good Sam Club.

Ute Salt Shakers were the hosts for the 1977 Samboree held at Tremonton, Utah on August 5-7. An international theme was chosen. There were guests from California, Florida, Maine, Washington, Arizona, Colorado, Delaware, Idaho, Kansas, Montana, New Mexico, Nevada, Oregon, Pennsylvania and Wyoming. Canada also was represented. There were 235 rigs and 564 people at the Samboree, according to Elmer Butler, State Director. The traveling Golden Spike was won by Washington State with a caravan of thirty-one Good Sams. The host chapter, the Ute Salt Shakers, won the trophy for having the largest percentage of its members at the Samboree with a 90% attendance.

State Director Elmer Butler, with the assistance of Frank Couture and Harold (Bus) Banks held a meeting at the Dina Campground on August 28, 1977 in order to form the 11th chapter of Good Sams in Utah. There were ten people in attendance. It was decided that the chapter should be named Dinah Sams. Officers elected the first year were: President, Frank Couture; Bill Sandras, Vice-President; Georgia Couture, Secretary; Mel Sandras, Treasurer; Legislative Representative, Harold Banks; Publicity Chairman, Chuck Martin and Wagonmaster Jerry Hatch.

Several officers of the Dinah Sams were re-elected for the 1977-1978 term of office. These included Frank Couture as President; Harold Banks as Legislative Representative; Chuck Martin as Publicity Chairman; and Jerry Hatch as Wagonmaster. Georgia Couture who had been Secretary also assumed the Treasurer position. Nils Hoffman was elected Vice-President.

Harry Coates, State Wagonmaster, on October 2-3, 1977 hosted a State sponsored Golf Tournament at the Gladson Golf Course in Payson. The Payson Tenth Ward catered a dinner on Saturday evening after which the monthly state meeting was held.

In 1977 the Good Sam membership in Utah was nearly 2,000 families, most of whom were not affiliated with a chapter.

The Tooele Travelers were organized on October 4, 1977 by L. B. (Bert) Young and Elmer Butler, State Director. The meeting was held at the Tooele County Court House Auditorium and was attended by 27 people. The first officers of the Tooele Travelers were: Bert Young, President; Max Strong, Vice-President; Fern Hogan, Secretary; Bill Howard, Treasurer; Max Booth, Wagonmaster; Cliff George, Publicity; Nel McKendrick, Historian; and Taylor Swenson, Legislative Representative. Pearl Palmer designed the vest patch for the Tooele Travelers.

Utah Tumbleweeds chapter of the Good Sam was organized on October 9, 1977 at the Mona-Lea Recreation Hall under the direction of Elmer Butler, State Director. At that time there were 34 rigs. In 1980 the membership had increased to 40 rigs. The name Utah Tumbleweeds was chosen from many which were submitted. Maxine West designed the chapter patch. All officers serve a two year term. The 1977-1978 slate of officers were: Rex Ainge, President; Arthur Miller, Vice-President; Jean Ainge, Secretary; and Neldon S. (Dick) Evans, Treasurer. Wagonmaster was Leonard Kelly, Legislative Representative, Neil Kershner and Publicity Chairwoman, Marie Thrasher.

In October of 1977 the Ute Salt Shakers voted for Jack Soresen to continue as their President, for the oncoming year. Don Ferneliou became Vice-President; Naomi Little became Secretary; Shirley Baker, Treasurer; and Carroll Elford returned for another term as Wagonmaster. Ward Wilson and Charles Hoffman returned as Publicity Chairman and Legislative Representative respectively.

The 1977-1978 election of the Timpanogos Roadrunners returned Durward Nelson to the office of President. Wayne Nostaja was Vice-President; Lois Morgan returned as Secretary/Treasurer; and John Morgan was Wagonmaster. Edith Pederson became Publicity Chairwoman and Ralph Daniels returned to the post of Legislative Chairman.

The Nebo Loopers were formed on October 10, 1977 at Payson, Utah. Officers elected for 1977-1978 were: President, Effie Sabey; Vice-President, Elmo Hallett; Secretary, Fern Neilsen; Treasurer, Curtis Albertsen; Wagonmaster, Elliott Sabey; Legislative Representative, L. S. Nielson and Publicity, Orthella Felker. Curtis Albertsen designed their patch and Jean Brewer designed their chapter flag.

In 1977 Vern Bullock became President of the Utah Trail Dusters for the 1977-1978 term; with Morris Thorpe acting as Vice-President, and Frank Geyerman returning for his second term as Wagonmaster. The office of Secretary was filled by Norma Thorpe and Dorothy Jacobsen began the duties of Treasurer. Myron Fulrath began his second term as Wagonmaster. The office of Secretary was filled by Norma Thorpe and Dorothy Jacobsen began the duties of Treasurer. Myron Fulrath began his second year as Publicity Chairman and Sydney Lester took over as Legislative Representative.

The Northern Utah Golden Spikers edited the November 1977 issue of the Salty Sam News. Cam Arrington was the very capable editor.

In 1977 Rick Williams was re-elected to the Presidency of the Color Country Ramblers. Ray Simkins became Vice-President and Gladys Williams returned as Secretary-Treasurer. John Jacobsen became Wagonmaster.

In 1977 the Wasatch Wagons re-elected Clayton Phelan to the Presidency. His 1st Vice-President was Byrd Eddy and Don Moore became 2nd Vice-President. Elaine Moore became Secretary, and Karren Andersen became Treasurer with Bert Pullman becoming Wagonmaster. Ora Pullman became Publicity Chairwoman and Elvyn Bergstrom was Historian.

Ralph Hardy and Gene Dickenson returned as President and Vice-President respectively of the Northern Utah Golden Spikers for 1977. Margaret Rogers became Secretary; Jane McCrite returned as Treasurer; Robert Tingham was Wagonmaster; Cammon Arrington, Publicity Chairman and Al Flint, Legislative Representative.

The fifteenth chapter of Good Sam in Utah was formed on November 12, 1977. They chose Happy Hobos as their name. Officers elected for 1977-1978 were Ed McNeilly as President; Jack Nyman, Vice-President; and the Secretary-Treasurer was Diana Ryan. Jim Ryan was Wagonmaster, Molly Nyman, Publicity Chairwoman and Chris McNeilly, Legislative Representative.

The sixteenth chapter of Good Sam in Utah is the Whistle Stops, formed on November 28, 1977. Leo Patterson was elected President of this group. Milton F. Waite became Vice-President and Mildred Gardner was the Secretary-Treasurer. Valjean Williams was the chapters first Wagonmaster, Lola Rodabaugh handled Publicity and Norma Hatfield, Legislative Representative.

Two chapters of Good Sam in Utah were organized on November 30, 1977 when a special meeting of all Good Sam members at large in Davis County was held at the library in Clearfield, Utah. Allen and Joyce Flint of the Northern Utah Golden Spikers sent invitations and also published news of the meeting in the local newspapers inviting all Good Samers to come and learn about Chapter Fun. Jim Folsom, also of the Northern Utah Golden Spikers and Assistant State Director at that time, was in attendance and he told all the Good Sams about the fun and good times that were to be had by belonging to a chapter. A chapter was formed of members living in Layton and Kaysville areas and the other consisted of members living in the Clearfield and Roy areas.

The first meeting of the Gull-RV'ers Travelers was December 13, 1977 at the Clearfield Library. There were 22 members present. At this meeting the permanent officers were chosen and also the chapter name. Eli Fowers was elected President with Neil Epps acting as his Vice-President. Roland Koch was installed as Wagonmaster with Alta Nye, Secretary. Jacque Martin took the office of Treasurer and Edson Stewart became Publicity Chairman.

The art class of the Clearfield High School was given a special assignment by Mr. Allen Flint, to draw a logo for the Utah Gull-RV'ers Travelers. David Jones submitted the winning logo which became the patch for the chapter.

The Gull-RV'ers are a chapter of "do-gooders". Each year they clean up camping areas such as Antelope Island, Meadows Campground and Anderson Cove. This thoughtfulness has created much good will toward Good Sams from the Rangers of these areas.

Each fourth of July will find the Utah Gull-RV'ers hot dog booth at the Independence Day Celebration in Clearfield. They enter their RV's in the parade and create a fun atmosphere in the camping world.

The other chapter formed that evening was named the L. K. Antelopers. The officers elected for 1977-1978 were President, Dale Baker; Vice-President, Audrey Melaney; Secretary, Gloria Dunlap; Treasurer Joe Eckman; Wagormaster, Donald Dunlap; Publicity Chairman, Kenneth Otterstrom, and he also filled the post of Legislative Representative.

On December 13, 1977, Ona Partington, with the assistance of Elmer Butler, State Director, held a meeting at the Logan Public Library in order to form the 19th chapter of Good Sam in Utah. Thirteen people attended this first meeting. Several names were suggested with Cache Valley Sams being the name chosen. The first President was Reuben Olson, with Isabella Katana serving as Vice-President. Annabelle Rumbaugh was elected Secretary. Treasurer was Rex Hisrt and David Mayo became Wagormaster.

On February 2, 1978, Guy and Betty Thompson called together a group of people interested in forming a Good Sam chapter at the Millcreek Public Library. Elmer Butler, State Director, explained about the forming of a chapter. With the assistance of Bobbie Boogert, President of the Roaming Utes, the 20th chapter was formed. At the next meeting it was voted to call the chapter "The Wasatch Wampanogs". Officers elected were: Guy Thompson-President; Harold Nutter, Vice-President; Betty Thompson-Secretary; Jean Cederbloom-Treasurer; Jo Nutter-Historian; and Dave Cederbloom-Tailtwister. George Wilde was appointed as Legislative Representative and Kay Waters, Publicity Chairwoman. After some research by chapter members, it was brought to the chapter's attention that the Wampanog tribe was an eastern tribe, so the chapter was renamed "The Beehive Bunch".

At the Tucson International Samboree on March 24, 1978, the Ute Salt Shakers were honored at a special presentation on their tenth birthday. Sue Bray, Assistant Executive Director and Ken Tompkins, Field Activities Director for Region 2 presented the chapter with a huge birthday cake and award ceremony.

A meeting was held on April 26, 1978 at the home of Wally Blaylock, to discuss organizing an other Good Sam chapter for the Ogden area. There were nine people in attendance. At the next meeting held May 8, 1978 a vote was taken to name the new chapter "Mt. Ogden Sams". It was felt this was a name all prospective members in the area could relate to. Officers were also elected: President-Wally Blaylock; Vice-President-Quil Nebeker; Secretary-Sylvia Wright; Treasurer-Parley Johns; Wagormaster-Sam McCreary; Assistant Wagormaster-George Fox; Legislative Representative Mark Tillotson; and Publicity-Joyce Opheikens. The Mt. Ogden Sams held a third meeting, also in May 1978, at which a constitution and by-laws were accepted by the group.

The Timp Moonshiners were the twenty-second chapter formed in Utah, on April 30, 1978, at Camp Williams, Utah. Officers elected were: Wayne L. Jacobsen, President; Glen Loveless, Vice-President; Leola Jacobsen, Secretary; and William Sampson became Treasurer. Legislative Representatives were Jack Cameron and Lynn Miner and Rachel Loveless handled Publicity for the group.

On June 3, 1978 the Dinah Sams hosted a steak fry for the State Meeting held at Dina Campground in Vernal, Utah, which was enjoyed by all attending. The Dinah Sams elected Nils Hoffman as their president for the 1978-1979 term. Roy Showalter was nominated as Vice-President, with Darlene Hoffmann taking the post of Secretary/Treasurer. Legislative Representative was Frank Couture and Claudius Banks became Wagonmaster.

The Olympus Seagulls were organized at the Holladay Library on June 28, 1978, by State Director Elmer Butler. There were 28 people at this meeting. The name Olympus Seagulls was chosen because of the beautiful Olympus Mountains which surround the Salt Lake Valley and after the Utah State bird, the seagull. Their patches was designed around this theme. Like the other Good Sam Chapters, they enjoy their outings and good food and fellowship. The officers elected to serve the 1978-1979 term were Bob Wagstaff as President, Willard Hanson as Vice-President; Secretary was Norma Eaby and Marge Sharples was Treasurer. Bob Sundwall was Wagonmaster.

On a July outing to Bear Lake in 1978, David Bean was elected as Vice-President, Mary Grant as Secretary and Lola Lewis re-elected to Historian for the Beehive Roamers.

The Beehive Roamers edited the Salty Sam News in September 1978. Riley and Myrna Goodfellow acted as Editors.

In October of 1978, Frank Lewis became State Wagonmaster and resigned that position with the Beehive Roamers. Riley Goodfellow was voted to replace Frank, but he resigned this position in July 1979 as he and Myrna were called on a mission for the L.D.S. Church.

On July 8, 1978 elections were held and the following officers were re-elected or elected by the Weber Waffies: President, Gerald Fondren; Vice-President, Max Swenson; Secretary/Treasurer, Mary Fondren; Wagonmaster, Clifford Porter; Legislative Representative, Bill Davis; Historian, Beverly Sorensen; Publicity Chairman, George Chartrand. On September 9, 1978, Gerald Fondren resigned in order to become an Assistant State Director and George Chartrand resigned as Publicity Chairman. The Vice-President, Max Swenson was installed as President on October 10, 1978. Dean Sorensen was sworn in as Vice-President and Orba Thurman as Publicity Chairwoman.

In July of 1978 the present officers of the Beehive Bunch were all re-elected to office with the exception of Betty Thompson, who resigned the secretarial office in order to become the President's assistant. Jan Griffin was elected to fill the vacancy.

1977 and 1978 was a busy year for the Trail Dusters as they were in charge of the August 4, 5, & 6 1978 Samboree. The theme was "Ten Years of Good Sam in Utah". Although the weather was quite warm, the people in attendance were busy nearly every minute. There were movies, tours, craft demonstrations, seminars of all types, flag parades, skits, dancing, golf tournaments, treasure hunts, a swap shop, ladies tea, horseshoe tournament, potluck, pancake breakfast and a catered dinner. The town of Tremonton furnished transportation every hour for anyone who desired to do some shopping. The driver even took some of the people on a tour of Tremonton and Garland. Since it was the tenth anniversary of Good Sam in Utah there were special birthday decorations and birthday cake. Approximately 265 rigs and 553 people in attendance.

The Trail Dusters also were in charge of the editing of the June issue of the Salty Sam news. Vern Bullock acted as Editor for the chapter. He was re-elected to the office of President for the 1978-1979 term, with Morris Thorpe returning to the Vice-Presidents seat. Jay Jacobsen became Wagonmaster and Norma Thorpe returned as Secretary as did Dorothy Jacobsen to the Treasurers post. Myron Fulrath returned as Publicity Chairman and Sydney Lester as Legislative Representative.

The twenty-fourth chapter of Good Sam in Utah was formed on September 30, 1978. The group chose as its name "Balanced Rockers". The following officers served the chapter from 1978 to 1980. Elaine Richardson-President; Mary Weaver-Vice-President; Maida Nicolava-Secretary; John Leatham-Treasurer; Gordon Richardson-Wagonmaster; Elaine Jenson-Legislative Representative; and Charles Weaver-Publicity Chairman.

Elwyn Bergstrom became President of the Wasatch Wagons in 1978. Jack Bush became 1st Vice-President and Speed Ede was 2nd Vice-President. Norma Carn became the Secretary, with Karren Anderson returning to the Treasurers post. Lauren Windley became Wagonmaster and Jim Stallsmith became the Publicity Chairman. Joyce Koos took over as Historian and the newly created post of Sunshine Committee was filled by Margaret Hunter.

The Wasatch Wagons were in charge of the decorations at both the 1977 and 1978 Samborees. They also edited the Salty Sam News in March 1978.

Merv Carn composed a song for the Wasatch Wagons in 1978 and Ernie Wessman put it to music. It is sung at each meeting that they have.

Officers elected by Tooele Travelers for 1978-79 were Bert Young, re-elected President; Charles Hopkins-Vice-President; Florence Kramer-Secretary; Sally Bryant-Treasurer and Cliff George-Wagonmaster. June Hopkins handled Publicity and Margaret Hood was Historian with Harold Garrard as Legislative Representative.

The 1978-79 officers of the Happy Hobos were: President, Ed McNeilly; Vice-President, Vern Warner; Secretary, Molly Nyman; Treasurer, Ilene McFarlane; Wagonmaster, Howard McFarlane, Publicity Chairwoman, Edna McGee and Chris McNeilly returned as Legislative Representative.

The 1978-1979 officers of the Whistle Stops were as follows: Leo Patterson returning as President; John Titus - Vice-President; Mildred Gardner as Secretary/Treasurer; Wagonmaster - Carl Morrey and Norma Hatfield again handled Legislation.

In 1978 the Ute Salt Shakers #1 elected Charles Barnes as their President, Art Little as Vice-President; Naomi Little, Secretary; and Shirley Baker, Treasurer. Lowell Mines became chapter Wagonmaster; and Ward Wilson handled Publicity and Charles Hoffman was Legislative Representative.

Earl Coombe became President of the Color Country Ramblers in 1978. Teek Weitzman was elected as Vice-President, with Ruby Clark becoming the Secretary/Treasurer. Wagonmaster was Ray Simkins.

The Northern Utah Golden Spikers elected Ralph Hardy to his third term as President in 1978. His Vice-President was George Flewelling and the Secretary was Marion Hardy. Myrna Benson became Treasurer, Robert Ingham Wagonmaster and Cammon Arrington returned as Publicity Chairman. Al Flint also returned for the second term as Legislative Representative.

Hobson Parker was elected President of the Timpanogos Travelers in 1978 to serve the 1978-79 term. His Vice-President was Wayne Nostaja and Lois Morgan returned for the third term of Secretary/Treasurer. Dean Peterson took over as Wagonmaster, Emma Parker as Publicity Chairwoman and Ralph Daniels returned for the third term as Legislative Representative.

In December of 1978, the Roadrunners put out the Salty Sam News. President Hobson Parker drew the heading, which was later chosen as the permanent heading for the paper.

It was with a great deal of sadness that Good Sams of Utah and everyone who knew him learned of the untimely death of Elmer Butler on January 15, 1979. Elmer suffered a coronary attack and passed away in the Tooele Utah hospital. Elmer had just been elected to his second term as State Director.

Utah Good Sam chapters unanimously elected Durward Nelson to finish the unexpired term of State Director and he was officially installed on April 7, 1979 at a State Committee meeting. Past State Director Gene Piegrass handled the installation ceremony. Mr. Nelson retained the State Board as it had been under Mr. Butler. Rulon Paramore, Mary Helen McGlasson and Jerry Fondren as Assistant State Directors; Frank Lewis Wagonmaster; Ora Pullman, Treasurer; Bula Hoffman, Secretary; and Lola Lewis as Publicity Chairwoman. It was voted to have Minerva Butler, widow of the Past State Director be made a honorary member of the State Committee.

At the Millcreek Public Library on March 21, 1979 the 25th chapter of Good Sam was formed in Utah. Eleven people were present at the first meeting. Several names were submitted and the vote was for "Golden Eagles".

Officers elected by the Golden Eagles were LeGrand DeHaan as President; Brad Child as Vice-President; Ray Ith as Wagonmaster; Paul Dumm as Publicity Chairman, and Vee Waddoupe was nominated as Legislative Representative.

On May 10, 1979 the Webber Waffies were saddened by the death of their Vice-President, Dean Sorenson. Marlo Powell was appointed Vice-President to fill the vacancy. 1979 Officers installed were as follows: President-Max Swenson; Vice-President-Marlo Powell; Secretary-Elizabeth Gower; Treasurer-Frank Gower; Wagonmaster-Frank Cunningham; Publicity Chairwoman-Marjorie Burkdoll; Legislative Chairman-Kelth Burkdoll; Historian-Mary Fondren; and Hospitality Chairpeople-Barbara Boyle, Erma Swenson and Mildred Hunter.

The Dinah Sams edited the Salty Sam News of May 1979.

The 1979-1980 slate of officers for the Dinah Sams were: Claudius Banks, President; Henry Schaefermeyer, Vice-President; Helen Schaefermeyer, Secretary/Treasurer; and Harold Banks as Wagonmaster.

Governor Scott Matheson declared the week of June 3-9, 1979 as Utah Good Sam Club Week. The Good Sam Club is the world's largest recreational vehicle owners organization with over 400,000 member families from 25 different countries. Utah was nearing 4,000 member families.

In 1979 there was a change in the location and time of the Utah State Samboree. The Samboree was held at the fairgrounds in Logan, Utah on June 7-10. The theme was "Have a Good Sam Time". Charles Nye and the Beehive Roamers were the hosts, with the help of the Cache Valley Sams. Approximately 304 rigs with 628 people were in attendance. There were tours of cheese factories, the Jensen Historical farm, and Wurlitzer Piano factory. A coffee time, an ice cream social, games, movies, crafts, demonstrations, seminars, dancing, catered dinner and the usual Good Sam potluck were on the agenda. Twenty-one rigs representing eight other states attended and Texas was awarded the Traveling Trophy. Utah's newest chapter, the Golden Eagles, had 100% attendance. The weather couldn't have been any nicer, with everyone hateing to see the Samboree come to an end.

After hosting the 1979 Samboree the Beehive Roamers decided they needed a rest. Monday morning 11 rigs headed south. Their six day trip included stops at Goblin Valley, Natural Bridges Monumnet, Monument Valley, the Navajo Visitor's center, Mexican Hat, the Four Corners, Mesa Verde, Durango, Colorado. The train ride to Silverton and an old-fashioned chuckwagon dinner at a ranch north of Durango were enjoyed on their last day. Everyone had a good time.

In 1978 the Roaming Utes retained their slate of officers by acclamation. They served with changes made as circumstances warranted, until July 1979 election. The new officers installed in October 1979 by State Director, Durward Nelson were: President Reuben McEwen; Vice-President-Laddie Martin; Secretary-LaRae Jensen; Treasurer-John Turner; Wagonmaster-Leo Hardy assisted by Andy Smith; Membership committee-Dean Morrison and Harold Hobbs; Legislative Representative-Omer Ferguson; and Publicity Representative-Bob Strout.

In December 1979 the Roaming Utes were the Editors of the Salty Sam News.

At the July 1979 meeting of the Beehive Roamers at Cherry Hills Campground, the following officers were elected: Farrald Christensen as President; Carl White as Wagonmaster; and Lois Smith as Treasurer.

In September of 1979 the 1979-1980 Mt. Ogden Sams officers were elected, Lee Thorup was elected President with Margaret Standley acting as Vice-President. Janet Dale became Secretary and Arnold Wright became Treasurer. Ed Hurlburt was elected Wagonmaster with Art Tobias assisting him. Historian was Josephine Wheelwright and Cloyd Bartonek was Legislative Representative.

The Mt. Ogden Sams have maintained a membership of 50 rigs and have several on the waiting list. They feel their chapter is fulfilling the purpose, as listed in their constitution, to operate a chapter to promote the use and enjoyment of recreational vehicles and outdoor fellowship among its members through trips and group activities.

At the October 1979 meeting of the Utah Good Sam Committee Emma Parker was elected as State Treasurer. Mary Helen McGlasson, Rulon Paramore, and Jerry Fondren returned to their second term as Assistant State Directors and Lois Morgan was appointed State Secretary Frank Lewis remained as State Wagonmaster with Lola Lewis as Publicity Chairwoman. Betty and Guy Thompson were appointed as Historian and Photographer respectively.

In October of 1979 the Beehive Bunch held an election with the following people taking office: Ned Waters-President; Ralph Brown-Vice-President; Alice Wilson-Secretary; Jesse Waters-Treasurer; Jean Cederbloom-Historian; Dave Cowling-Wagonmaster; Kay Waters-Publicity and Dave Cederbloom was re-elected as Tailtwister. In the spring of 1980 Jeanette Stamm became Publicity Chairwoman upon the resignation of Kay Waters.

In 1979 Earl Coombe was re-elected President of the Color Country Ramblers with John Jacobsen acting as his Vice-President. Elizabeth Adams was installed as Secretary/Treasurer with Beulah Echols acting as his assistant. The Wagonmaster was Cliff Norton.

The Color Country Ramblers were hosts in 1979 and 1980 to Northern Utah chapters at the Cedar Pocket campground near St. George, in February of those years. They also published the Salty Sam News in February of 1979, with Teek Weitzman and Sally Jacobsen acting as co-editors.

The Utah Happy Hobos invited all Utah chapters to participate in a tag-a-long to Green River Melon Days, at Green River, Utah on September 14, 15, and 16, 1979. Mary Helen McGlasson, Assistant State Director, her husband Leonard and Ralph and Helen Much were co-ordinators. The City of Green River was celebrating their 100th birthday. A potluck was enjoyed by the Good Sams on Friday evening, after which we watched slides of rafting and river float trips. On Saturday morning many of us took advantage of the invitation to join the centennial parade. After the parade there were festivities in the park, including all the melon you could eat. Since Good Sams are such good eaters, we consumed a great many melons. Two Good Sam members, Ellen Williams and Shirley Widdop, judged the pet contest and managed to give everyone a prize. Saturday evening the Green River Jeep Posse served a chuckwagon dinner, after which there was a dance at the firehouse. There were about 150 Good Sam rigs parked around town and it was voted to make the festival an annual Good Sam outing.

LeGrande Dunkley became President of the Trail Dusters for the 1979-1980 term. Frank Geyerman agreed to serve as Vice-President and Jay Jacobsen returned for a second term as Wagonmaster. Maurita Carter assumed the Secretarial post and Meda Craig became Treasurer. Mae Geyerman became Publicity Chairwoman and Sydney Lester started his third term as Legislative Representative.

In 1979 David Mayo became President of the Cache Valley Sams for the 1979-1980 term. LeGrande Mathews became Vice-President and Annabelle Rumbaugh assumed the Treasurers post in conjunction with being Secretary. Melvin Rumbaugh became the chapters Wagonmaster.

Officers of the Tooele Travelers for 1979-1980 were: Cliff George-President; Bernice Cerroni, Vice-President; E. Florence Kramer-Secretary; Sally Bryant returning as Treasurer; Mike Wenz-Wagonmaster; and Joyce Wenz-Publicity. Helen George became Historian and Ray Barton-Legislative Representative.

Cammon Arrington took over the President's gavel for the Northern Utah Golden Spikers in 1979. Fount Langford was Vice-President and Sylvia Arrington, Secretary. Myrna Benson returned as Treasurer for her second time and Jim Folsom became Wagonmaster. Marion Hardy took charge of Publicity with Allen Flint, Legislative Representative for his third term.

The Timpanogos Roadrunners in 1979 returned Hobson Parker and Wayne Nostaja as President and Vice-President respectively. Gladys Johnson became Secretary/Treasurer and Raymond Roundy took the post of Wagonmaster. Publicity Chairwoman was Wilma Peterson and Legislative Chairman was William Wright.

In 1979 the L.K. Antelopers elected Margaret Pittman as their President. Audrey Otterstrom became Vice-President, Glenna Otterstrom, Secretary and Ken Otterstrom, Wagonmaster. Joe Eckman filled both the Legislative and Treasurers positions.

In 1979 the Wasatch Wagons elected Merv Carn as their President. Bob Hiseman became the 1st Vice-President, with Speed Ede returning as 2nd Vice-President. Diane Case became the chapter Secretary with Joyce Koos acting as Treasurer. Cyé Gooch became Wagonmaster with Jim Stallsmith the Publicity Chairman. Marcell Grahán became Historian with Joyce Koos finishing the term. Margaret Hunter returned as Chairwoman of the Sunshine Committee.

In 1979 the Nebo Loopers elected Herbert Curwen as their President. Grant Lyman served as Vice-President, Reba Olsen as Secretary and Curtis Albertsen returned as Treasurer. George Olsen served as Wagonmaster and Danelda Newberry handled Publicity.

The slate of officers for 1979-1980 of the Timp Moonshiners were: Ken Ryan, President; Leonard Rassmussen, Vice-President; Mary Lou Ryan, Secretary and Paul Juber, Treasurer. Wagonmaster was Lafe Brown, Legislative Representative, W. K. Christensen and Publicity, Jack Helston.

The Olympus Seagulls elected Norma Eaby as their President for 1979-1980. Len Blok served as her Vice-President and Betty Christensen as Secretary. Marge Sharples returned to her second term as Treasurer and Bob Phillips became the Wagonmaster.

Bob Lewis was elected President by the Utah Tumbleweeds for the 1979-1980 term. Dee Thrasher became Vice-President, with Betty Lewis serving as Secretary. Marie Thrasher served as Treasurer, Jessie George as Publicity Chairman and Neal Kershner as Legislative Representative. Andy Eaton was elected to become Wagonmaster.

The officers elected for the 1979-1980 term of office for the Gull-RV'ers Travelers were Albert Haupt as President; Earl Gordon as Vice-President; Joyce Flint as Secretary; Dora Epps as Treasurer; Allen Flint as Publicity; and Shirley Gordon as the first Wagonmistress in the state.

The Happy Hobos elected Charles McGee as their President for the 1979-1980 term. Bob Peglan became Vice-President, George Hope, Treasurer; and Molly Nyman returned for her second term as Secretary. Earl Wagner became Wagonmaster Edna McGee returned as Publicity Chairwoman and Orville Swanson became Legislative Representative.

Leo Patterson returned to his third term as President of the Whistle Stops for the 1979-1980 term. Vice-President was Carl Morrey; Norma Hatfield became Secretary/Treasurer; and Dewey Seeley, Wagonmaster. Publicity Chairman was Claudia Seeley and Legislative Representative, Verl Darenish.

At the December 1979 State Committee meeting, State Director, Durward Nelson, presented Ora Pullman with a certificate for all the hard work she had done in the 5½ years she was State Treasurer. She was appointed as Merchandise Chairperson. At this same meeting, Margaret Pittman was named as Salty Sam Editor. It was decided to use a heading designed by Hobson Parker, President of the Timpanogos Roadrunners on the Salty Sam News.

The sixth chapter of Good Sam formed in Utah is inactive as of 1980. It is called the Utah Sunwheelers and the President is James Street of Ogden, Utah.

At the March 1980 State Committee meeting, State Director, Durward Nelson, presented Bula Hoffman with a Certificate of Appreciation for a job well done during her years as State Secretary.

In 1980 Charles Barnes returned as the Ute Salt Shakers President, as did all the other chapter officers.

John Jacobsen was elected by the Color Country Ramblers to be their President during 1980. Ed Hager became his Vice-President, with Barbara Murphy assuming the post of Secretary/Treasurer. Johnny Nelson became Wagonmaster with the assistance of Oscar Wiltshire.

Karren Anderson became the first lady President of the Wasatch Wagons in 1980 with Bob Hiseman returning as 1st Vice-President. Chuck Burton became 2nd Vice-President and Maxine Summers became the Secretary. Joyce Koos returned as Treasurer with Gene Bickman becoming Wagonmaster. Byrd Eddy assumed the position of Publicity Chairman with Gloria Fechner becoming Historian. Margaret Hunter again headed the Sunshine Committee.

The Wasatch Wagons have traveled from one end of the state to the other on many outings and have enjoyed all kinds of outings from the Shakespearean Festival in Cedar City to watching a cattle auction, camping without facilities most of the time. They camp anywhere there is an open field or place large enough to get their rigs into. In 1980 their membership was 36 rigs and still growing.

The L.K. Antelopers in 1980 elected Dale Schofield as their President, and Jessie Sorensen as their Vice-President. Jane Eckman became Secretary, Ken Otterstrom returned as Wagonmaster and Bessie Schofield became Publicity Chairwoman. Joe Eckman agreed to fill the same two offices he held before, which were Treasurer and Legislative Representative.

The weekend of February 16-17, 1980 found many Good Sams on the annual Tag-along to St. George and Cedar Pocket campground. The weather was miserable and it is reported that the potluck was held in a most unusual place---in the shelter of the rest stop building.

State Director, Durward Nelson, his wife Ruby; and State Wagonmaster Frank Lewis and his wife Lola, headed a caravan of Utah Good Sams which attended the Arizona State Samboree on April 3-6, 1980.

On May 9-10-11, the Weber Waffies sponsored a tag-a-long at Anderson Cove, Pineview Reservoir. The purpose was a clean-up, but the weather proved to dampen most of the clean-up effort. Approximately 12 rigs and 25 people attended.

On May 24 and 25th, 1980 the State Committee, Chapter Presidents, and Wagonmasters held a Samboree planning session at the Logan fairgrounds. Approximately 25 rigs and fifty people were there. The weather was miserable with rain, hail, sleet and snow, but the Good Sam spirit brightened the area.

AUTHORS NOTE

I want to express the pleasure I have had in compiling the Utah Good Sam history from 1968 to May 1980. It was a chore at times, but still so interesting.

I would like to thank everyone who contributed material and information to make this history possible. It is not possible to list everyone here, but a special thanks is due Dayton and Julie Kelly, 2nd Utah State Director; Gene and Mickey Piepgrass, 3rd State Director; Durward and Ruth Nelson, our present State Director; Margaret Hunter, widow of the first Assistant State Director; all the chapters who contributed and last, but not least, my daughter, Linda Spicer, who did all the typing.

Betty J. Thompson