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Utah State Director's Message

"To accomplish great things, we must not only ACT, but also DREAM not only PLAN, but also BELIEVE"

"Teamwork divides the task and multiplies the success."

Lord Baden-Powell, founder of the Boy Scout program once said: "No one can pass through life, any more than he can pass through a bit of country, without leaving tracks behind, and those tracks may often be helpful to those coming after him in finding their way." I think this phrase characterizes the Good Sam family.

As we have observed the activity of the members of the Good Sam members we are confident about the future of the Good Sam family. Members are reaching out, helping others, seeking new friends, making helpful tracks that are inviting others to want to join.

Author Erynn Miller wrote: "It takes a lot of understanding, time and trust to gain a close friendship with someone." "As I approach", he continued, "a time of my life of complete uncertainty, my friends are my most precious asset." I believe in addition to our personal families, the association with the Good Sam family is one of our most precious assets. Let me share a personal experience which I believe epitomizes the spirit and the nature of the Good Sam experience.

I had a friend, Gerald who felt strongly about his associations. Not long ago he was diagnosed with a life threatening disease. Many of us wept at the news and vowed to stand close by our dear friend. Many family members and friends would stop by to visit and on occasion were privileged to drive him to the Doctors office for needed attention.

One day I had the occasion to sit next to Gerry's "death-bed" allowing his wife to visit another family member in a Salt Lake hospital. Gerry knew he was dying and that the next few days would be his last. I held his hand and we talked.

We spent time reminiscing about his life's experiences. We talked about friends and time spent fishing and camping. He dearly loved his Good Sam family. I listened as he spoke and he offered a piece of sage wisdom, which I remember fondly.

Gerry seemed to thoughtfully consider his words which he was about to speak. Then, he squeezed my hand, gazed intently into my eyes and spoke just loud enough for me to hear, "Nothing," he said, "is more important than our relationships, our family and our friends."

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For fire starters get one of those big fire logs you use for fireplaces, cut it into small pieces. You can make 15-20 fire starters out of one large fire log. Works great.

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I believe that this utterance mattered a great deal to him. It seemed he considered a lifetime of experiences – personal, spiritual and family – and this one simple phrase surfaced above all others: "Nothing is more important than our relationships."

Throughout the Good Sam family these relationships are not only fostered but solidified. The things we share, camping, visiting, playing, eating, serving others, give us amply opportunity to intensify these relationships.

We deeply express our gratitude for all you do, for helping and encouraging one another. Let us not get caught up in things that do not matter. I have often thought that my friend was talking more to me than he was to himself on that afternoon.

Beginning today, I submit, that we need to tend well to our relationships. Treat everyone we meet as if he or she were going to be gone before the next day. Extend to our Good Sam family members all the care, kindness and understanding that we can muster, and do so with no thought of any reward. Your life will certainly never be the same again.

Rosalie and I extend to each of you our love and admiration. It is an honor to associate and share time with you. May we continue to build and strengthen our Good Sam family.

~Harold Jacklin



SLOW COOKER CHICKEN CORDON BLEU

recipe from: AllRecipes.com

- 6 skinless, boneless chicken breast halves
- 1 (10.75 ounce) can condensed cream of chicken soup
- 1 cup milk
- 4 ounces sliced ham
- 4 ounces sliced Swiss cheese
- 1 (8 ounce) package herbed dry bread stuffing mix
- 1/4 cup butter, melted

Mix together the cream of chicken soup and milk in a small bowl. Pour enough of the soup into a <u>slow</u> <u>cooker</u> to cover the bottom.

Layer chicken breasts over the sauce.

Cover with slices of ham and then Swiss cheese.

Pour the remaining soup over the layers, stirring a little to distribute between layers.

Sprinkle the stuffing on top, and drizzle butter over stuffing.

Cover, and cook on Low for 4 to 6 hours, or 2 to 3 hours on High.

Enjoy!

CHAPTER NEWS

BEEHIVE ROAMERS ~ Salt Lake /Davis Counties

FEBRUARY

Beehive Roamers gathered on February 18th for lunch at the Golden Corral in Midvale. You can't go away hungry when there is so much food to choose from and enjoy. Our February hosts were Darwin and Donna Lloyd. The business meeting was conducted by our President, Merrill Rowley. We salute the flag at the beginning of each meeting and sing Happy Birthday to each member having a birthday during the month. Each month the minutes of our previous meeting are read by our secretary, Arlene Stringham. Our treasurer, Jay Francis gives us an up-dated financial report. We discussed our monthly activities for the year so we can continue planning ahead. We are looking for fun Christmas ties to wear to the Samboree.

MARCH

We enjoy getting together during the cold season to enjoy a luncheon as a club. We can't resist good food and catching up on the latest club happenings. Our March Luncheon was held at Alice's Restaurant in North Salt Lake with Bob and Joan Barlow hosting. Our president, Merrill Rowley conducted our meeting and keeps us up on all the club business. We are looking forward to the warm weather and our first campout for 2012 next month.

APRIL.

Our first campout for the season "A New Beginning" was held in Springville at the East Bay RV Park on April 18-21. Thirteen rigs joined us. Hosting our campout was Carole and Merrill Rowley, as well as Connie and Tim Schieving. Quilting, visiting, playing games, golfing, enjoying the scenery, or just relaxing are all part of our campouts. Merrill Rowley, our club president, conducted our business meeting. Twenty-three quilts and one hundred hats (maybe even more) have been completed by our members and will be taken to the Primary Children's Hospital. We visited UVU and viewed a 15' replica of the Statue of Responsibility. An important part of our campouts is the good food. We enjoyed dinner at

Sizzlers one evening and a pot luck dinner another night. We always have the very best of food, fun and great company.

~ Marcenne Calderon

COLOR COUNTRY RAMBLERS

~ Washington Cnty.

FEBRUARY

Our first campout of the year was at the Las Vegas Resort on South Nellis Boulevard. It was a large, well-dressed park with plenty of room to stroll around and visit with people we never met before. That in itself is an interesting thing to do. Throughout the Vegas Valley, and surrounding areas are many things to see and do. Some of our members and guests took advantage of this and then reported all of the things they did in the course of the day.

Ray and Sarann Williams were our hosts for the campout and the food was deliciously prepared for each meal. We had access to the clubhouse for games, meals and just to sit and visit when the wind was too chilly to sit outside. We had 19 members present and three couples as guests; Jim and Sylvia Kofford, Ken and Linda Ratcliff and Dennis and Kaye Peterson.

We all appreciated the amenities the park offered, and the friendliness of the workers.

MARCH

Avi Resort R.V. Park, Laughlin, NV
This fun campout was hosted by Mike and Jan
Frisbey, who will be leaving our chapter to enjoy
their beautiful home in the Bear Lake Mountains. It
is sad to see them leave, but we wish them
happiness in fulfilling their dreams.

They prepared a wonderful potato bar that was as some said; "to die for" we well as other delectables. Games were played, and some enjoyed the 99 cent breakfast at the Casino. This reporter never heard of anyone winning a pot of money, but I'm sure that someone must have dropped a few "shekel's" in the machine as they walked by.

Our Chapter is excited for the up and coming Samboree, and to have Christmas in June. Many

are planning on going who have never been before or haven't been for a very long time. WHOOPIE!

APRIL

Four Seasons RV Park Littlefield, Arizona Back again to one of our favorite places, where we always have a great time. Our hosts are Carolyn Rowsell (our new President) and Stan Rowsell (our assistant Wagon Master). We had 22 members and one guest couple, Conard and Ranee' Jensen. They are going to be gone from home for about a year but promised to join us when they return. They have already purchased an RV. They are friends of Harold and Dee Jones.

The Thursday Evening Social was a blast. Food was wonderful; games were played on the grass, and Mexican Train was enjoyed in the newly extended gazebo, while the music, playing and singing was done by "Johnny", was great. Good to have the Rowsell's and the Barnes' back in the High Country Desert after being gone for a while. They should have some stories to tell as they enjoyed time in Laughlin on the banks of the Rollin' Colorado River, and bright lights of the towns

Congrats!!! To the Jones, and Rowsell's, who traded in their trailers for motor homes. Sarann Williams, is scootin' around with her knee on a three wheeled buggy while her foot recoups from extensive surgery. We wish her a fast recovery. See you all at the Samboree.

IT"S A WISE WIFE WHO KNOWS WHEN TO OVERLOOK< AND WHEN TO OVERSEE

Anna Herbert

~Margaret Miller

DEER SAMS ~ Utah County

FEBRUARY

Happy Valentine's!! We met on Valentines Eve at Sammy's Eats in Pleasant Grove on February 13th. Our hosts were Blaine and Sharon Nielsen and Don and Jean Harvey. President Gary Houston called the meeting to order after our meal. Condolences were given to Rosalee Jacklin and Dave Richards on the passing of their sister. Birthdays for February were Venice Gammon, Lynn Walker, Allen Austin and Blaine Nielsen. Anniversaries for February were Lee and Carolyn, their 46th, and Bud and Karen Jensen a whopping 62 years. Thirty Eight members

attended along with five honorary members and one guest.

The ladies met a DyAnn Houston's to tie quilts. Several quilts were completed. The club also had a breakfast with good food and fun fellowship at the Eagle's Nest on February 7th.

MARCH

Happy St. Patrick 's Day!! We met at Eagle's Nest in Pleasant Grove on March 5th. Our hosts were Lee & Carolyn Gillman and Jim and Cathy Keller. President Gary Houston called the meeting to order. Birthdays for March were Karl North, Dan Davies, Betty Christiansen and Deloss Peay.

Harold and Rosalee Jacklin presented the chapter with a banner announcing that Utah Deer Sams were awarded the International Chapter of the Year for 2011. It was noted that this is four years in a row that our chapter has been honored by International with Chapter of the Year or Honorable Mention.



The ladies met at DyAnn's and tied several quilts to donate to charities.

Utah Deer Sams were recognized by the Daily Herald for receiving the precious award of International Chapter of the Year for 2011. An article explaining Utah Deer Sams Accomplishments was printed on Saturday, March 24, 2011.

APRIL

It's no April Fools we are ready to go camping. The flowers are blooming, the trees are in blossom, and our trailers are being uncovered and ready to go. (Some lucky trailers left early.) We met at the Golden Corral on Monday, April 9. Our hosts were Allen and Louis Austin and Dave and Maryl Richards. Gary Houston, president, welcomed our

snow birds home, we are happy to having them home. We look forward to our first campout with everyone. Birthdays for April were Dave Johnson, Don Harvey, Glennda Johnson, Arvil Goetz, DyAnn Houston, Elaine North, Betty Morrill and Lee Gillman. Happy Birthday was sung to all. We are all excited to go to the Samboree in June. We surely hope it doesn't snow.

~ Lee Gillman

GOLDEN SPIKERS

Northern Utah

FEBRUARY

The day after Valentine's Day, we "loved" getting together for our dinner meeting. We met at Jeremiah's in Ogden. Several of our members were ill that night so unable to attend.

Because the service was so slow were had a lot of time to visit, laugh, and complain to each other (mostly about how long it was taking to get our food!)

We discussed possibly going camping in May and some likely campgrounds were mentioned.

The Chapter's books were audited which verified to the entire group the great job our treasurer, Cindy Burlison does.

There was some discussion about the Samboree. A pleasant evening was had by all in spite of the waiting for our meal.

MARCH

In March we met at Winger's in Clearfield.
We were saddened to hear a dear friend and longtime member, Bill Timmerman was not in good health. His diagnosis was unknown but he lives with his loving daughter Jan and her husband Gary (also members). We are confident Bill is getting great care since Jan is a retired, registered nurse. President Bill Marsh suggested a campout in May to either Golden Spike campground in Promontory or Crystal Springs in Honeyville.

The club voted to not have a booth at the Samboree. It seemed we were always in competition with the high school's fundraiser activities. We decided to have a club yard sale to help raise money for our charity fund.

Get a box of dryer sheets (any brand), dip it in some warm water wipe off your camper. Bugs will come right off and will not scratch the paint.

APRIL

Wednesday April 18th, was our monthly dinner and meeting and only 49 days till Christmas (NO WHOOPS, TILL THE SAMBOREE).

Our vice president Del Earley is recovering nicely from a quintuple bypass heart surgery. We'll be glad when he can join us again.

We welcome Bert Mezenen, one of our club snowbirds, back from California.

We were delighted to have Bill Timmerman well enough to attend.

We welcomed new members Richard and Mary Wurm. We are so happy they have decided to join us.

President Bill Marsh announced things he had learned at the State meeting about the upcoming Samboree. There are a few members planning on going down to Nephi.

All club members are looking forward to nicer weather.

~Leslie Lansford

HAPPY HOBOS

Utah County

FEBRUARY

Hosts for our chapter lunch and meeting at the Chuck-a-Rama in Orem, were Ken and Gwen Unthank. It was well attended, with just a few Snow Birds missing. President Pink Carter greeted us with a warm welcome. Vice President Lyman Tidwell led us in the Pledge to our flag. The minutes and the financial reports were accepted. Our camping schedule and destinations for the summer were given to us. We are anxious to "get on the road" again. Plans for our parade entry for the Samboree were discussed. We were happy to have Cecil and Carol Peterson make the decision to join our chapter. Welcome aboard!!!!! Pink asked for a report on health issues among us. Everyone seems to be enduring the mild winter pretty well except for a few head colds. There are several of us pushing 80 and 80+, so staying healthy is a high priority for us. Happy birthday was sung to Jim Green, Pat Hardman and Joyce Phillips. Prizes were won by Delma Shoell and LeGrande Whatcott.

MARCH

We enjoy getting together each month during the winter rotating around our favorite restaurants. Most of us have had to give up our Snow Bird

lifestyle, but have stored up many fond memories. We are looking forward to our summer camp outs coming up soon. We met at the Golden Corral for their wonderful buffet. Our jacket, with Good Sam written on them, arouses the curiosity in some people and it's a great opportunity to introduce them to what Good Sam is all about. We may have picked up a new couple interested in joining our chapter through a conversation today. They were extended an invitation to our next month's meeting. Pres. Carter conducted our meeting discussing our coming events. It was decided to retire our old American flag and buy a new one. Cecil and Carol Peterson attend their first activity as our newest members. We are looking forward to getting better acquainted with them. We sang happy birthday to Ken Unthank, Jane Tidwell, Marcia Whatcott and Don Hardman. Prizes were won by Joyce Phillips and Glade Hilton. Hosts were Arnold and Marylin Green.

APRIL

Jack and Diane Howell returned from their St. George winter retreat just in time to host our April chapter luncheon at the Golden Corral in Orem. We had a few missing, but welcomed three visiting couples who are all residents of Pleasant Grove. They are Jerry and Peggy Bushman, Jay and Kathy Sperry, Dean and Margie Fausett. Our chapter meeting was conducted by Pres. Pink Carter. We are all looking forward to our first camp out next month at East Bay. Our visiting guests were invited to join us and find out what Good Sam camping is all about. We sang happy birthday to Delma Shoell and Cecil Peterson. Thanks to our hosts.

~ Gwen Unthank

OLYMPUS SEAGULLS ~ Salt Lake County / Tooele

FEBRUARY

We met at the Sostanza Restaurant in Tooele for our February Dinner. Don and Gwen McPhie were our hosts. We enjoyed good food and great company. Jerry Rasmussen and Wayne Worwood celebrated birthdays this month. Judy Millburn won our door prize.

MARCH

In March we met at Famous Dave's at Jordan Landing in West Jordan. Bill and Mary Jo Bohmholdt, the hosts, dressed in green with crazy headpieces with shamrocks and leprechaun hats!! We had two birthdays to celebrate this month; July Millburn and Marilyn Nash. We had a great time and the food was good too!! Bohmholdts won the door prize.

APRIL

Mimi's Restaurant in Murray is where we met for Dinner and our Business Meeting. The food was good and the company even better! We sang Happy Birthday to three of our members; Bob Nash, Connie Theobald and Norma Worwood. Bob and Marilyn Nash celebrate their 51st anniversary this month. Gwen McPhie won the door prize.

~ Janet Snideman

OVER THE HILL SAMS

Ogden / Roy

FEBRUARY

Some of our members who were lucky enough to be Snowbirds this year have for one reason or another found it necessary, and that would be ABSOLUTELY necessary, to come back and take care of things at home. They were welcomed back by our Cooks Night Out "Chef", Larry Stimpson, who arranges our dinner festivities for us. At least the weather has been considerably better this year, than what we had last year. Since we didn't have a regularly scheduled meeting this month, our Cooks Night Affairs took us to The Sizzler the first week of the month, then to Ligories, and then to Jeremiah's

the end of the month. It's always a great time to get together with our friends.

MARCH

Some of our returning snowbirds got back just in time to shovel snow. It sounds like everyone who did go South had a very enjoyable time, and we were glad to have them back. We wished we could have been travelling with them, but we have kept the home fires burning while they have been gone. Larry kept us very well fed, going to Chuck-A-Rama, and also to Olive Garden later in the month. We were saddened with the news of the passing of

our dear friend and former member, Lee Clement. He was reunited with his wife, Catherine, after 71 years of marriage. They loved camping with us and planned many unusual and fun events. We express our love and sympathy to their family.

APRIL

It was fun to get back to our regular meeting schedule this month. It is so enjoyable to get together again with all our dear friends in our Good Sam group. Wagonmaster Wayne Wilde told us our next meeting will be held at the South Fork Campground in connection with our camp cleanup project. He also gave us the schedule of the upcoming events for the summer. We all need to get our rigs in top shape to be ready for the cleanup, the Samboree and all the fun camping trips for the summer. Sharon Wheeler provided twenty five blankets for a boy scout to complete as part of his Eagle Scout project. Isn't it great to have all the leaves on the trees, and green grass, and the beautiful spring flowers in bloom? It's great to be alive!...."Before marriage the three little words are 'I love you,'. After marriage they are, 'let's eat out.'

~ LaMar Scadden

PEACH CITY SAMS ~ Brigham City

FEBRUARY

Our meeting for this month was held at the Emergency Services Building in Brigham City with 12 members present. Although few in numbers we were great in spirit. Our hosts were Del & Ruth Cunningham which provided us with cute Valentine table decorations. A lot of our members have been having medical problems but are all on the mend now. Our snowbirds are still down south in the warm sunshine. We discussed our camping plans for the coming year and it looks like we'll be having a lot of fun. We continue to collect items for our local food pantries. We are reminded that we plan on participating in Project Linus at the Rally in April and everyone was encouraged to help out.

On Feb. 13 Bob & Darlene Ebeling some of our long-timer members celebrated their 63rd wedding anniversary. Congratulations to them!

MARCH

Fourteen members and Bernie & LeMaye had a nice dinner at the Golden Corral for our March meeting. Our hosts were Fredrick & Paula Kluss and they presented everyone with St. Patrick's Day pencils. We discussed plans for the Samboree and encouraged everyone to plan on attending. Bernie invited our members to join his Chapter in a clean-up at Hyrum State Park. We thank the Trail Blazers for the invitation and we plan on attending and helping out.

Seven members were fortunate enough to be able to attend the Good Sam Rally in Phoenix. What an experience! After taking advantage of WalMart's hospitality and a campground in Page AZ., as we were preparing to move on the next day we heard that there had been about 54 inches of snow in Flagstaff the previous day. Undaunted we headed out to see what adventures were ahead of us. Since the roads were clear we took a side trip through beautiful Oak Creek Canyon and Sedona, AZ. The canopy of trees in the canyon was covered with snow and was absolutely breath taking. The red rock cliffs were partially covered with snow and literally glittered in the sunshine. Everyone agreed that it was well worth the short detour through Sedona

Upon arriving at the raceway we were put into a staging area along with hundreds of other rigs waiting for our turn to get our assigned sites. We visited with our neighbors while we waited and met some really nice people from all over the country

Bowzer's Rock N' Roll Party was great fun.
Before the entertainment our Chapter provided a little fun by throwing out beach balls with our chapter name on them into the crowd and watching them bounce from one side of the grand stands to the other. Don't know where they ended up, but it was fun watching it.

We handed in our donation to the Linus Project consisting of 69 items. Those that participated were: Arlene, Cathi, Barbara and Doris. We were even mentioned at the entertainment that night, (although they gave the wrong name and wrong number of donations) at least they got it right that we were from Utah. 14% of the 500 blankets donated at the Rally were from our chapter. Way to

go ladies. It was a real privilege to be a part of this project.

There were 3200 rigs registered at the Rally with an additional 800 plus daily passports. It was really awesome to see all those rigs from up on top of the bleachers as well as all the vendor tents and rigs for sale in the infield of the racetrack. The weather was beautiful and it was a really good experience and I think that we are all glad that we had the opportunity to attend the Rally.

The most enjoyable part of the whole trip was the fellowship and companionship we enjoyed.

APRIL

Seventeen members assembled at the Emergency Services Building in Brigham City. The Gills were our hosts and decorated our tables with filled Easter eggs and little crocheted candy filled baskets.

We have quite a few members that are under the weather in various ways and we wish them all well and a speedy recovery. More plans and assignments were made for the Samboree and everyone was encouraged to not leave things to the last minute. We are planning on a get-it-done day to complete some projects we have planned for that event.

We received word that our local Care Center was in need of tops/blouses for some of their female residents. A call went out to our Chapter members and as usual they came through with flying colors. An excess of 50 tops were delivered to the Care Center and were very much appreciated. Thanks to all that helped out.

We bid the Cunningham's a fond farewell with our best wishes as they embark on their new adventure. They will be serving an LDS mission at the Girls Camp in Heber City for the next six months. We will miss them but know they will enjoy their time up in the mountains and will join us again in the fall.

Paul presented Bob with a "Merit Badge" for navigation. He did such a good job of getting us through all the round-a-bouts in Sedona we thought he deserved a merit badge

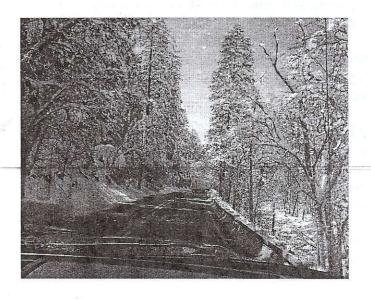
~ Arlene Hales



50 plus tops were donated to the Bear River Care Center



We had so many items for the Project Linus we had to have them come pick them up



Beautiful Oak Creek Canyon, Sedona AZ.

P.P. & P.S.O. ~ Past Presidents & Past State Officers

Chapter meetings are not held for the months of February, March and April as many members are 'snow birds'. Our first camp-out of the year will be held May 4-5-6 at Utah Lake State Park and all Past Presidents and Past State Officers are invited. Come join our group!

~ Beverly Olsen

RED CLIFF CHIEFS ~ Nephi / Levan

JANUARY

Happy New Year!!! Hope it's a great one. So far it's been okay. For out January meeting our chapter met at Mickelson's Restaurant. We had a fairly large turnout. A good way to start the new year. Some of us admitted that we had already tossed our New Year's Resolutions out the window. We had a pep talk from Pres. Dennis and we agreed to put our best efforts toward making 2012 a fun and productive year.

FEBRUARY

We were once again at Mickelson's restaurant. We are many members short due to the weather, nasty stuff out there tonight. We discussed the upcoming Samboree and what we wanted to accomplish. We got a lot of feedback on some of the projects we are going to try. Just remember if you make a suggestion, you better be ready to be in charge. We are all willing to help you out though. Some of our members have bee Samming around for years while others of us are new. We all enjoy each other and can poke fun at anyone of us. Lots of laughter and good times.

MARCH ·

The weather has turned soft and fuzzy. March meeting was held on a warm bright day. Daylight savings time left us with enough light to get home from Santaquin, where we had our meeting. We met at the Family T ree Restaurant. Our food was good and the company even better. We heard reports about our summer outing in August and further discussed the Samboree. We are coming up

with some pretty wacky ideas, but it should be fun. Hope to see you all there and see your ideas.

APRIL

Our April meeting was held at Mickelson's Restaurant. We had most of our members were present. We still have a few birds that have not come home yet and our President is out of action for awhile. Meanwhile back at the ranch, most of us are puttering along as best we can. Seems like late winter we tend to get ourselves in for our annual overhaul so we can get back in action. Spring is here, the highways and byways are calling. We had a delicious meal, talked over our plans for the upcoming months and visited with each other. It's good to be together again. Hope all is well with you and yours. We are looking forward to summer and everyone's good cookin'!!!

~ Nancy Sperry

SQUAW PEAK SAMS

Provo / Orem

JANUARY

We held our January meeting at the Golden Corral in Orem, Utah. The meeting was conducted by our President Gary Pyne. The theme was "Let It Snow". Hosts were Ray and Maris Baxter. They gave away a bowl of love and popcorn to each couple. There were twenty six members present and eight absent. We had an informative meeting and great food.

Birthdays were Ray Baxter, John Saxey, Joyce Snow, Neil Price, and Marcie Henrie.

FEBRUARY

Our February meeting was held at the Sizzler Restaurant in Orem, Utah. The hosts were Jim and Marcie Henrie. The theme was "Happy Valentine's Day". A goblet filled with valentine candy was given as favors to all members. A thought was given by Wally Eklund. The birthday this month was Maris Baxter. Everyone enjoyed the evening with good friends.

MARCH

We met at the Sweet Island Restaurant in Provo. The hosts were Wally and Jean Eklund. The theme was "Hawaii/St. Patrick's Day". The women wore Hawaiian dresses and the men Hawaiian shirts. Wally and Jean passed out Leis and said we were in

Waikiki Hawaii. The thought for the day was "A certain Irish Fairy" given by Wally Ekland. We had 23 present and 13 absent. State Director Harold Jacklin and his wife, Rosalie, Linda Rodon and LeRoy and Karen Barksdale were our guests for the evening. Our State Director talked about the recipes for National and the National Chapter of the Year. Also the Tag Along will be Sept. 6,7,8 in Delta, Utah. John and Linda Saxey celebrated their 44th year together.

APRIL.

Our April meeting was held at Jim's Family Restaurant in American Fork, Utah. The hosts were Jim and Linda Burrell. All our Snowbirds were welcomed back. The theme was "Flying High with our Squaw Peak Sam friends". Wind socks and favors of nut cups with some kites on them were filled with candy and nuts were given. The meeting was conducted by Gary Pyne and the Pledge was by J.D. Henley. There were 30 members present, 6 absent and 1 guest Jace Carter, grandson of Micky and Ilene. The thought was by Maris Baxter. "The Day We Flew the Kites". We took a vote on where we were going to camp in July – Hatch, Utah. Birthdays, Donna Price, Gary Pyne, Darrell Hunt, Bunnie Hunt, Jim Burrell, J.D. Henley.

~ Gloria Despain

SUNBURST SAMS

Provo / Orem

MARCH

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SUNDOWNER SAMS ~ Salt Lake County

FEBRUARY

Our theme for this month was Valentines, With decorations as such and pretty to. Our hosts were Bob and Darlene Congrove and Al and Jeri Heitman. We had 20 attend the Murray Heritage center for our dinner and meeting. Our caterer was the Midvale mining co, from Midvale. Business that was discussed was the summer trips and the agenda for the summer, Samboree and Tag-a-long. And how many might go to the Rally in Az. The entertainment was done by the group noun as Just In Time which sings without accompaniment. Our officers decided to keep them for another year in their present positions. Of which I forgot to mention in January. Birthdays and Anniversaries were acknowledged.

A few of our members are still having health problems but they are making improvements.

MARCH

we were honored to have the State Director Harold Jacklin and his wife Rosalie attend our March meeting for dinner and take a few minutes of time to enlighten us as to the progress of the Good-Sam Nat'l Organization and the states progress and the programs that we can take advantage of as members.

We played Pictionary, and saw a film on how the Leprechaun myth in Ireland came about. Our hosts were Nick and Patti Gilbert and Ethel and Tom Jeffs. The decorations were done with an Irish theme. 25 attended this month.

Our members are on the mend for their health problems and hope to see them come and join with us soon. Birthdays and Anniversaries were acknowledged.

APRIL

Our last winter meeting in doors, @ the Murray Heritage Center, Now it's to the out of doors for more fun. We had 23 in attendance. Our host Bob and Darlene Congrove, and Charlotte and Donald Beebe. The tables were decorated very fittingly, to an Easter theme. We played Games that was tied to a poem, called left and right, Peter Cotton tail, which we past Easter eggs left and right as the story went. Then a prize was given as to what was indicated inside the egg. We decorated Glasses with

an Easter theme and then had an Easter walk to show off our new EYE apparel. Tim Noyce won for the men, and Geri Heitman won for the woman. Christmas In June was discussed, and ideas for the summer trip were fielded and also who might go. Congratulations to Marvin and Joan Lee Married 53 years. Happy anniversary was sung.

~ Marvin Lee

TIMP MOONSHINERS ~ Salt Lake / Utah Counties

FEBRUARY

No formal meetings are held during the winter, part of our chapter are snowbirds and go south for the winter. Our friends in St. George are well and enjoying their winter as are the members who go to So. California. All send their greetings. Some of the members went to lunch to keep in touch. Birthdays for Feb: Beverly Hancock, Ron Thurgood, Leslie McRae. Anniversaries: Tim and Leslie McRae 46 yrs

MARCH

Still no sight of our Snowbirds. A dinner meeting was held at Dave and Marva Williams to work on our float for the parade at the Samboree. We talked about our April outing in St George. A fun evening was enjoyed and dinner was good. There was lots of soup for everyone. Our birthday wishes go out to; Carla Christensen, Elmer Johnson and Bob Little:

APRIL

Most of the Snowbirds have returned and we welcome them back. Our outing which was planned for April by our St. George group had to be cancelled because just the host was able to make it. Gas prices, health issues and State Meeting took their toll. Hope we get to see everyone in May at the Sand dunes for our outing there. We want to wish Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary to our friends. Birthdays; LaDean Hancock and Anniversary to Allen and Beverly Hancock 43 yrs. Happy trails until me meet again.

----Carol Jean Carroll

~ Carol Jean Carroll



FEBRUARY

February hosts Bob and Margie Driscoll held our dinner meeting at The Stockton Miner's Café in Stockton, UT An excellent dinner was served after which the meeting was called to order by President Dave Herrera. After Keith Gowans led us in the Pledge, Secretary Margie Driscoll called the roll and read the minutes and Matt Gillis read the treasurer's report in Jane's absence. There were 23 members in attendance and 2 guests, John and Karen Garcia (daughter & son-in-law of Genella Smith). We wished Sharon Howell and Beverly Caldwell a happy birthday. It was reported that Eileen Volberg had surgery on her knee and was recuperating at home. Dave announced that the May Campout will be May 15 - 19 at Kodachrome Basin in Southern Utah.

MARCH

Our March Dinner, March hosts Keith and Marilyn Gowans held our dinner meeting at The Sun Lok Yuen Café. The meeting was called to order by President Dave Herrera. After Joyce Rigby led us in the Pledge, Treasurer Jane Gillis called the roll and read the minutes and treasurer's report. There were 23 members in attendance and 2 guests, Karen Garcia (daughter of Genella Smith) and John Gamble (son of Beverly Caldwell. We sang Happy Birthday to Karen Lane. It was reported that Iris Reed had been ill but is getting better and was at our meeting. The Samboree was the main topic of discussion, we decided to get together on June 4 at the Senior Center to make the scone dough. Arlene will get the ingredients list together and get it to the members so we know what to bring. It was reported that George Kramer is home from the hospital but not doing well. Mel and Carrie Meads were voted in as new members of our club. Matt and Jane informed us that the July Campout will be at Palisades State Park. Dave and Arlene Herrera

won the 50-50 drawing and donated it back to the club, door prizes were won by Kit Roberts, Beverly Caldwell, and John Gamble.

APRIL

On April 11 we met at Virg's Restaurant in Erda for our monthly meeting, hosted by John White & Arlene Dennison. There were 22 members in attendance and it was great to have Sharon Cook, Sharon Howell, Ruby Bullock, and Eileen Volberg back. Mel Meads lead us in the pledge of allegiance, Margie read the minutes and Joyce Rigby read the treasurer's report, in Jane's absence. Dave read a Thank You card from the family of George Kramer who passed away on March 18th. Due to ill health, John White told us he won't be attending the Samboree so Fred Roberts volunteered to be wagon master. Sharon went over ideas for the float, duties at Samboree were discussed and we decided to meet on May 10 for our annual cleanup day. Keith Gowans won the 50-50 and door prizes were won by Ruby Bullock, Sharon Cook, Karen Lane, Carrie Meads and Kit Roberts. We sang happy birthday to Arlene Dennison, Shauna Edgeman, and Carrie Meads.

~ Shauna Edgeman

TRAIL BLAZERS

Roy / Ogden

FEBRUARY

We met at Sizzler in Ogden and had 20 members there. Unfortunately the restaurant was so crowded that they put big groups of people in our meeting room. It was too noisy to conduct a meeting, so we put it off until March. But, of course, we all enjoyed the food and fellowship and had a great time. We enjoyed the company and stories of our State Director, Harold Jacklin and his wife Rosalie.

MARCH

Our meeting was held at Ramblin Roads restaurant in Clearfield. Nineteen members were present. We had a discussion of the Chapter By-laws regarding Honorary members. We are getting ready for our first camp out in May at Hyrum State Park. Members are going to be doing cleanup in the park. Tom and Jean Ellery are the hosts for this event. Leo Archuleta, Bruce Holland and Abbe Joens had birthdays in March. The following had

Anniversaries in March: Bruce and Wyn Holland, Ray and Jean Stenger, and Bernie and LeeMaye Vorhees. Congratulations to all. We are all looking forward to a great season of friendship and RVing.

APRIL

We held our meeting at Ramblin Roads restaurant in Clearfield. It's becoming a popular meeting place! We had 24 members present. A lot of discussion took place about our Work Camp out at Hyrum State Park. Besides our chapter, 3 couples from the Peach City Sams are planning to help us cleanup including our State Director Harold Jacklin and his wife Rosalie. Bernie and Lee Maye Vorhees are helping the Ellerys with the preparations for which they are very grateful. Being so early in May, we hope the weather is perfect to do all that outside raking and cleaning up. Our chapter is happy to share the "work" with the Gilles', Hales and Andersons from Peach City. Jean Ellery had a birthday in April.

~ Jean Ellery

TRAIL DUSTERS ~ Utah County

FEBRUARY

Karl and Pat Koenig hosted the February Trail
Duster Meeting at Rib City in American Fork. The
table was decorated with red center pieces and a
Valentine box filled with candies at each plate.
President Arlene Kendall conducted the meeting
and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Lloyd
Wright gave the prayer and blessing on the food.
There were two new couples in attendance, Al and
Linda Andrew and Lynn and Kathleen Halliday,
Val and RaMay Rasmussen, who were with us last
month, attended for the second time. Others present
Stan and Jerry Griffin, Karl and Pay Koenig, Arlene
and Roy Kendall, Eva and Lloyd Wright. The
Freeman's and Richan's were excused because of
illness.

MARCH

The meeting was held at China Light in American Fork. Host and Hostess were our newest members, Val and RaMay Rasmussen. Each person received a large green cup filled with St. Patrick goodies, a balloon, and other fun prizes. President Arlene Kendall conducted and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Lloyd Wright gave the prayer and

blessing on the food. Eva Wright read the minutes of the previous meeting.

There has been sickness among our members. Helen Richan has been in the hospital with pneumonia, but is home now. Leo Freeman had successful surgery on his esophagus. But his trailer didn't fare so well. An accidental fire completely destroyed his trailer and all of its contents. The fire did a lot of damage to his garage and house. But neither he nor Chloe were hurt in the fire. A letter was read from "Dogs for the Deaf", expressing appreciation for our past contributions.

APRIL

We took our trailers and went to East Bay in Provo for four days of fun and food. While there we visited the Monte Bean Museum, the Springville Art Gallery, and went to the Senior Citizen movie at the Scera Theater. We saw "Sands of Iwo Jima" with John Wayne. We got a free bag of popcorn and a free tour of the Orem Heritage Museum upstairs.

We had a turkey dinner, prepared by Lloyd and Eva Wright. The next night we have a great pot luck meal. We played Crazy Golf out in the sunshine. We sat around the campfire and sang songs and roasted marshmallows in the evenings. Karl Koenig was our fire builder.

The Rasmussen's were voted in with a big welcome. Kathleen Halliday has accepted the position of Treasurer. Chloe Freeman was released. Jerry Griffin will be in charge of the Christmas in June parade at the Samboree.

~ Eva Wright

UTE SALT SHAKERS ~ Salt Lake County

FEBRUARY

Our luncheon was held at Golden Corral with Crows and Wims as hosts. They did a great job with a Valentine theme. 25 members and 2 honorary members were present. We were saddened to hear of the loss of two of our dear friends, Robert (Bob) Perkins and Richard (Dick) Maxfield.

MARCH

We met at Christopher's in Draper with Godfreys and Smiths as hosts. We had a wonderful lunch in

a very beautiful dining area with linen table cloths and napkins and drinking goblets. There were 38 members and 7 honorary members present. We are very saddened once again with the loss of two of our long time members: Fred Dietrich and Ed Crow. Our condolences go out to their wives and families.

APRIL

Grippens and Isoms hosted our first camp-out of the year at East Bay Resort. We had a nice dinner the first night at Cracker Barrel. The next day we visited the museum on BYU campus where they have a huge animal exhibit. It was very interesting. Shasta, the Liger from Hogle Zoo was one of the animals on display. After the museum we visited the Creamery where we had HUGE, delicious ice cream cones and made some purchases such as salad dressing and cheese curds. Our usual delicious pot luck dinner was held that evening with 42 members and 3 honorary members, guests, Bob and Dorothy Peno, from Oregon, and we were honored by the presence of our State Director Harold Jacklin and his wife Rosalie. We had a second pot luck on Wednesday. (Leftovers supposedly, but of course there were many new dishes as well) We had a very enjoyable time playing games and visiting.

~ Vona Mae Dunn

WEBER WAFFIES

Ogden / Roy

FEBRUARY

The Weber Waffies met at Emmett and Judy Daugherty home for a pot luck dinner. Thirteen members were present. We were pleased that Ben and Jean Codgill could join us. No meeting was held. Jim and Marylin have both been ill. Lawrence Siler has not been feeling will. Happy Birthday to Arlen Jensen, John Rhoades and Lawrence Siler.

MARCH

March found the Weber Waffies at the Sizzler in Ogden. The hosts were Al and Ruth Watson and LaMar Smith. There were twelve members present. The food was great. No meeting was held. Georgia Rhoades and Lawrence Siler have been ill. Beverly Bowman has moved to the Garden's on 9th St. in Ogden. Happy Birthday to Emmett

Daugherty and Genevie Siler.

APRIL

The Weber Waffies met at the Golden Coral in Layton for our April meeting. Almost all of the Snow Birds have flown home. We are together again. The hosts were Jim and Marylin Whinham and John and Georgia Rhoades. A thank you note was read from the American First Credit Union, thanking us for our Christmas Donation to Warm The Soles. All Watson, our wagon master talked about the trips that we will be taking this summer and reminded us of our first to Perception Park. We will stay longer this year if the weather permits. We will be doing the Humanitarian Kits. Looks like we will have a fun summer.

~ Vivian Jensen

BOONDOCKING

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Boondocking is the term that has come to mean Dry Camping (parking anywhere without amenities) is more accurate. Being prepared to live independently is what it's all about, then you're free to do what you want to do.

Here are some tips:

In general, the secret is to do it with Discretion. No matter where you do it. You need to blend in and don't call attention to yourself. No awnings, lawn chairs and such in rest areas and malls. Sometimes you need to be sneaky and sometimes not. Rest areas can be fine, some states encourage overnights and even have special areas. Restrictions are mainly to keep drug dealers, prostitutes and local riff raff from setting up camp.

Truck stops, malls, restaurants can be ok. In this case just blend in with the crowd, in smaller areas ask permission, buy something and always be discreet.

Places to avoid: downtown and many other areas that are fine by day at night come alive with druggies and thugs. Church lots are now used for activities at all hours. Avoid any place off the road that is littered with beer bottles or you will be visited by drunken high-school kids.

Remember be Good Sammers when you boondock, be discreet and clean up after yourself. May you have Happy Boondocking this summer.