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We are going to build a time capsule at the 2018 Rally/Samboree.

What would you like to see placed in our time capsule that will be opened years down the road?

Don Nedrow is our State Historian

If you have any ideas or items that may work well in the capsule, let Don know after September 6th.



TWO ISSUES TO RESOLVE:

On August 5th, 2017 I sent out a ballot to all our OGS Chapter Presidents, asking them to check with their chapters and then vote on two timely issues:

- 1. Moving the date of our State Rally to the third weekend instead of the fourth and*
- 2. Changing the deadline for rosters and dues to be turned in by November 30th instead of January 31st.*

I agree with both Mary and Joyce. Thank you for helping us make our organization work smoother and more efficiently.

Karen

FIXIN' THE YEARLY REPORT....

Last year I had payments sent in from September thru June with some Chapter's even sending in several payments as members paid their dues. This makes the bookkeeping very hard to keep track of who has & who has not paid.

If every Chapter were to set Nov. 30th of each year to have their dues paid in full; it would put us on a regular schedule and we could set our yearly budget in December & be ready to begin our new year.

To simplify things for everyone --- why not elect your officers, send in your roster & pay your dues all at the same time--- November 30th. Every person could set this payment up (payable to your Chapter) just like they pay their other Nov. bills. Your Chapter Treasurer would then send payment (in one lump sum) to: Oregon Good Sam. Dues are \$5.00 per Year.

Joyce Burt

BEST LAID PLANS OF MICE AND MEN.....

When the OGS Rally was held on the third weekend of the month and attendance was low we speculated about graduation, Father's Day and end of school conflicts.

So we changed it to the fourth weekend and guess what? Nothing changed; in fact, attendance continued to decline. So where is the merit in the change?

If we reschedule back to the third weekend of the month, there is at least two positives!

1. Conflicts with the FMCA Rally will be resolved so more vendors can come AND
2. We will not conflict with the BC Provincial Rally so travelers can go from Washington, to Idaho, to Oregon and to BC with no issues.

Let's step up and make this change for the good of all?

Mary Swanson

Send ballot to:

Joyce Burt

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Ballots due in by
September 30th

Memorial Cross

Name Iva Edna Mumau
 Spouse Jerry Mumau (deceased)
 Chapter Eugene Sojourners
 Birth Date 1919
 Death Date August 15,2017

<u>SEPTEMBER CHAPTER ANNIVERSARIES</u>	
Blue Mountain Good Sams	43 years
Good Sam Klamath Kampers	28 years
Polk About Sams	26 years

New Chapter Members

Buckaroo Tumbleweed Sams - 7

Scot & Clare Jacobson
 Tammi Chase
 Tom & Mary Lowery
 Steve & Karen (Kari) Story
 Sarah Jacobson & Chris Schnider
 Ryan & Eموkee Marvin
 Dave & Carol Fitzsimmons

Roseburg Sams - 3

Colin & Irene Jameson
 Richard Gutierrez & Susan Peck
 Ronald & Cathie Culley



Useful Links



www.goodsamclub.com	This link will take you to the Good Sam Club homepage
www.dogforthedeaf.org	This is one of Oregon Good Sam's favorite Charities
www.connectionspublications.com	Exceptional magazine featuring Oregon Good Sam RV parks, small towns, local activities and OGS Chapter advertising
www.caseysrvpark.com	The RV Park chosen 'Top Park' by Oregon Good Sam Club in 2016
www.remoteoutpostrv.com	The RV Park chosen 'Top Park' by Oregon Good Sam Club in 2017
www.oregongoodsam.com	Our Oregon Good Sam Club website.

"Autumn is a season followed immediately by looking forward to Spring." - Anonymous



ECLIPSE PHOTOS



These are all I have at this time. If you send me others I will put them in the next Drifter.

Our highest rated RV Parks in Oregon

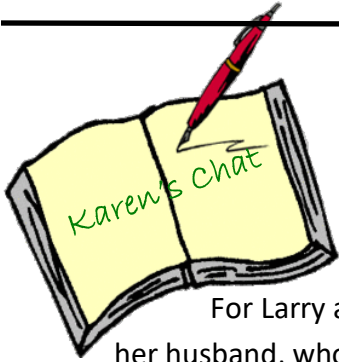
<u>Bend/Sisters Garden RV Resort</u>	Bend, OR	10/10 ★ /10
<u>Seven Feathers RV Resort</u>	Canyonville, OR	10/10 ★ /10
<u>Olde Stone Village RV Park</u>	McMinnville, OR	10/10 ★ /10
<u>Pacific Shores Motorcoach Resort</u>	Newport, OR	10/10 ★ /10
<u>Hee Hee Illahee RV Resort</u>	Salem, OR	10/10 ★ /10
<u>Casey's Riverside RV Park</u>	Westfir, OR	10/10 ★ /10
<u>Pheasant Ridge RV Resort</u>	Wilsonville, OR	10/10 ★ /10

Meet our Assistant Directors

We will introduce our Assistant Directors, one each month.



Beginning with the Drifter October Issue— Watch for it!



When we think of this summer a few words might come to mind like HOT and BUSY. For Larry and I we added the loss of my sister in a RV accident and opening up our home to Paul, her husband, who is slowly recuperating from his injuries. And then there is the grieving process that one walks through, each in their own way. I haven't had to experience that very much in my life up to now. I think I will now be a little more able to feel with others who are going through it....maybe.

I have also become aware this summer of some problems our RV Parks are experiencing. We are living in a time of abundance when it comes to camping. RVs can be seen on every road and in lots of driveways. RV manufacturers and dealers say they are making and selling more RVs than ever before. More people are experiencing or dreaming of being able to live and travel in an RV. Older RV Parks are struggling to upgrade to meet the needs of bigger RVs and keeping up with the demand for more available internet connections. Our older park owners are finding willing buyers for their parks so the torch is passed on to the next generation. The new owners are making new rules and trying new ways of doing things. And the prices are going up to help them cover the costs of their new acquisitions.

We are finding that the way we have always done our camping is changing. And sometimes we don't like those changes—right?

Both Larry and I are feeling we need to be more sensitive to and understanding of our park owners and managers. One way we could do it is to go online and make a conscious effort to give the parks we like and visit a good review. I know it takes time to do that but our parks are depending on it. Word of mouth is good but in this day and age we live in, we need to do it online. Let's make a commitment to give at least one **good** rating to a RV Park every month. Let's flood cyberspace with praise and encouragement for the parks we like.

We need our parks and they need us. We can't live the RV lifestyle without them.

To end up here, I want to give a great review for Honey Bear RV Park just outside of Gold Beach, on our southern coast. Brand new owners, new ideas who are working hard to please you. Give'em a try and tell them I sent you.

Karen

P.S. SEE NEXT PAGE TO LEARN HOW TO WRITE A REVIEW. LET'S DO A "WRITE A GOOD REVIEW" CAMPAIGN FOR OUR OREGON RV PARKS.

Guidelines for Writing an RV Park Review

The Campground and RV Park Review feature on GoodSamClub.com allows members to write about their camping experiences. Clear and specific customer reviews will help everyone in the Good Sam community make better, more informed choices about where they will stay on their journey.

So what makes a campground review helpful? We've compiled a list of four guidelines for writing a review that is useful to the other members of the Good Sam community.

- **Be Specific.** Give readers as much relevant information as possible. The time of year can have a huge impact on your experience, especially if you were vacationing during a holiday weekend. What kind of site did you have—a pull-thru or a back-in? Were you near the playground or pool? Did you travel with kids? **We recommend that you write your review within 6 months of your visit.** All of these details will help another member connect with your experience and determine if the campground is right for them.
- **Be Constructive.** It is okay to write criticisms about an RV park, but make sure they are constructive and will help other members make important decisions about their travels. Don't just suggest that a campground isn't "pet-friendly." Give specific details about why you felt the park was not a good fit for someone traveling with pets. Make sure you describe how the management dealt with your concerns. Always give a campground the chance to correct a situation before complaining about it online.
- **Be Respectful of Privacy Concerns.** Please don't mention proper names when using the review feature. It is important to respect individuals' privacy concerns, and you can communicate all necessary information using general titles such as manager, owner, camp employees or guests. **Please note: Individual disputes should not be addressed in your review.**

Acknowledge the Good Guys. Don't just use the review feature to complain about bad camping experience. Use this as an opportunity to share outstanding campground stays as well. Did you find a campground with huge, private sites? A beautiful pool? Easy access to nearby attractions? Log on to Good Sam and rave about all your amazing experiences.

By following these guidelines, you can help other members find the best location for their next RV getaway. And the best part is you will also benefit from all the campground information provided by others. It is a win-win!

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I walked through the process two times so I could give you the steps to write the review.

1. Go to www.goodsamclub.com (this is the GSC website)
2. Click on Find a Campground
3. Click on Plan a Trip
4. Click on RVer Park Reviews
5. You will see Write A Review Today! Click on the red button that says Get Started Reviewing
6. Fill out the following spaces:
 - A. State
 - B. Category of RV
 - C. Park Name
7. You will have many parks to choose from. Choose the one you want.
8. You will see the ratings on the right side. Go to RVer Reviews. Click on Write A Review
9. Fill in Date of Stay, Select RV Type and, using 1-5 stars, rate overall rating, facility rating, restroom rating and appeal rating. Check that you agree to terms and guidelines.
10. Write your good review, then click on I'm Not a Robot to let them know you are a real person.

My hope would be all your reviews are positive. If not, please give me a chance to respond to the issue.

CAMPING WORLD®

Just Received This Important Message From Marcus Lemonis

Many of our friends and families in Texas have been devastated by Hurricane Harvey. Two Camping World locations, in Houston and San Antonio, are experiencing first-hand the impact of the storm. We want to assist members of these communities and have created the following efforts.

Beginning today, all Camping World SuperCenters are collecting new or gently used clothing for adults and children to send to the affected areas. Pants, shirts, shoes, shorts, jackets...all types of clothing are needed. We will ensure that all donated clothing is transported and distributed to those in need as soon as possible.

In addition, we will be taking donations for the American Red Cross. Camping World will MATCH total contributions up to 2 million dollars. You give \$10, we give \$10. All donations received at any Camping World SuperCenters now through Labor Day will qualify for the match.

If you would like to help, please visit www.CampingWorld.com/stores to find a SuperCenter near you. We hope you will join us in helping the victims of this devastating storm.



Marcus Lemonis
Chairman of Camping World Holdings

I encourage you all to help in this project if you can.

Please take your donations to the Camping World closest to you. Karen



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--- DID YOU KNOW---

- A black and white edition of The Drifter is sent out to about 10 Good Sam members who do not have a computer or access to the internet.
- Each printed paper Drifter copy now costs Oregon Good Sam \$2.00 (\$.68 for mailing and \$1.32 for b/w printing). \$2.00 X 12 times a year is \$24.00.
- We have raised the price for getting the paper Drifter sent to you to \$20.00/year. Thank you for understanding.

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