

The DRIFTER

Oregon Good Sam Club Newsletter



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*May the quiet beauty of this
season bring you deep joy,
peace and warm memories
to cherish throughout the
coming year.*

December 2017



**FAITH
FAMILY
FRIENDS**

Our wish for you all....
Karen & Larry Wells



Memorial Scroll

Name Merle Mathwich
Spouse Beverly
Chapter Paradise Sams (now dechartered)
Birth Date August 16, 1930
Death Date November 9, 2017

Name Geraldine "Geri" L. Staton
Spouse David
Chapter Rollin' Roamers
Birth Date August 19, 1938
Death Date November 9, 2017

New Chapter Members

McKenzie River Drifters—1

Gary & Gina Graunke

Rogue River Rooster Sams—1

Ron & Willie Shephard

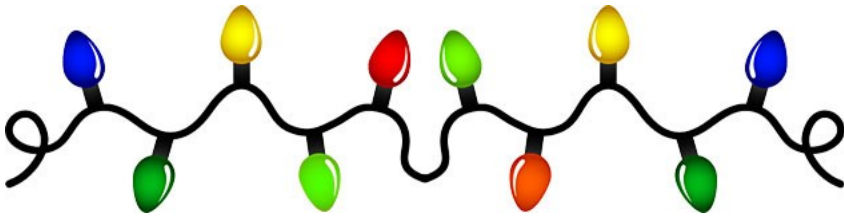
DECEMBER CHAPTER ANNIVERSARIES

Columbia River Sams

17 years

More Chapter Changes

Columbia River Good Sams
has gone dormant



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.oregongoodsam.com

Our Oregon Good Sam Club website.

"Winter is the time for comfort, for good food and warmth...it is the time for home." ..Edith Sitwell

Thank
you

JOHN



John Davis has been our faithful coffee

maker and the man with the keys for many years at our Oregon Good Sam meetings and rallies.

He will be missed this year.

John, we wish you well. May your time be filled with fun and exciting adventures and good health.

Karen and the Oregon Good Sam Staff

As a member of the Good Sam Club, I pledge to give aide to others in need, respect nature and the environment, give back to the community and those less fortunate, treat others with dignity and respect, wear a smile (like Good Sam & Good Samantha's) and promote the pledge of The Good Sam Club to others.

THE GOOD SAM CLUB PLEDGE

Donner and Blitzen are the German words for thunder and lightning. Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer first appeared in a 1939 booklet written by Robert L. May for a coloring book for Montgomery Ward.

Rudolph was at first supposed to be a moose but was changed to a reindeer. Other ideas for his name were Rollo and Reginald. But Rudolph won out!

Thank you, Don!

CHAPTERS ON THE GO



Rogue River Rooster Sams

On November 1st the Rogue River Rooster Sams visited the Dogs For Better Lives (Dogs for the Deaf) facility in Central Point, OR. This was the day of the new name for the facility and we were the first group to visit. We watched the new film presentation, took the tour and also went to the overlook where Ann Springer's memorial sign will be hung. The Chapters annual donation was presented to Michelle Erwin who is the Donor Support Coordinator by President Rosemary Wheeler. We then traveled to Grants Pass, OR for a pizza party funded by our Secret Sherriff fines.



Portland Single Sams and the Layover Sams

The Portland Single Sams and the Layover Sams held their annual Thanksgiving Dinner camp out at Silver Spur RV Park in Silverton. Besides fixing a magnificent dinner this camp out is dedicated to making warm and fuzzy items for those in need. This year's project is blankets.



SEND IN YOUR FAVORITE CHAPTER CAMPOUT PHOTOS
WITH A SHORT DESCRIPTION. LETS FILL THE PAGE.

Words on volunteering from Wikipedia:



Volunteering is generally considered an altruistic activity where an individual or group provides services for no financial gain "to benefit another person, group or organization". Volunteering is also renowned for skill development and is often intended to promote goodness or to improve human quality of life. Volunteering may have positive benefits for the volunteer as well as for the person or community served. It is also intended to make contacts for possible employment. Many volunteers are specifically trained in the areas they work, such as medicine, education, or emergency rescue. Others serve on an as-needed basis, such as in response to a natural disaster.

Side note from Karen: I have been a volunteer for most of my life. Some of the things I volunteered for were: hospital services, farm organizations, church junior choir, teen classes, Chamber of Commerce organization, founding and building a community center in a small town and running a museum. What we do in Oregon Good Sam is VOLUNTEERING. Without volunteers, Oregon Good Sam will cease to exist.



This Drifter will be a little shorter this month. It seems life gets a bit hectic around this time every year. The work doesn't end, it just gets moved around a little. :-)

We have our vendor form almost perfected. The fairgrounds contract is signed for the Rally. Still looking for some special helpers (see below). Getting ready to go out to find sponsors for some of our special events happening at the Rally.

My heart is warmed with the memories of you, everyone of you. Thank you for your friendship. I have so enjoyed getting to know you these last two years. Don't forget, together we can continue to make a difference in this world.
Love you, Karen



Thank you Phyllis

I AM LOOKING FOR THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE:

Someone to help find vendors for Rally _____

Someone to decorate the tables at the
Catered Dinner (theme-Time & Space) Phyllis Slack

Someone to manage the Door Prize area _____

Someone to manage the Photo Contest _____

Someone to manage the Greeters program _____

Someone to help with Food Drive Donation _____

Someone to teach a craft _____

Someone to be fairground facilitator with
Larry Wells _____

Someone to be in charge of outdoor
field games _____

IF YOU CAN HELP —CALL KAREN—503-910-2329 or email her at
oregongoodsamfamily@gmail.com



INDEX OF IMPORTANT ISSUES COVERED IN THE DRIFTER IN 2016-2017

Note: I am making this list because I have become aware of Chapters and Members who have either forgotten what was written or they don't read the Drifters to know what is going on in Oregon Good Sam. It also helps me know if I have forgotten to share something. Note: All Drifters are on the OGS website, www.oregongoodsam.com. Click on Drifters and pick the one you want to look at.

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Additional Costs for Rally April 2017

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Ballots sent out September 2017

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Chapter Anniversaries In every Drifter
 Campground Usage Agreement November 2017
 Critiques August 2017
 Country Cuzzins Rendezvous Information May 2017
 Chapter of the Year 2016 January 2017
 List of Contests for 2017 Rally April 2017
 Cancelation Policy December 2016
 Chapter Focus November 2016
 Good Sam Clean Up Day April 2016

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Drifter Order Form On last page of every Drifter
 Duties Master List for Rally/Samboree June 2017
 Dogs for the Deaf Winners for 2016 April 2017, May 2016
 DOGS FOR THE DEAF NEW NAME November 2017
 Dues deadline November 2017

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Fam Sam Chapters August 2017
 Use of Fire Extinguishers April 2017
 Fall Gathering Highlights November 2016
 Food Drive "Where Good Sam Is, Good Things Happen" June 2016

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Gathering Hosts for 2018 October 2017
 Spring Gathering Minutes 2017 August 2017
 Spring Gathering Report 2017 June 2017

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Magazine (free) for all members November 2017
 Memorials In every Drifter
 Moving from Rickreall September 2016

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New Member Lists In every Drifter
 New Member Form (send to Alice Ferrell) November 2017
 Newsletter Contest Rules February 2017

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Organizational Leadership Format October 2017
 ODOT Road Hazard Phone Numbers November 2016 (continued on next page)

— P —	Pow Wow Schedule	August 2017
	Two Photo Contests	April 2017
	Photo Contest—On The Road Again	February 2017
	Lists of Good Sam RV Parks in Oregon	November 2016
	Challenge of 20 Amp Camping	June 2016
	Pull Tab Contest	March 2016
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--R—	Reservation Policy for RV Park (new)	November 2017
	Registration Form for Rally RV Park	November 2017
	Region Names with their Assistant Directors	October 2017
	Regional Rally List	October 2017
	Writing Reviews for RV Parks	September 2017
	State Rally Schedules & Reports	June 2017, July 2016
	Registration Cancellations	December 2016
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	Staff Notes	October 2017
	SOPs aka Standing Rules	August 2017
	State Rally Report	July 2017
	Spring Gathering List of Attendees	April 2017
	OGS Store	February 2017
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	Top Park Information	August 2017, August 2016
	Thank You Notes	July 2017, December 2016, November 2016
	Thank You Notes Continued	July 2016, December 2017
	Thank You from Ann	November 2016



NEW RESERVATION POLICY FOR FAIRGROUNDS RV PARK 2018



Due to the fact that the fairgrounds **RV Park** was not full in 2017, we are changing the way reservations will be done. As noted in my Chat, OGS will be paying the fairgrounds for every RV site in the **RV Park**, whether anyone is parked there or not. It is of necessity that we fill the park completely this year. If you have concerns about parking in the **RV Park**, please share these concerns with OGS State Director, Karen Wells.

FIRST COME – FIRST SERVED

The **RV Park** will be on a **'first come, first served'** policy. There will be no 'waiting list' until the park is completely filled and paid for. If you used the **RV Park** last year, you will still need to register again this year. If you already picked your sites last year with Joyce, please remind her that you still want them when you register this year.

EVERYONE NEEDS TO REGISTER THIS YEAR

If you wish to stay in the fairgrounds **RV Park** during the week of the 2018 State Good Sam Rally, you will need to fill out the form on the next page and send to Joyce Davis as soon as possible. Remember, the early bird gets the worm. At this time we still have 49 sites, all with electricity and water. There will be some new pull-throughs and possible more sites.

WAITING LIST

When the **RV Park** is fully reserved with all fees paid, then we will begin making a waiting list.

HOW TO CHANGE RV PARK RESERVATIONS, IF NEEDED

If someone who has already paid needs to change their reservation at the **RV Park** they can cancel and have fees returned if it is before the reservation deadline of June 4th, 2018. After that date, no refunds will be made.

(NOTE: This cancellation policy will be discussed once again at the 2019 Spring Gathering business meeting. The decision made at that time may possibly change the refund policy shown above.)

FILLING OUT FORM

Please fill out form completely. When sending it in, please include your total fee for parking at the RV Park. That fee is \$25 a night.

THIS FORM DOES NOT REGISTER YOU FOR THE RALLY. Be sure to send your Rally Registration Form to Registrar by June 1st, 2018. It can be found on the OGS website in January or on page 2 of the January Drifter.



2018 Rally RV Park Reservation

“Journey through Time & Space” at Roseburg!!

June 19 – 23, 2018

Reservation Form

Please review, add, and/or correct the information below:

Name _____ Home phone: _____
 Address _____ Cell phone: _____
 City _____ ST _____ Zip _____ 2nd Cell phone: _____
 Chapter: _____ eMail: _____

Please provide the following information about your reservation:

RV Type (MH, 5th Wheel, etc.): _____ Length: _____ License No: _____

Arrival Date (not earlier Sunday, June 17): _____	
Departure Date (not later than Sunday, June 24): _____	Total number of nights: _____

Sunday ____ Monday ____ Tuesday ____ Wednesday ____ Thursday ____ Friday ____ Saturday ____

Total number of nights _____ X \$25.00: _____ (Total rental fee) \$ _____

Full fee enclosed _____ \$ _____

Check made out to: **OREGON GOOD SAM CLUB**

Please provide us with any special requests you may have: _____

Please return this form with your full payment
 not later than April 15, 2018 to:
 Joyce A. Davis, RV Park Reservations
 517 Madsen Loop
 Carlton, OR 97111-9594

Make check payable to: OREGON GOOD SAM CLUB

***Note: This form does not register you for the Rally,
 be sure to submit the Rally Registration to the Registrar by June 1.***

RALLY REGISTRATION FORM WILL BE IN THE JANUARY ISSUE OF THE DRIFTER AND ON THE WEBSITE IN JANUARY.

NOTE FROM KAREN:

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Please read page 10 for further information on the new Reservation Policy for the Fairgrounds RV Park in 2018.



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City _____ State _____ Zip _____ - _____

Phone _____ Cell _____ Chapter _____

E-Mail _____ ***Required for E-Drifter Subscription***

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- 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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