

The DRIFTER

Oregon Good Sam Club Newsletter



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*There's no place like home to celebrate this time of year,
And there's no better folks than you to fill the season
with good cheer!*

IMPORTANT 2019 DATES

April 25-28, 2019

Round Up at Wapiti

April 28-29, 2019

Spring Gathering - Wapiti

May 15-19, 2019

Country Cousins Rendezvous at
Milton-Freewater

June 11-15, 2019

OREGON GOOD SAM

STATE RALLY in Roseburg

August 1-4, 2019

Pow Wow in Odell

August 4-5, 2019

Fall Gathering in Odell

December 2018

...the month of celebrations

...the month of making memories



MERRY CHRISTMAS



*Feliz Navidad y felices fiestas os deseamos a todos los seguidores de
Donde habitan los libros*



Hi Everyone!

I hope you are full of turkey and mashed potatoes!

Just a brief reminder of the Saturday Night Show at Rally in June. The theme is “Thanks for the Memories”.

You can use this theme in two ways:

- 1.) Do something you have done before in the show as we are remembering back on our 50 years.
- 2.) Do something new that has a “remembering” in it or a skit about a memory from your Chapter.

If you or another Chapter member is comfortable with use of a computer, Google “thank songs or skits, memory songs or skits, jokes, etc.

After the first of the year I will give you more specifics.

I’m looking for someone to be a narrator this year. Please let me know if you are interested. The narrator can be male or female. May require a little memorizing and showmanship!!!

Choraliers, we will be singing also. Be sure and plan on practicing with me at Rally. We could use some “guy voices” too.

Thank you for the memories you have made in my life.

Terry Parman, OGS Show Director



NEW CHAPTER MEMBERS

SPRUCE RUNNERS—1

Keith Palmateer & Luana Berens

GOOD SAM KLAMATH KAMPERS—2

Becky Hunt

William & Marie Wright

POLK ABOUT SAMs—1

Michael & Sharon Barnes

DECEMBER CHAPTER ANNIVERSARIES

None that are still active

**What takes us back to the past are the memories. What brings us forward is our dreams.
– Jeremy Irons**

LOST AND FOUND

Last summer at Rally someone purchased a tee shirt from Teri's Creations. It was never claimed. I have the shirt . If the owner will let me know what it looks like I'd be happy to send it to you.. If this message sounds like I don't remember what it looks like, you are right, I don't, but I'd be happy to go to the RV and find out for you :-)

Dee Veenendaal, oregongoodsamfamily@hotmail.com

A thought to be considered:

You are holding a cup of coffee when someone comes along and bumps into you, making you spill your coffee everywhere. Why did you spill the coffee? You spilled the coffee because there was coffee in your cup. Had there been tea in the cup, you would have spilled tea. The point is, whatever is inside the cup, is what will spill out.

Therefore, when life comes along and shakes you (which will happen), whatever is inside you will come out. It's easy to fake it, until you get rattled. So, we have to ask ourselves, "What's in my cup?". When life gets tough, what spills out? Joy, gratefulness, peace and humility? Or does anger, bitterness, harsh words and reactions come out? You choose!

Today let's work towards filling our cups with gratitude, forgiveness, joy, words of affirmation, kindness, gentleness and love for others.

2019 RALLY/SAMBOREE

Plans are underway for Oregon Good Sam's 50th Anniversary Celebration, "Thanks for the Memories".

Your Oregon State Officers and Staff hope you all will be attending the Rally/Samboree June 11—15, 2019.

We are looking for volunteers to help with parking, crafts, seminars, games, etc. Please tell us you can help.

We feel last year had successful scheduling. We are trying to put old and new activities into the same schedule.


More news in the February 2019 Drifter. (We are going to skip January)

Recipes



The holiday/winter months sometimes call for a special breakfast treat to help us start our day in a festive and happy mood. These two recipes will also work great for a campout breakfast or a family brunch.

PUMPKIN PANCAKES

Oh these were soooo yummy. You may need to add a bit more milk to the batter. Sometimes it comes out a bit too thick. Second tip:  Make small pancakes, about 3 inches in diameter.

2-1/2 Cups pancake mix. Stir in 3 Tablespoons brown sugar and 2-1/2 teaspoons pumpkin pie spice. In a separate bowl mix 1 beaten egg, 1-3/4 Cups milk, 2 Tablespoons vegetable oil, 2 Tablespoons vinegar and 1 Cup pumpkin puree (not pumpkin pie filling).

Mix wet and dry ingredients together. Heat a lightly oiled griddle or fry pan over medium heat. Pour approximately 1/4 Cup of batter for each pancake. Brown on both sides.

Serve with warm maple syrup and butter. How about some whipping cream if you are feeling really decadent ?

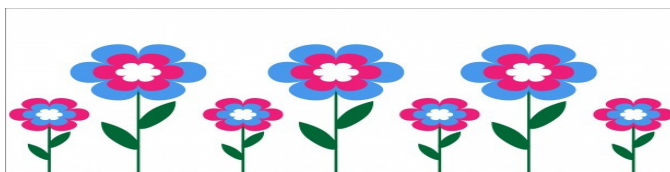
APPLE PANCAKES BY SHELLEY FRANKLIN

These are very rich and very good.

6 eggs, 1-1/2 cup milk, 1-1/2 cup flour, 3 Tablespoons sugar, 1 teaspoon vanilla, 1/2 teaspoon salt, 1/4 teaspoon cinnamon, 2 Tablespoons brown sugar, 1/2 cup butter, 1 to 2 apples, pears or a combination of both.

Preheat oven to 425 degrees. Melt butter and pour into a 9 x 13 pan. Arrange peeled and sliced fruit in bottom of pan with melted butter. Place in oven and precook fruit for 5—10 minutes. While fruit is cooking mix eggs, milk, flour, sugar, vanilla, salt and cinnamon in blender. (I don't have a blender so I used my mixer.)

Pour batter over the top of fruit. Sprinkle with brown sugar and bake 20 minutes. Cut into squares and serve with powdered sugar and/or maple syrup.



DEE'S DESK

This is such a busy, hectic time of year. It's easy to get caught up in running here and there trying to get projects on our "to do" lists completed. Lately I have decided the "to does" are just not all that important. I am so very fortunate to live in a beautiful spot in Oregon (my favorite State), to have my health, food in my tummy, a warm home, friends who listen to my crazy ideas, a husband who puts up with my quirks and a family I love very much.

I have come to realize just how much I miss my Oregon Good Sam Family. During the Fall and Winter months when our State activities are over and our Chapters aren't as active, I miss the energy I get from all of you. Sometimes that energy comes when you rattle my cage and say "what the heck were you thinking". Sometimes it comes when you let me know how you enjoyed the Rally or Gathering. It's all good. Your input is a good thing!

In the November Drifter I talked about change and how important it was to be open to changing how we conducted our State and Chapter activities. I hope you all have had time to think those suggestions over. If you have questions about your Chapter activities or organization, please feel free to contact the Assistant Directors in charge of your Region. They have a lot of ideas. If they don't know the answers they will find them for you. As a second choice, cause I'm not nearly as smart, you can call me. I'm always willing to talk things over and help you make a decision.

Changes are afoot on the State level of Oregon Good Sam.

Sally Hancock has resigned her position as State Registrar. Sally has done a great job for a long time and we appreciate all her hard work. Thank you Sally!

Terry Parman will be resigning as Show Director. 2019 will be her last year as Director. Terry will continue to work with the Choraliers and take part in the shows. If you are interested in taking over as Director, please let me know. Shadowing Terry as the 2018 show is planned and presented would be a great way to start in this position.

Dale and I want to wish all of you a very Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and Happy, Healthy New Year. Thank you for being you, for the smiles, good times and memories you share with us.



A COUPLE OF NEW THINGS:

2019 Rally/Samboree Contests

The Photo and Poetry Contests will be part of the 2019 Rally/Samboree activities. The 2019 Rally/Samboree theme is "Thanks for the Memories". Oregon Good Sam is celebrating 50 years of memories in 2019.

Photo Contest Theme: People and Activities that took place during Oregon Good Sam Rally/Samborees or Campouts. Enter those special photos from days gone by.

Poetry Contest Theme: Friendship and Memories

Share with us experiences, feelings about friendship and the memories shared with other Good Sam members. Remember — we are flexible in this category.

Take care, stay well and keep smiling.

Dee Veenendaal, State Director

Oregon Good Sam

Out & About

79ERS PHOTOS FROM ONE OF THEIR WINTER BREAKFASTS.



They do this every month from November to February on the same weekend that they would have been camping if it was summer.

AS I GET OLDER I REALIZE (Words of Wisdom found on Facebook)

1. I talk to myself, because sometimes I need expert advice.
2. Sometimes I roll my eyes outloud.
3. I don't need anger management. I need people to stop making me angry.
4. My people skills are just fine. It's my tolerance of idiots that needs work.
5. The biggest lie I tell myself is: "I don't need to write that down. I'll remember it."
6. When I was a child I thought naptime was punishment. Now it's like a mini-vacation.
7. The day the world runs out of wine is just too terrible to think about
8. Even duct tape can't fix stupid, but it can muffle the sound.
9. Wouldn't it be great if we could put ourselves in the dryer for 10 minutes, come out wrinkle-free and three sizes smaller?
10. I feel lucky when I walk into a room and remembering why I am there.

HAPPY ★ NEW ★ YEAR



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