

The DRIFTER

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"You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream." - C.S. Lewis



Let me start out by saying I am honored and consider it a privilege to be your state director this term and I want to thank you all of our Oregon Good Sam members that have volunteered in the past and will in the future. I am looking forward to working with all of you in the coming months.

I have a dream for Oregon Good Sam to grow existing chapters and to encourage new chapters to be formed. Good Sam originally started in 1966 and came about by RV campers willing to offer assistance to other campers. I would like to rekindle the enthusiasm from previous years to our future.

I am very excited about what the future may bring to Oregon Good Sam, for all of our activities and charities that we support. The future is bright moving forward for all of us.

One change that will be taking effect immediately will be the Drifter will now be forwarded to the Assistant Directors and they will be responsible for forwarding to their chapters. Those that have paid for printed copies will continue to receive theirs via mail.

I am open to new ideas or suggestions, feel free to contact me at:

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NEW CHAPTER MEMBERS

Polk About Sams - 1 (correction from last month, we apologize for the error)

Gary & Wanda Shearer

Bridgetown Campers - 1

Tracey and Sheryl Miller

WELCOME

JANUARY CHAPTER ANNIVERSARIES

CLACKAMAS CAMPERS 30 YEARS

WEEKEND SAMS—29 YEARS

GOOD SAM TRAV'L NUTS—23 YEARS



A very special part of the Oregon Good Sam Rally has always been our special celebration of couples who have been married 50, 60 or 70 years. The name of the Oregon Good Sam Rally has been changed to the Oregon Good Sam Summer Party. Our wish to continue celebrating our members who have been married for fifty or more years continues.

We need a person, persons or a chapter willing to step up, plan and coordinate the Golden Wed Ceremony and Ice Cream Social. The ceremony can follow the outline of those in the past or you can come up with a new, more simple version.

Please don't let this wonderful celebration go away. Feel free to call if you have questions.

I know there is someone out there ready and willing to take over as coordinator.

Thank you,

John Monahan

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Activity & Events Calendar for Oregon Good Sam Club 2020 Season

- 1. Westener's Roundup** Thursday April 30 thru Sunday morning May 3, 2020. Members of the Westeners Region of OGS get first crack at Registration for this event. If all available spaces are not quickly filled by the Westerners, Bob Simons will open the event to all OGS members. Watch for the Registration Forms to become available.
- 2. Spring Gathering** Sunday afternoon May 3, 2020 thru Tuesday morning May 5, 2020. The Spring Gathering is Oregon Good Sam's first business meeting of the year. Chapter Presidents and Secretaries are required to attend.
- 3. Oregon Good Sam Summer Party** Tuesday June 9, 2020 Early arrival and help with setting up. Wednesday, June 10, 2020 thru Saturday evening June 13, 2020 Summer Party events. Sunday morning June 14 is Cleanup, Packup and Leave. Please stay to help. The Summer Party Registration Form will be a bit different from the form used for the OGS Rally. Read the new form carefully (when it becomes available)
- 4. WyEast PowWow** August 7 - 9th, 2020 at the Hood River Fairgrounds in Odell Oregon. This is a fun event . Yes - the weather can be warm but the WyEast members hold events in an air conditioned building when the weather is hot. It's a good time with good friends - AND - good food! Be sure to add this event to your calendar. More information to follow.

Other changes:

- A.** Oregon Good Sam will NOT be reserving the Douglas County Fairgrounds RV Park. All Summer Party RV parking will be on the Fairgrounds. As in the past, you will be able to get water for your RV and dump your holding tanks at the RV Park.
- B.** The 2020 events will be held in the round Floral Building and in the Covered Pavilion and grassy area behind the Pavilion.
- C.** OGS will not be contracting with the Douglas County Cafeteria for breakfasts and lunches. We lost money there every year. This is a chance for Chapters to make arrangements to serve breakfast in the pavilion and raise a few dollars. Of course those plans will need to be made soon.
- D.** Instead of a catered dinner OGS will be having a Potluck similar to the one held in 2019.

A Note From Joyce Burt:

Reminer: If your chapter has not paid the 2020 dues and sent the new roster including officers, you are now **past due**. Please mail them right away to treasurer Joyce Burt, PO Box 7144, Klamath Falls, OR 97602—thank you

A Note from Connie Morrill:

Pow Wow should be one of the many camping excursions you plan for this year. We will have a Casino Night, Senior Olympics and many surprises. If you come on Thursday, you will be treated to a delicious dessert. Pow Wow will be held at Hood River County Fair beginning Thursday evening on the 6th of August with most activities beginning on the 7th through the 9th. The Fall Gathering for everyone; but especially for officers; directly after. Electricity and water are available to all and a dump is on site.

Thanks to all who attended last year. We hope to see you again this year and bring a family member or friend. We had many people help make last year's event special. The Taylors (Barbara and Bill) helped with the decorations. Pat Smith, Jan Hogle, Kathy Danforth and Lenore Marino have been the back bone of the event. The 79'ers served breakfast (don't forget to bring your own toppings for the pancakes) and help with activities. The Layovers fill in ever needed. Dee Veenendaal took pictures. There are probably folks that I forgot but just blame it on my memory.

By the way, let's thank Dee Veenendaal for being such a wonderful Director and John Monahan for stepping up to the plate.

A note from Bob Simons:

The Westeners' Roundup is scheduled for April 30 to May 3, 2020, the registration will be out toward the end of January. The schedule will follow at a later date. Information can be found on the Good Sam website when it becomes available. The OGS rally is also scheduled for the two days following our Roundup —Sunday May 3rd to Tuesday May 5th; more information to come concerning the schedule and fees...

Please note the Oregon Good Sam website address has changed:

www.oregongoodsam.org

Moving forward: The Drifter will be distributed to the State Assistant Directors and they will email it to the chapter presidents to be forwarded to the chapter members; and as always it will be on the website. We will continue to send the paper copies to those that have paid for it to be sent to them.

More Chapter Changes

Eugene Sojourners and the has disbanded due to declining membership. They will be missed

Trail Dusters have chosen to disband effective 12/31/19. We wish them well and they will be missed.

Laughter - good for the soul...

Q: Why can't you give balloons to Elsa?

A: She'll let it go..

Q: What do you call an old snowman?

A: Water.

Q: How do make holy water?

A: You boil the hell out of it...

Q: Why can't you trust the king of the jungle?

A: Because he's always lion.....

Traveler's Tips and Tricks....

When preparing to leave with your RV, it's a good idea if you have a medicine cabinet over your bathroom sink to place a bath towel in it...we learned the hard way and had something fall into the sink and put a hole in it...fortunately, one of our fellow campers had RV awning tape with him to temporarily mend the hole...

Tire reminder: check the age of your tires, most manufacturers recommend replacement at 5 years of age, regardless of the amount of miles. Check air pressure and inspect your tires before every trip looking for cracks, bulges and other anomalies.

Do a walk around your RV, looking for connections that may have been overlooked: i.e. water, sewer, electrical and TV antennas, etc....

MEMORIALS



Name	Maureen Jud
Spouse	Wayne Judd
Chapter	Rogue River Rooster Sams
DOB	1-2-1939
DOD	11-13-2019

Maureen and Wayne Judd combined their families 48 years ago and between them there were 6 children. They retired in 1993 and were full time RV's for 6 years traveling and making great memories. In 1999 they settled in Grants Pass, Or. and having seen an notice in the paper they soon joined the Rogue River Rooster Sams. She served as President and they both were very active in the Chapter. She was loved by all our members and will be greatly missed.

Name: Sharon Rose Miller

Spouse: Sam Miller

DOB: 08/05/1946

DOD: 08/23/2019

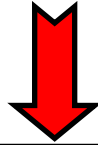
Sam and Sharon were high school sweethearts and were married for almost 56 years. They have 3 sons, eight grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren. She put her family first all her life. She and a couple of friends started a cleaning business for rental properties and then added painting and wallpapering services. She also spent time working with Sam on maintaining their own rental properties, doing complete rehabs on several houses and apartment units. Later she started a property management company managing properties for other people. Sharon and Sam purchased the family plumbing company where Sam worked and the family runs today. Sharon volunteered her time as a hostess at Albertina's Place in NE Portland. When not working or volunteering she loved RV'ing, golfing and cooking. She always cared well for others, was noted for her hospitality and especially enjoyed friends and family popping in for spontaneous dinner get togethers. She touched many lives and kept her strong faith in God right to the end. She will be missed by





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- Each printed paper Drifter copy now costs Oregon Good Sam \$2.52 (\$1.20 for mailing and \$1.32 for b/w printing). \$2.52 X 11 times a year is almost \$28.00.
- We have raised the price for getting the paper Drifter sent to you to \$25.00/year. Thank you for understanding.

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