

# The DRIFTER

Oregon Good Sam Club Newsletter



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Where Good Sam is, Good Things Happen

## Greetings Oregon Good Sam members!

A couple of weeks ago Good Sam reached out to all the State and Canadian directors, and will continue having monthly meetings with us to discuss the future of Good Sam. Some things that came out of that first meeting included:

- 1) Marcus calls himself “a capitalist and does not like beauracracy.” He’s giving total control back to each State/Province and there will no longer be designated regions.
- 2) **Elections:** In regards to elections, “Each State/Province can continue to have their individual chapters and directors if they choose, but you are no longer required to complete administrative duties such as governing by-laws, constitutions, etc. and provide that information to Good Sam. You and the respective leaders of your chapter decide what is best under the guiding principles of Good Sam and the Be Good, Do Good philanthropic position.”
- 3) **Rallies:** “due to the current pandemic, we **cannot** support social gatherings. If you wish to have something on your own, that is your decision and responsibility for ensuring the health and safety of attendees. We are simply unable to support financially or provide insurance for any type of event at this time.”
- 4) Our magazines are going to have a new look the beginning of next year and the campground directory will have less advertising.
- 5) Good Sam is not a political organization, it is a do good organization, supporting the camping industry and the RV lifestyle and charities.
- 6) Good Sam currently has about 12,500 members which is down about 57% from its highpoint. Camping World has about 2.2 million members.

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# CHAPTER NEWS

## Chapter Anniversaries

Rogue River Rooster Sams - 43 years

### HELP WANTED

Volunteer Director for Social Media and Assistants

Qualifications: Familiar with setting up social media accounts, advertising in multiple platforms, and maintaining the sites with current information.

If interested contact the Oregon State Director :  
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## David Chapman Memorials

April 8, 1935 to July 18, 2020

Dave passed away peacefully in his sleep after a long illness. He and his wife, Marge, have been members of the Roseburg Sams for about ten years since they moved from Arizona to Yoncalla. They are lifetime members of Good Sam. He retired as a Computer Type Setter 30 years ago and they started their camping journey here. When he joined the RS he was the newsletter editor as well as president. He and Marge have 5 children, 15 grandchildren and several greats and great-greats. He will be missed sorely by the members of the Roseburg Sams. Submitted by Suzy Peck

My opinion is that we need to get past the opinion "that's not the way we used to do it" doesn't work any longer. We will be looking at new and better ways to do business. We have some rebuilding to do to make Oregon Good Sam a healthy and growing organization.

The word "Club" was dropped from "The Good Sam Club" as it was found that the younger generations don't belong to clubs, but organizations. Through focused group learning younger generations do not join organizations with the word club in them.

Moving forward Oregon Good Sam will be starting a process for writing our own constitution and by-laws and eventually all State directors will have input comments and or course will be voted on by the assistant directors for approval.

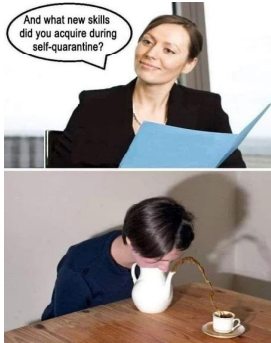
I will be asking the Assistant directors to have communication with their chapter presidents and the chapter presidents to have communication with their members via zoom meetings or whatever works best for your respective groups. We should also hold elections for chapter officers at your usual meeting times, whatever works best for your group. A list of candidates will need to be submitted to the chapter for consideration. I would recommend doing elections by email and sending each vote to the secretary and president separately, If votes coincide between what was submitted to both the secretary and president then the vote is presumed valid. Each chapter may elect to retain their current officers for another year.

**DUES:** In these extraordinary times that have been out of our control, I would like to make the state dues (\$5.00 per rig) voluntary for 2021, the state could use the money, but I will not make it a requirement. Chapters can determine what they should do on their own for their dues.

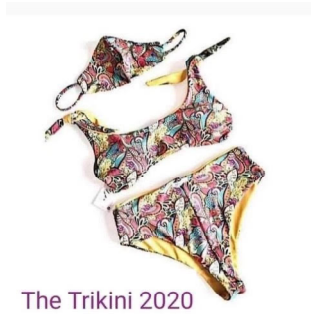
## Submitted From our Members:

### "GET OFF YOUR HIGH HORSE"

Before cars, owning a horse was a sign of prominence, since nobility and high-ranking military officials were primarily the ones who owned them. Getting off, meant to humble yourself. Submitted by Bob Simons



Submitted by Davisu



The Trikini 2020



### Jeff Simons Chicken Hotel and his garden



Submitted by Jeff Simons



Submitted by Holly Monahan

Saw this eagle eating on a seal on the beach at the Oysterville road access, he wasn't bothered by the many

People trying to get his photo



Submitted by Holly Monahan



## More Submissions from our Members

### BANANA NUT COOKIES

RECIPE BY: MRS. FIELDS (WITH A COUPLE OF ADDITIONS)

**INGREDIENTS:** 2-2/3 cups all-purpose flour, ½ teaspoon baking soda, ¼ tsp salt, 1 cup light brown sugar (firmly packed), ½ cup white sugar, 1 cup salted butter (softened), 1 large egg, 1 tsp pure banana extract, ½ teaspoon rum flavoring, ½ teaspoon vanilla extract, ¾ Cup (1 medium ripe banana) mashed. 1 cup semisweet chocolate chips, (I used ½ Cup chocolate chips and ½ Cup white chips. Sometimes called white chocolate, sometimes called vanilla) 1 cup chopped pecans or walnuts

**PREHEAT OVEN TO 300 DEGREES**

In a medium bowl combine flour, soda and salt. Mix well with a wire whisk. Set aside.

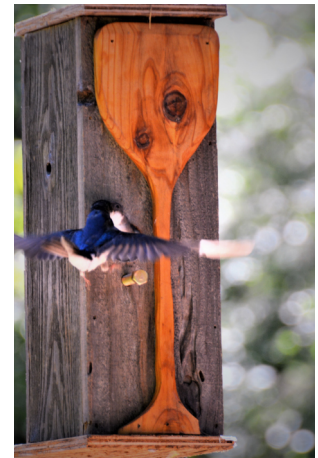
In a large bowl with an electric mixer, blend sugars at medium speed. Add butter and mix to form a grainy paste, scraping down the sides of the bowl. Add egg, all flavorings and the mashed banana. Beat at medium speed until smooth.

Add flour mixture, the chips and the nuts. Blend at low speed until just combined. Do not over mix. You may want to remove the mixer and use a spatula to be sure all ingredients are blended.

Drop rounded tablespoons two inches apart onto ungreased cookie sheet. (I used parchment paper on my cookie sheet) Bake for 25 – 27 minutes or until the cookie edges begin to brown. Transfer immediately to a cool, flat surface with a spatula. I usually use a wire rack to cool cookies but for these I put a sheet of parchment paper on my counter so the cookies would be flat.

I thought these would take forever to bake because of the long cooking time but because the cookies are small a lot fit on the pan.

Enjoy! Dee Veenendaal, McKenzie River Drifters.





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