



**OREGON GOOD SAM CLUB**

The

**Drifter**

**March 2008**

## The Director's Corner



**T**he things we talk about! The weather, the cold/flu that is going around and the price of

fuel! We read newspapers and watch TV and are bombarded by all the bad news. Now we fully recognize that we are just as culpable as the next, but really, there is so much good out there-why spend time on the things we cannot do anything about? Let's make our Oregon Good Sam TVland station the Good News station.

So let's spend this time talking about all the GOOD that is going on in our Oregon Good Sam! Like all the chapters who are responding to the Casino prize request to donate the perfect basket! Or the way Larry Minor jumped in to learn Texas Hold 'Em so he could run the tourney at the State Rally. That's all good news.

And that is not all! We are receiving word from many chapters, via their newsletters, that they are putting together great camping plans for the coming year and out recruiting more members (**Columbia River Sams, Rollin' Roamers, Blue Mountain Good Sams** and **Rim Roc Recs** have new members this month!).

We are going to be celebrating big time at the March Rally with the chapters that have hit the big time on the Dogs for the Deaf2007list! There will be flags flying everywhere if you all bring your past flags (and don't forget the Brag Flag!) this time.

This Rally is our first! We have goals to make it fun, increase the fellowship and make first-timers feel very special, and eat (food) well (table seating at the potluck can be by chapter this year with space for first timers and singles interspersed). We are taking special efforts to train new chapter officers in almost all the positions and share insights on Chapter of the Year! So pass on the news to the others in your chapter, this would be a good Rally to attend! Then we hope they will come to more!

Some of us are in Oregon this time of year and some are not. Wherever we are, we can share the Good in Oregon Good Sam with those we meet (whether we are in parkas or walking shorts).

*Wayne and Mary Swanson*

## 2008 Oregon Good Sam Calendar of Events

- **March 14 - 16** - Rally and State Meeting, Polk County Fairgrounds, Highway 99E, Rickreall. Registration for two nights (Friday and Saturday) is \$30.00. Activities and business planned include: Friday - Sew-in for Project Linus all day, Opening Ceremony at 12:30, Bingo after dinner Saturday - Games and raffles, then workshops and officer meetings in the morning, State Good Sam Meeting at 1 :00, potluck dinner then CASINO NIGHT to benefit the Dog Walk. Sunday morning - Wrap up and farewell
- **May 9 - 11** - Rally and State Meeting, Polk County Fairgrounds, Highway 99E, Rickreall Hosts: Bob McMillan & Elvin Williams. More details as the date gets closer
- **May 15 -18** - Country Cuzzins hosted campout Umatilla Fairground, Hermiston OR
- **May 17 -18** - Good Sam Clean-Up Weekend
- **June 18 - 22** - Oregon Good Sam "TV Land" Samboree, Jefferson County Fairgrounds, Madras
- **September 4 - 7**- East Portland Chapters Pow Wow "Roundup", Lewis & Clark RV Park, North Bonneville, W A
- **September 20** - Oregon Good Sam Dog Walk Champoeg State Park
- **October 17 - 19** - Rally and State Meeting, Polk County Fairgrounds, Highway 99E, Rickreall. Hosts: Mickey Herrling & Bob Peschka. More details as the date gets closer

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## Memorial Scroll

Gladus Elizabeth [REDACTED]  
Spouse: Vern (deceased)  
Chapter: Oregon Trail Good Sam  
Born: January 26, 1918 Died: June 18, 2007  
Beverly [REDACTED]  
Spouse: Henry  
Chapter: Klamath Kampers  
Born: March II, 1925 Died: October 18, 2007  
Forty [REDACTED]  
Spouse:  
Ethel  
Chapter: Sams Charioteers  
Born: June 16, 1940 Died: January 13, 2008  
John [REDACTED]  
Spouse: Betty (Deceased)  
Chapter: Powder River Pioneers, Meadowlark  
Sams. Past Assistant Director  
Born: Aug 7, 1921 Died: Jan 22, 2008  
Robert [REDACTED]  
Spouse: Norma Chapter: Eugene Sojourners  
Born: Aug 18, 1917 Died: January 23, 2008  
Ceceila [REDACTED]  
Spouse: Chet  
Chapter: Oregon Trail Good Sams  
Born: October 30, 1940 Died: February 3,  
2008  
Hollis (Red) [REDACTED]  
Spouse: Winnie  
Chapter: Oregon Trail Good Sams  
Born: April 7, 1923 Died: February 7, 2008  
Charlie [REDACTED]  
Spouse: Bev  
Good Sam Beavers, Meadowlark Sams  
Born: Dec 5, 1933 Died: Feb 11, 2008  
Barbara [REDACTED]  
Spouse: Herb  
Chapter: SO Sams  
Born: Feb 2, 1936 Died: Feb 13, 2008

### Painting Parties - HELP!!

We have room on March 22 and 29; April 2 and 19; and May 24 and 28 for you to come help us paint the scenery! Does not really require great artistic talent as we are tracing the images and painting based on pictures pulled from the internet. Anyone can help: paint, mix paint, clean up, trace, and supervise! HELP!! Call Ann Springer at [REDACTED].

## The Want ADS

**PERSONAL:** Calling all Samanthas for a meeting on March 14th at 10 AM. We need ideas for our Samboree Goodie Bag item so maximum attendance required!

**HEALTH WATCH:** Defibrillator Training class to be held at Rickreall on Thursday afternoon, March 13th. Call Bob Peschka, [REDACTED] for reservation.

**PARKING and REGISTRATION VOLUNTEERS** receive a pass for parking on Tuesday at the Samboree. Hours of work are flexible, pay is double last year's salary and the fringe benefits are the best in the land! Contact Jack Thompson (Parking), [REDACTED] or Don Nedrow (Registration), [REDACTED] if interested.

### WANTED:

**SAMBOREE** traveler with a hitch to pull an OGS trailer from Rickreall to Madras in June. Call Cecil Cary, [REDACTED] or Bob Peschka, [REDACTED].

**Crafty People** need a place to practice with friends? Sound like the Samboree is the place for you! Contact Pat Chick, 360-901-9771, with your ideas for a craft!

**STUFFED ANIMALS** looking for a child huddled in an Emergency Room, scared and needing something to love! **CASCADE SAMS** will be collecting stuffed animals at the March Rally for the benefit of Salmon Creek Legacy Hospital. Let's all pitch in!!

**NIMBLE FINGERS** wanted to be part of the March Rally Sew-In for Project Linus!

**NEW IDEAS** on how to use our overhead projector. Send ideas to [goodsam@attglobal.net](mailto:goodsam@attglobal.net)

**CHAPTER VOLUNTEER** to prepare dinner for hungry Good Sams at May 2008 Rally on Friday night. All proceeds to your charity of choice! Send name (no picture required!) to Ann Springer, [REDACTED]!

**Seminar Speakers** sought for 2008 Samboree on a subject you think an audience of 10 to 50 will be interested in or entertained with. Sales Pitches not advised. Contact Bill Wilber, [REDACTED] with your ideas!

**Project Linus**  
Providing Security Through Blankets

### Special Prize

*For every contributor of a Linus quilt(s) at the March Rally our project Linus coordinator Ginny Barcrof has a special recognition gift and for the one donating the most quilts - a special prize!*

*A Sew-In Day has been called so bring your machine and your project, and come be a part of the action.*

## Lots of 'GOOD' in Chapter News



From several chapters we hear of very special installations of officers when the Assistant Directors are involved - some are even funny! Ready Roamers are hard at work collecting Flavor Pac

and Santiam labels (worth a nickel each) so if this kind of charity work interests you call them! Valentine Parties like those at the Eugene Sojourners & Santiam Sams meetings abound this month (ps. Happy Valentines Day from the Swansons! We are writing this newsletter before the big day!!) Raffle Plans at the March Rally are in the works according to the Single Sams. The Clackamas Campers are delivering meals to those in need at the Milwaukie Senior Center and Meals on Wheels. The Clackamas Campers sent us their new brochure - what a wonderful way to say hello to potential future members! Three Blue Mountain Sams made the front page of the East Oregonian as they sorted cans for the Salvation Army. Rollin' Roamers made a contribution to the Northwest Medical Teams, Intl. and are adopting the newest Oregon State Park, Stub Stewart near Vernonia. Rather than hibernating in the cold, Columbia River Sams met for a day of Rendezvous crafting! Cascade Sams collected clothing at toys for the Share House on Fourth Plain. Riverbenders contributed recently to Sparrow Club and Grandmother's House and are singing their new hit song (sung to the tune of My Darling Clementine!)

## Dogs for the Deaf Donations Tallied!



The donations for 2007 have been counted! Just like at home where we are all scrambling for records of last year and tallying them to prepare our tax filing, the Dogs for the Deaf folks have been scrambling too!

What we know at the time of The Drifter preparation is that three chapters are in the national Top Ten! Yippee!! What we don't know is who!

Come to the Rally to hear it from Judi Rubert's own lips!

**STAFF REMINDER:** The March Staff Meeting will be held on Friday, March 14th at 9 AM in the Southwest Room at Rickreall Fair Grounds. For those who missed the Staff Planning Retreat in September 2007, there will be a makeup meeting on March 11th-12th at Swansons home. RVs on site welcome.

## Chapter Anniversaries

- Jumpin' Juniper Good Sams 34 years
- Oregon Crimson Circle - 32 years
- Trail Dusters - 18 years
- Willamette Sams - 18 years



Paradise Sams celebrated their 20th Anniversary in February with good memories. Their first organizational meeting was held at the American Legion Hall in Athena under the watchful eyes of Beryl & Cleo Rayburn, Paul & Betty Conley and Bill & June McPherson and there were chartered with 48 members from Athena, Weston and Pendleton.

## Casino Night

Our Rally hosts have been hard at work preparing for this big event on Saturday night, March 15th. They have gathered over a \$1000 in certificates and prizes and there are promises of more as they have asked each chapter to donate a special basket of goodies perfect for an Rver!

We hear they have prepared lots of new games, machines, and tricks but have kept many of the old trusted tried and true games of chance that we all love.

Since all the proceeds go to Dogs for the Deaf, they are hoping for hardy enthusiasm and spending at the tables at Casino Night! If past Casino Nights are any indication, OGS is up to it!! Right?

## Good Sam Club News

No. Cal Samboree is May 1st through 4th at the Lodi Grape Festival Grounds and we plan to go. Anyone want to go with us? The theme is ancient Greece so a toga and a Grecian urn come to mind. Let's all go and show them Oregon's fun side!

## Staffing Changes

Sharon & John Hoffmann have relocated to Central Point. So for the four chapters left behind, we have a new old friend to be your Assistant Director. Bob & Lorraine McMillan have agreed to take on the assignment and OGS could not be happier.

## State of Past State Directors!

Tom/Dyann Shaver - Are on their big cross country trek in the south of the USA - their first since they are both retired! Last heard from, they were on the Gulf in Texas, a long awaited stop on their Retirement Tour!

Connie Schultz - Recently returning from a visit in Hermiston, Connie is bound for arthroscopic knee surgery February 25th but intends to see us at the March Rally. Plans for daughter Wendy and husband to move in with her in March are underway.

Bonnie/Bob Miller - Bob had a mild stroke and is recovering well and he is looking forward to nice spring weather coming soon. Bonnie attended a Polk County Fairgrounds Planning Session in February representing Oregon Good Sam.

Jessie Clausen - Though fit herself, Jessie has been in Portland a lot lately caring for her son as he faces the rigor of cancer treatment.

Nadine/Marv Wood - We all had dinner together recently and they are doing fine. Marv is still working as a security person at a multi million dollar housing area but plans to be available for their two month trip to the Northwest this summer. We hope to see them at the Samboree!

Don/Carol Nedrow - Fellow campers in Desert Hot Springs, we see them daily and walk with them clear around the park every day. Don is right there every step of the way! He, Wally Richman and Wayne built a new porch for a fellow Good Sammer who fell and broke his collarbone (Melvin Lee, OGS Sound Team member).

Flossie/John Calzacorta - Ann Springer spoke with Flossie recently and they are doing well though they have shifted residences to the Assisted Living part to be closer to assistance when needed. John is still driving so you can imagine that they are on the go a bit!

Flo Edwards - We visited with Flo in Casa Grande, AZ in mid January. She is battling severe back pain and trying several medical procedures for relief. A very close friend of her family is in the hospital in Phoenix recovering from complications from the flu requiring dialysis - and our Good Samantha Flo is right by his side!! With all that, she plans to be our OGS representative at the Arizona Samboree!

## March Rally News

Friday afternoon the tour is to Spirit Mountain where you will receive a behind the scenes tour of the way a professional casino and #1 Tourist Attraction in Oregon is operated. For those who want a stay on the grounds Friday afternoon, there will be the Larry Minor Texas Hold 'Em Tourney! Friday night we are all invited to dine, thanks to the Rollin' Coasters. Their menu is *Chicken A La King, Salad, Vegetable, Roll and Dessert for only \$7 each!*

For all events there will be sign-ups at the Registration table and it is more important this time, that everyone sign up early so that there is plenty of food, enough tour guides, and places at the poker table!

## First Rally of 2008!

March 14 - 16

This is the 1st rally under the direction of our new State Directors, Wayne and Mary Swanson

Please consider this our personal invitation to each and everyone of you Good Sammers. We realize that the price at the pump has made a difference in our camping agenda but we will be giving away \$100.00 to someone as one of the Grand Prizes of the Casino.

As in the past, we are asking each chapter to contribute a prize for our Casino prize table. As a suggestion, how about each member bringing something to your meeting for a basket? This could be a cookie basket, home made jam basket, bath, beverage gardening, doggy, snack basket & get creative. If you would rather send a cash donation for the committee to buy something - please send it by March 1st to:

Ginny Barcroft, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]. Also, if you have any questions, please feel free to call me or email me: [REDACTED] - [REDACTED]

Your Hosts: Mid Valley Sams & WyEast Pioneers 1 & 11

A special thank you to all of the following chapters who have added the new State Director to their Newsletter mailing/email list: Oregon Single Sams, Beaver Dam #1, Clackamas Campers, Midco Good Sams, Eugene Sojourners, Blue Mountain Good Sams, Tri Mountain Sams, RamblinA: Sams, Rollin' Roamers, 7gers, Trail Dusters, Santiam Sams, Ready Roamers, Columbia River Sams, Cascade Sams, River Benders, Miracle Milers, and Apple Blossom Sams. That is 18 out of 55 so we still need to get the word out!