



The Drifter

Oregon Good Sam

July 2012

PowWow Reminder:

This year's Wy-East Pioneers Pow-Wow, *The Luau*, is August 3, 4 and 5 at the Hood River Fairgrounds, in Odell, Oregon. Make your reservation early so we know how many want to have the special meal that is planned. Layover Sams will be providing the kitchen talent for everyone's enjoyment. For the early arrivals, there will be a Root Beer Float party. Outdoor games, craft classes and raffles are just a few of things planned. For more information, contact Dennis. Hope to see you there!



"Thanks from The POW team"

Oregon Good Sam Calendar - 2012

- **August 3-5** - Wy-East Pow-Wow-Odell, Hood River Fairgrounds; 'The Luau'; early bird Aug. 1-2
 - **September 29** - Dog Walk, Timber Linn Park, Albany
 - **October 18-21** - State Meeting/Rally-Rickreall
- All of these (except the state Rally's, no pre-reg here) have registration forms available on the Good Sam web site at www.oregongoodsam.com/resources.

Oregon Good Sam Calendar - 2013

- **March 14-17** - State Meeting/Rally- Polk County Fairgrounds, Rickreall
 - **April 11-14** - Westerners-North Coast Roundup— Old Mill RV Park Garibaldi 'Oktoberfest'
 - **May 9-11** - State Meeting/Rally— Polk County Fairgrounds, Rickreall
 - **May 16-19** - Country Cuzzins— Umatilla County Fairgrounds, Hermiston
 - **June 12-16** - Samboree— *My Fairy Tale Life*, Madras
 - *August 2-4 - Pow-Wow—Hood River Fairgrounds; Odell; Early bird days July 31 & August 1
 - ***September ?** - Oregon Good Sam Dog Walk—Timber Linn Park, Albany
 - **October 17-20** - State Meeting/Rally—Polk County Fairgrounds, Rickreall
- All of these (except Rally's, no pre-registration) will have registration forms available near the end of 2012 on the Good Sam web site at www.oregongoodsam.com/resources.

Dog Walk 2012



When you received your June-July issue of Highways Magazine, you read the

article on page 23 about all Good Sam is doing for Dogs for the Deaf, right? Then you saw that word of Oregon's Dog Walk is out to everyone! This being said... We look forward to seeing you, canines and humans alike, in Albany on Saturday, September 29 for Dog Walk 2012 at Timber Linn Park (just off I-5 at Exit 233). This year's event has a special focus, as all monies raised by the Dog Walk will be used to update the dog exercise path at the training facility at Dogs for the Deaf Headquarters in Central Point, Oregon, and will be dedicated in honor of Don, Willamette Sams member. Don and the East Albany Lions have been immensely strong supporters of Dog Walk for many years. The direction our Dog Walk funds will be talking was approved at the State Meeting in May. This is the 18th year for this Oregon Good Sam sponsored event. Can't attend on Dog Walk Day? There are many behind-the-scene ways for you (as an individual) or you (as a Chapter) to help the day be successful. Here are some ideas:

- Contact veterinarians, pet supply stores and/or pet service salons for donations for the participant goodie bags or the raffle.
- Share event information with these businesses and ask them to "spread the word" with their customers and clients.
- Invite friends and neighbors to participate as walkers or sponsors. The more the merrier!

Watch the Oregon Good Sam website for registration information or contact Michelle, Event Coordinator, to have Registration and Event Information sent directly to you.

Memorial Scroll

Lew W

Spouse: Mary
Chapter: River City Sams
Born: July 11, 1926
Died: May 26, 2012

Robert S

Spouse: Francis
Chapter: Willamette Sams
Born: November 26, 1938
Died: June 5, 2012

Lyle W

Spouse: Virginia
Chapter: Tillicum Sams
Born: May 9, 1926
Died: June 10, 2012

Betty W

Spouse: Bill
Chapter: Southern Oregon Crimson Circle, Easy Valley Sams, Meadowlark Sams, Past State Staff
Born: May 28, 1926
Died: June 16, 2012

Chapter Anniversary- Milestones in July

-Spruce Runners
40 years



Chapters Adding New Members —

Santiam Sams added one new member —
YES!



"Thanks to the gas prices, our RV no longer pulls the economy car. The economy car now pulls the RV."

The Director's Corner

Wow! What a great Samboree we had last month. One hundred seventy-eight rigs representing 31 Chapters were in attendance. We had eight vendors and the RV park was full. There were many new and old friends to meet. The weather couldn't have been better! It was mostly in the mid -70s all week with about 80 degrees on Sunday when we were leaving.

The Brag Flag now belongs to Polk About Sams. 79ers had the most rigs on the grounds and Layover Sams had the highest percentage of chapter attendance with 79 percent. Santiam Sams brought in the most pull tabs (134 pounds). Congratulations to these Chapters!

Lots of individuals participated in the various games and events which included the golf tournament, water jug decorating contest, pet parade, grand prix, pinochle and cribbage tournaments and bean bag baseball. Winners received prize buttons to proudly wear on their Chapter vests.

Camping World brought RVs and products for sale, provided 8 staff to provide sales, service and installations, conducted two informational seminars and hosted our Friday morning coffee and donuts. I thank them for their participation.

Henry K from BC conducted two RV safety seminars and Glen J from Clackamas Sams conducted beginning and advanced classes on genealogy. Both of these were attended by many and received high praise.

At the Friday Recognition Night, three teen girls sang our nation's anthem that brought tears to many. Ann was crowned *Queen of the Samboree* in her preparations to help many State Directors. Kimberly Miller from Dogs for the Deaf gave us an update on training dogs for many different tasks while Kate provided the American Sign Language interpretation.

A big thanks to State Staff, chapters and individuals for getting the Samboree events organized and completed. The Samboree would be impossible without the help of so many. I thank all of you from the bottom of my heart.

With the 2012 Samboree now in the history book, it is time to start planning for 2013. The October Rally will be the official start of next year's theme 'My Fairy Tale Life' which was announced at the Samboree closing. We will begin to plan the 2013 Samboree at that time. Begin to think about the skit your chapter would like to do for the Saturday night show. If you have a skit idea, contact Mary or Dave. Dan has agreed to continue to coordinate the RV Park reservations.

The October Rally will also include the Chapter Presidents meeting and State Meeting on Saturday where the business of Oregon Good Sam is discussed. Our State Staff meeting will be at 9:00 am on Friday when all staff members are expected to attend.

Early arrivals are asked to assist with setting up tables/chairs, stage and other activities beginning at noon on Thursday.

Connie and Dan L have maintained, stored and sold Good Sam items for the past ten years. Due to health concerns, they need to step down from this responsibility. A big thanks for their dedication to this position.

Summer is supposed to be here. The weather is not a positive reaction to summer yet with the heavy rains we have had this last week. In your summer trips, drive carefully and watch out for the other drivers. Have a safe summer.

Don and Carol Nedrow



You Have Just Seen the First Two Pages of A Sample of the Oregon Good Sam monthly newsletter called *The Drifter*

There is much more in each month's communication to all Oregon Good Sam Chapter Members!

For example:

- ⇒ Receive advance copies of registration materials for upcoming events like regional campouts and charitable outings.
- ⇒ The highlights of chapter activities extracted from the chapter's own monthly newsletters
- ⇒ Jokes, Funny Stories, Recipes and Great Cartoons
- ⇒ News from Good Sam Club of particular interest to all our chapter members
- ⇒ All about the upcoming Samboree and the three State Rallies from packing lists to draft schedules. It is all there!
- ⇒ Ways for you to volunteer and be a part of any and all activities—Oregon has a reputation for the best gatherings because we are ALL involved in some way!



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To Be A Participant
Than A Spectator!