

## Wyoming State Good Sam Newsletter

April 2016

### April, 2016

Happy springtime to all of our Good Sam members! Hopefully we will have a wonderful camping season with all good weather.

### State Spring Meeting

The State Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, May 7, 2016 at the Isaac Walton building at Fort Caspar Campground in Casper, WY. Lunch will be served at 11:30 am with the meeting to follow. Coffee will be on early, so come and visit before we get down to business. I am sure we will have donuts or something to go along with the coffee and tea. Hopefully the weather will cooperate so we can have a good turnout.

If you plan to bring your RV, please call the campground for reservations. The campground phone number is (888) 243-7709.

### Happy Camper RV'ers (formerly Cody Bronc Riders)

As a Chapter, the Happy Camper RV'ers has decided to put together a **large basket filled with Wyoming items as a money making basket for the State.**

We are asking for help from other chapters to donate items. The items do not have to be large since we want to put them in the basket. We would prefer items be donated. Items can be made in other places but will be used as long as they have Wyoming or the name of a Wyoming town or location on them. Getting the items donated is awesome, however, if you see something you might like included and are comfortable with the cost of that item, go ahead and purchase it. Just remember....not large items.

Basket suggestions:

- Wines, beer, and whiskey from local breweries and wineries
- T-shirts (large and larger)
- Hats
- Candles
- Spices
- Specialty maps from your area:
  - Snowmobile maps
  - Fishing maps
  - Area maps
  - Skiing maps
  - Local area information
    - Museums
    - Dinosaur digs
    - Ghost towns
    - Old buildings

- Haunted buildings
- Cheyenne Frontier Days

We will not need more than 2 or 3 maps or information for each item. If you only have 1, that will work also.

We need to have all the items by the Spring Meeting in Casper on May 7<sup>th</sup>. Thank you all for your cooperation in making this basket a success. If you have any questions, please either email [Jane](#) or call her at (307) 272-4566.

### **Wyoming State RV Rally**

The State RV Rally (Samboree) will be June 16 – 19, 2016. Early bird is on June 15, 2016. It will be in Powell, WY at the Park County Fair Grounds. [Registrations](#) and [vendor registrations](#) for the RV Rally can be found on the Website. We are looking forward to seeing everyone in Powell in June. Let's have a good turnout for our State RV Rally!

We have people who are planning to come to our RV Rally from South Carolina, Arizona, and other places in the country. We hope to see many of our Wyoming Good Sam members also.

### **State Campout**

The State Campout is scheduled for August 11 – 14, 2016. It will be at the Okie Campground at Alcova. We are hoping to have a good turnout and a lot of fun.

### **Fall State Meeting**

The Fall State Meeting is scheduled for September 10, 2016 at the Isaac Walton building at Fort Caspar in Casper WY. Lunch will be served at 11:30 am with the meeting to follow.

If you plan to bring your RV, please call the campground for reservations. The campground phone number is (888) 243-7709.

### **State Director**

It is time to elect a new State Director. Jane Chelberg will be receiving the nomination forms to be sent to all Chapter Presidents later this month or in early May.

### **State Chaplain**

We are very happy to announce the new State Chaplain, Joyce Sealock. We welcome Joyce to the new position and thank you for volunteering. We are looking forward to working with Joyce and Roger.

### **State Secretary and State Staff Members**

We are still in need of a State Secretary and State Staff Members. Your participation is greatly appreciated. If you would like to help our State Good Sam Organization, please contact Maynard or Marlene.

### **Calendar of Events**

Chapter Presidents – Please send your calendar of events to [Kathy](#) so she can include them on the Chapter Calendars on the website. Please include meeting dates, locations, campouts, and any other

activities your Chapter(s) are participating in. The more information you include, the easier it will be for other members, friends, or fellow campers to find the activities you have planned. If you have any questions, please contact [Kathy](#) or [Marlene](#) and your questions will be answered for you.

When these events are posted to your corresponding calendars, Kathy will email you to let you know they are on the calendars. Please take a look at the events posted to make sure everything is correct on them. An extra set of eyes to make sure everything is correct is appreciated. Thank you!

### **Website**

The website was built is maintained for Wyoming Good Sam members to keep our members informed of what is going on. It is also to help promote our State Organization to other Good Sam members in other States or to those people who may be potential members. (This is also the reason for the Wyoming Good Sam Facebook page which also receives very little participation.)

Kathy appreciates any member who finds errors that need to be corrected. That being said, when those errors occur, she needs to know exactly what the problem is and where it is located so it can be corrected ASAP.

She has received encrypted messages from a member about errors, and this turned into being very time consuming. These errors could have been corrected within a very short time. Instead, it took hours with many emails and phone calls to get the information that needed to be corrected. Your cooperation in this matter would be greatly appreciated.

Also, Jane Chelberg (or any other State Staff members) should not be bothered with any questions, comments, or corrections concerning the website. Either email them to [Kathy](#) or [Marlene](#) or call Marlene at (307) 635-1852 or (307) 631-6449.

### **Good Sam Cleanup Days**

The 21<sup>st</sup> annual Good Sam Club Cleanup Days will be May 14 – 15, 2016. Good Sam Club members across North America will get together to do their share for the environment just as they have done since 1996.

There is nowhere in the Club's original Good Samaritan Mission more evident than at Clean Up Days. Members head out in force, not only to pick up trash, but also to prune branches, paint fences, restore hiking trails and whatever else needs to be done in preparation for the camping season.

Volunteering on Cleanup Days is as easy as grabbing a garbage bag and getting down to business at a local park or campground.

Please send these events to Kathy to post on your calendars. You never know who may see this and come out to help your Chapters. Who knows, maybe you will be able to get new members also!

### **Speaking of Good Samaritans....**

Those who are new to RV'ing sometimes need help because they are new and do not know much about it.

Kathy intercepted a call one day from Alice Gonzales. Alice and her husband, Fernando, were in Cheyenne from Northern California, and Fernando is working at the Refinery in Cheyenne.

They were having problems with their “new used” RV, someone said they should join Good Sam. Kathy directed them to the Good Sam website to join.

Maynard contacted them to speak to them about Good Sam. He found out they did in fact join Good Sam. They were having problems, a leak, with their RV, and Maynard and Marlene went out to where they have their RV parked to see if they could help. They directed them to Jolly Rogers in Cheyenne for repairs.

They are very sweet people, and were very grateful for the help. Alice was so grateful she gave an afghan to Maynard and Marlene. This afghan was designed and made by a friend of hers in Texas. The afghan is the United States flag. This afghan will either be raffled off or put into the silent auction at the Wyoming RV Rally in Powell, WY.

Thank you to Maynard and Marlene and all other Good Samaritans!

### **State Campout 2015**

We had a good time at Alcova Lake for the State Good Sam Campout. Alcova is very pretty with beautiful scenery when we went to the Dam at the Power Plant at the south end of the lake. We had about 10 rigs for our first time there. The shelter was nice, close to the water, and there was a boat dock just down the bank. We had a gorgeous view of the lake while we were eating breakfast and supper. We could not have asked for better weather – no rain, and not much wind. Hopefully our 2016 State Campout at Alcova will have the same kind of weather.

### **Colorado State RV Rally**

Maynard and Marlene went to the Colorado RV Rally in Pueblo, Co in 2015. Everyone had a good time. There were six rigs from Wyoming – Rick Cronk, Steve and Carol Nielsen, Steve & Cheryl Schwartz from the Chian Single Sams in Cheyenne, Roger and Mary Hall from the Powder River Sams, and Mike and Paula Bila from the Casper Whirlwinds. We heard there was another rig from Wyoming, but we never did see them. The 2016 Colorado RV Rally will be at the Island Grove Park in Greeley, CO.

### **Obituaries**

Dick Hunter, a member of the Meadowlark Sams in Riverton passed away. Donna and Dick were our State Chaplains until Spring 2015 when it was evident Donna needed to resign to take care of Dick. The funeral was held in Riverton the same day as we held the Fall 2015 meeting in Casper, WY.

Val Call, a member of the Shy-O-Ming Tumbleweeds, passed away November 21, 2015.

Maynard’s sister passed away in Williston, ND. We were there from the Friday after Thanksgiving until December 6, 2015.

Carroll Kizzire passed away March 28, 2016. He was a member of the Castle Rock Campers in Green River, WY.

Bill Atwood, past president of the Chian Single Sams, passed away April 9, 2016. Services for Bill will be held at a later date.

Larry Moerike, Cody Bronc Rider member, passed away this winter also.

We extend our condolences to all family members and friends of these members who have passed away.

### **Surgeries and Health**

Jack Woodcock, a member of the Casper Whirlwinds and State Staff, had back surgery and a heart attack. He had the heart attack when the Doctor was finishing up his back surgery. He is doing well now.

Carol McCall, a member of the Casper Whirlwinds, had carpal tunnel surgery on both hands. Darrell's Mother is not doing well so they are in Oregon now to spend some time with her.

Paula Knudson, Casper Whirlwinds President and State Staff member, had knee replacement surgery recently.

Arnie Satterfield was in the hospital and rehab after the State Rally in Wheatland, 2015. He was doing much better by the Fall State Meeting 2015.

Donna Cole, Secretary of the Roundtop Sams in Thermopolis, had hip replacement surgery is doing much better now.

We are very happy to those who recovered, and wish those who are still recovering a speedy and complete recovery.

If we have missed anyone either in obituaries or health issues, please accept our apologies. Either we were not aware of others, or possibly Marlene had a "Senior Moment".

### **Future Newsletters**

If you would like anything included in future state newsletters, please submit information to Maynard and Marlene at [director@wyominggoodsam.com](mailto:director@wyominggoodsam.com). Examples may include, but are not limited to specific events, what your Chapter is doing, etc. Thank you.

We hope to see you next month at the State Meeting, and the RV Rally in Powell in June!

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