



Good Sam Club

SOONER NEWS

August 2015

Dear Oklahoma Good Sam Club Chapter Members,

It's hard to believe that the Oklahoma Samboree (State RV Rally) is just 6 weeks away. It will be held Oct 8th through the 11th at the Expo Center in Shawnee, OK. Early parking is available beginning on Oct 4th. I am hoping for a good turnout and am asking your chapter to please encourage your members to attend. We have scheduled outstanding entertainment Tuesday night through Saturday night, lots of fun games including the new card game Five Crowns, many informative seminars, craft classes and numerous vendors.

Our theme this year is "Let Freedom Ring" and will be a tribute to our veterans. There will be several veteran related activities. On Thursday, Oct. 8th, we will be honoring the veterans with a veteran's march. Please feel free to wear any part of your service uniform but, that is not needed to participate. If you have any military pictures or memorabilia that you would like to share, please bring them with you to display on our veterans table. We will also be having a flag retirement ceremony so please bring any faded, torn or tattered American flags to be disposed of properly.

SAMBOREE CAKES AND DOOR PRIZES

Each year our Oklahoma chapters have supported the Samboree by providing cakes for the cake walk held on Friday afternoon and monetary door prizes to be given away in our nightly door prize drawings. We are asking the chapters once again to donate two cakes for the cake walk and monetary door prizes. This is a perfect opportunity for your chapter to be recognized as well as making a positive impression on the attendees. I can't tell you how much we appreciate the cakes and your door prize donations.

CHAPTER SECRETARIES AND TREASURERS

The chapter Secretary/Treasurer meeting will be held on Friday, Oct. 9th at 8:30 a.m. Please plan on attending or sending a representative who will bring the information back to you.

SCRAPBOOKS

Don't forget to bring your chapter scrapbooks to be entered into competition. The winner of the competition will become the Oklahoma Chapter of the Year and will be eligible to compete at the region and national level if they wish.

COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

The state committee meeting will be held on Saturday, Oct. 10th, at 10:00 a.m. The president of each Oklahoma chapter or a delegate if the president is not able to attend, is asked to be present at the meeting. The agenda is as follows:

COMMITTEE MEETING

October 10, 2015

AGENDA

Invocation

Flag presentation

Introductions

Roll Call – Chapters and Staff

Minutes of last meeting

Treasurer's Report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. State Treasurer Election for 2016 – 2017
 - a. Gary Tidball, the current State Treasurer, has declared his candidacy for State Treasurer 2016 – 2017. Since there is no other candidate running for election, a simple majority vote is required.
2. Director's proposal to increase annual state dues from \$3 per year to \$5 per year beginning in 2016.
 - a. Annual state dues are currently \$3 per year, an amount that has been in effect for the past 17 years. Increases in Expo Center campsite fees and goods and services in general, have predicated this request.
 - b. This increase will also bring us in line with the other five South Region states whose annual state dues are \$5 - \$10 per year.
3. Report of Annual Financial Audit

STAFF REPORTS

1. Attendance
2. First Timers
3. 2016 Friendship Campouts

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

1. Decharter of Happy Red Hatters

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. 2016 State RV Rally Location
2. 2016 State RV Rally Dates
3. 2016 State RV Rally Committee Meeting Date & Time
4. 2016 State RV Rally Volunteer Tasks

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INFORMAL SAMBOREE PROGRAM ONLINE

The rough draft of the Samboree program is nearing completion. By the end of August, the draft program will be on our website at oklahomagoodsams.com. Check out the website to view a draft copy of the program outlining activities at the Samboree. You will, of course, be given a finalized copy of the program when you arrive at the Samboree. You can also view a flyer on the website showing all the entertainment we have lined up to perform, download a Samboree registration form or just enjoy pictures of the activities from past Samborees.

CHAPTER VOLUNTEER HOURS AND DONATION TOTALS

Please continue to keep track of your chapter's volunteer hours and donations. The requirement to report the totals to Good Sam Club International is still in effect and I will need you to send me your chapter totals at the end of 2015. Remember, all that is required is the total amount of hours and dollars donated. No other documentation is required.

GOOD SAM CLUB 50TH ANNIVERSARY

In 2016, the Good Sam Club and Camping World will celebrate their 50th anniversaries. Good Sam Club International is planning to commemorate this milestone next year by showcasing items that will recount the half-century histories of the Good Sam Club and Camping World.

Oklahoma Good Sam Club members are encouraged to take part in the anniversary celebration by sharing RV camping stories, snapshots, and memorabilia from that decade. You may email your 1960s RV memories – or those of your parents or grandparents – in 100 words or less, along with scans of your vintage camping photos, to 50years@goodsamclub.com. Entries are due by October 31, 2015. If your recollections and related photo is published, you will receive a \$25 Camping World certificate. If you have vintage items in your collection (old patches, vests, chapter flags, etc.), you also may email a picture of the item(s) to 50years@goodsamclub.com.

Looking forward to seeing you soon,

Susan

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