

Illinois Good Sam
Morning Session – Informal
April 29, 2017
Fairgrounds
Crescent City, IL

The meeting was opened by Carolyn Schaefer, State Director, with a prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

State Staff and Chapter Presidents were introduced. Illinois Military Veterans and Second Chance Chapters need presidents. Wayne Morris resigned as Chaplin so a new Chaplin is needed. In 2016 we lost the following Chapters: Black Hawk, Sams Prairielanders, and Super Sams. New Directories are available.

Shirts were discussed. There are some old white Staff shirts and old State Director shirts that are available to anyone who would like them. If you need green shirts because yours are the wrong size let Carolyn know. Most need to go up one size. Let Carolyn know what size you have because they may fit someone else. If you need green shirts and did not order them previously you will owe \$20.00.

Older electronics – Per Jim Landry one microphone was trashed. There is a wireless mic and the items that go with it that Jim was able to fix. There is also a roll of wire. If anyone would like to purchase them see Jim. As was voted on previously, if no one wants them Jim may donate to a charity (Salvation Army, etc.)

Rally – Volunteer sign-up sheets will be available at the July State meeting. We need a chapter to run the mini-games. They were very popular last year. Chamco will do the Blue Light Special and give the money to Dogs for the Deaf. All door prizes will be given from the stage with restaurant gift certificates given out on Thursday night. Memorial forms must be to Carolyn by August 1, along with \$10.00, so the name plates can be made. We have entertainment for two nights (Lindley Creek Friday night and Carl Acuff, Jr. Sunday night) and all the money allocated (\$1700.00) has been spent. Carolyn asked for additional funds. (To be discussed at Business Meeting.) They are working on seminars (Wayne Wolfe) and vendors (Lynn Myers). If you know of any additional ones that would be interesting let them know. The dump station will be discussed at the July meeting. The Flea Market and Chapter raffles will be done the same as last year with both taking place on Saturday morning. We discussed raising the Rally fees for next year to \$80.00 for the Rally and \$17.00 for each extra night. (To be discussed at Business Meeting.) We will have pints again for the Ice Cream Social. There will be a State Meeting at the Rally. Awards will be given out Sunday afternoon before the Blue Light Special. Food – Sky Med will again provide hot dogs on Thursday. Saturday there will be a breakfast and Sunday a light lunch. Steve McKillip & Marilyn Yenney are gathering items for the welcome bags. Let them know if you have anything. Forest City Sams is doing the First-timer bags.

The Patch Packer trailer is for sale. We do not know a price yet. Harold will talk to Bob Myers about this.

2018 Rally – think about a theme. Family Reunion was suggested. (To be discussed at Business Meeting.)

SOP – Carol Froeschl, Harold Copas, and Fred Sterns were the committee charged with updating the State SOP. After our approval it will be sent to Dave Morgen (National Director of Good Sam Field Operation) for his approval. Much discussion ensued. All the changes suggest by the committee were discussed with some changes, additions and deletions suggested. This will be discussed at the Business meeting so items can be voted upon. We thank the committee for their doing this.

Carolyn said that after you discuss this session ask her for clarification about anything discussed and bring up additional items to add to the agenda. Let's be open.

Lunch will be served by Prairie State Sams.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanette Gawronski, State Secretary