



# ILLINOIS SAM-O-GRAM

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## FROM THE DIRECTOR'S RIG:

Summer is in full swing, weather has been hot, except for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend. I hope you all have been camping and enjoying our great nation.

As your Director, John and I have been camping with several chapters and plan on a couple more before our Illinois Rally. It has been great getting to know more campers in our state.

As I write this, we will be going to the Ohio Rally at Tiffin and then to the Michigan Rally at Allegan. We need more Illinois Good Sams to attend the out-of-state rallies if we expect them to attend our rally. Since John and I have attended many rallies in the past several years, it is always nice to see friends at least once a year and the hugs are great.

Saturday, July 30 is the next State Business Meeting and we hope to finish as much as possible for our Rally. I am open to suggestions for vendors and interesting seminars. State staff will host at the Champaign Sportsman's Club, Mahomet, 301 Lake of the Woods Road.

Till we meet at the state meeting, Happy Trails.

*Carolyn & John Schaefer*

## AGENDA FOR JULY STATE BUSINESS MEETING

- Saturday – 8:00 to 9:00 am – Gather
- 9:00 to 11:00 am – Open meeting/discussion
- 11:00 am to 1:00 pm – Lunch on your own
- 1:00 pm – State Business Meeting
- 5:30 pm – Potluck supper

## ILLINOIS STATE GOOD SAM RV RALLY

September 1 through 5, 2016 will be held at Henry, Illinois at the Marshall-Putnam Fairgrounds. Registration forms available online at [www.illinoisgoodsam.org](http://www.illinoisgoodsam.org)  
Encourage your chapter members to attend and participate in the activities that are planned for you.

The theme this year is **HAPPY TRAILS**. Round up your Western wear and come have a good time!

## CHAPTER NEWS

### **Bureau Valley Sams** by Louise Frank



Members of Bureau Valley Sams celebrated the 30th Anniversary of the Chapter at the June campout at Fisherman's Corner, Hampton, IL. The Chapter was formed by Gene and Marcia VanCauwenberg in 1986 with 12 charter members from Bureau County. There are now 21 active members, including two charter members, Jim and Pat Swanson, and Don and Darlene Husser, as well as seven inactive members from Bureau and surrounding counties.

The celebration weekend took on an "international flavor" as we made the acquaintance of a couple from Germany. They had shipped their Class C RV to Halifax, Nova Scotia and then they flew in to pick the RV up and headed out for a five month tour of the USA. They will do the same in reverse at the conclusion of their tour. In addition, we had five grandchildren camping with the Chapter, with two from Sweden, Alexander and Sebastian, plus Ashley, Gabe and Sandy. It was a "grand" weekend!

The host committee served homemade ice cream and cake in celebration of the anniversary. On display were scrapbooks, pictures, 30 years of minutes and rosters and memorabilia. Adding ideal weather into the picture made for a perfect campout.



Our July campout will be at Johnson Sauk Trail, Kewanee; August, Shady Creek, Muscatine, Iowa; September, Thomson Causeway and our final 2016 campout will be at Geneseo Campground, Geneseo.

## Chamco Sams by Carol Froeschl

The Chamco Sams Chapter April campout was at the Champaign Sportsman Club, Mahomet, IL. Our Chapter hosted the Illinois Good Sam Business meetings. Saturday morning breakfast was served and hosted by John and Ruth Durbin and Jim and Carole Kirby, Chamco Sams Chapter. During the morning business session, several Chamco members were busy preparing for the lunch we were hosting. Lunch was pulled pork sandwiches, baked beans, chips, and water.

Chamco members made a variety of homemade desserts for the lunch.



During the State business meeting Jackie and Wayne Wolf, Chamco Sams, received a plaque from the State for their 17 years being in-charge of the State Rally Hospitality area. Following the afternoon business meeting, Chamco members and State board members enjoyed a joint potluck supper. After the potluck, Chamco held their monthly business meeting. The charity we supported in April was Developmental Service Center in Champaign.

Our May campout was at the Clinton Lake Recreation Area. We had seven rigs and two drive-ins. Friday evening we all went to Ted's Garage in Clinton for a great meal. It was a beautiful weekend for camping. Saturday evening potluck was delicious and topped off with homemade ice cream made by the Durbins. Our May Charity is Champaign County Humane Society.

We had nine rigs caravan to the Campout for Charity at Crescent City for a most enjoyable weekend. One evening, the members enjoyed another dish of delicious homemade ice cream made by John and Ruth Durbin.

Our June campout was at Bo Woods on Lake

Shelbyville. It was a very hot

weekend for camping. No campfire that weekend with temps in the high 90's. Plans were made for Chamco Sams to be in the Seymour 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade to promote Good Sam and the Chamco Sams. John & Ruth Durbin will also be driving their antique tractors in the parade. Our charity for July was Eastern Illinois Food Bank.



*Jackie and Wayne Wolf receive plaque 17 yrs in charge of State Rally Hospitality.*

Chamco Sams Chapter had a great time in the Seymour 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade. Members had candy to give to the kids along the parade route. After the parade, members celebrated as a group with breakfast/lunch at the Mahomet Family Restaurant.



*Chamco Members on the trailer and Miss Liberty (Lynn Myers) made for a great day.*

Our July Campout will be at D&W Lake Camping & RV Park. Check out our Website: [www.chamcosamschapter.wordpress.com](http://www.chamcosamschapter.wordpress.com)

#### **Prairie Ramblers** by Judie Frcka

As there are only 5 members in this chapter you would think we would have been able to get together. Well, it hasn't happened. We still have hopes of gathering to discuss the future of Prairie Ramblers but mostly to celebrate 45 years as a chapter. Keep watching for updates.

#### **Rock Valley** by Judie Frcka

On a very hot day in June, Rock Valley celebrated 45 years as a chapter of Illinois Good Sam. We invited as many past members as we had addresses, and a few other guests. All toll 27 members and guest were served a super, delicious catered meal. A large canopy had been erected, so we were able to be out of the sun.

We are so proud of the fact we still have a charter member, Elsie Watson, who is very active. She has seen a lot of changes over the years.

Our April May, and July campouts were well attended, with the normal good food, laughs and fellowship. July was a little on the hot side, so no camp fires.

Sorry to say the three contacts we had for potential members have not worked out. Like most chapters we could use new members.



### **Prairie State Sams by Mary Allen**

Our 10th annual Campout for Charity held in June at the Iroquois County Fairgrounds was a smashing success. A wide variety of interesting activities were available including Bingo, Bean Bag Baseball, Golf, Ladder Ball, Crafts and MahJongg. There were presentations on Senior Yoga and Meditation, the Zika Virus, and Camera and Cell Phone Photos. A Dogs for the Deaf representative spoke, as well judged the annual Dog Show. Bands provided live music both Friday and Saturday evenings, with brave souls dancing. Delicious and plentiful food was enjoyed in a variety sure to please every palate. Canned food was collected to donate to our local food pantry. And last but not least, fund raising was done with Silent, Chinese, and Live Auctions. Thank you to all who contributed in any way, and especially our guests.



Prairie State Sams thanks all who donated and help make Campout for Charity 2016 a success

Our PSS Grandkids' Weekend will be held August 19th through the 21st at the Kankakee South KOA. After Saturday's lunch, the afternoon will be spent playing outdoor games, some of which were played when we were kids. A great way to bridge the Generation Gap!

**Sunshine Sams** by Mary Feiden

Sunshine Sams had a real good time at the Prairie State Sam's Charity Campout in Crescent City. We want to thank them for their hard work in putting this on.

We will be camping at Lowden State Park, Oregon, Illinois, July 7<sup>th</sup> thru the 10<sup>th</sup> and August 4<sup>th</sup> thru 7<sup>th</sup> we will be at Francis Park, Kewanee, Illinois on Rt. 78. It has been great seeing all the campers this summer again.

**Editor's Note:** Still looking for someone to take over the Publicity position on the State Board. Anyone interested should contact Carolyn Schaefer. This may be the last Sam-O-Gram till someone steps forward.