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The Georgia Good Sam Club

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NOTES FROM THE DIRECTOR:

Hello everyone and Happy Thanksgiving. Louise and I hope you have all had a wonderful summer. If yours was as busy as ours and as fun as ours, you had a great time!

Since the Fall Samboree Louise and I have been travelling to some out-of-state Samborees (something everyone should try). It is interesting getting out to the other states and seeing how they do their Samborees. Some states have large Samborees at extravagant RV Resorts, some have them in fairgrounds, and some in various campgrounds. The one thing they have in common though is they have a lot of fun doing what is available at the Samboree. Get out and get to an out-of-state Samboree and see what I mean. Go to [www.goodsamclub.com](http://www.goodsamclub.com) and go to the community link for Samborees. There you will find a listing of all Samborees available to choose from. If you plan your trip right you can go cross-country and hit Samborees in just about every state on your route. Hey here's an idea...why don't we plan on caravanning to a Samboree in one of our neighboring states next Spring?

Since our Samboree Louise and I attended the TN Fall Samboree, the SC Fall Samboree and The Rally at the Atlanta Motor Speedway. There was a great turn-out for the first Rally held in the Atlanta area. There was plenty to do and see and plenty of RVs to browse through and maybe purchase. I heard that Camping World sold 85 units over the three days and some of the manufacturers that were there sold an additional quantity. The evening entertainment, Beach Boys, Vince Gill, and the Vogues was terrific. In the Good Sam Base Camp we had some fun playing games such as Cornhole, Hillbilly Golf (ladder ball), beanbag baseball and horseshoes. In the Camping World/Good Sam Tent there was plenty of Camping World inventory for sale, all of the Good Sam services for information and purchase as well as the Chapter Booth where we obtained leads for Chapter Membership. I would like to thank John & Glenda Malone (10K Gold Travelling Sams), Harry Lee & Hazel Couch (Singing Sams), Louis and Peggy Houck (Singing Sams), Lynn & Marti Harper (Singing Sams), Skip & Connie Reisigl (Peach State 39ers), Willie and Eva Cobb (Peach State 39ers), Richard & Beverly Holbrook (Coastal Sams), Richard & Judy Cassady (Peach State 39ers), and Bill & Anne Finney (Happy Good Sams) You all helped make the booth a great success and headquarters was pleased that so many Georgia chapter members answered the call. They all said they had a good time working the booth and meeting all the people.

Don't forget the Spring Samboree is just around the corner. We follow the FMCA Rally so make sure you get your applications in soon as many of the FMCA attendees will stay over for our Samboree. The theme is Samboree 500 (an auto race theme) so dig out your shirts, flags, etc. for your favorite driver and let's go racing.

Have a great Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas.  
Rick & Louise Stahurski  
Georgia State Director

**Upcoming  
Samborees**

Make your plans  
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Samborees!

Spring 2014:  
March 27-30  
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# CHAPTER NEWS

*DUE TO SPACING, CHAPTER #'S MAY NOT FOLLOW SEQUENTIALLY & FONT/PHOTO SIZE MAY VARY.*

## Chapter 3 - Sowega Sams

Sowega Sams Chapter 3 held their August 2013 campout at Sugar Mill Campground Thomasville, Georgia. We had eleven rigs present and Sonny and Rosa Touchton came on Thursday for our campout meal. Host for August were Jack and Donna Sangster and Danny and Debbie Jordan. On Tuesday night the hosts held a hot dog supper to raise money for the VA Hospital in Dublin Ga. After the hot dog supper, the hosts honored Jack Sangster on his birthday with cake and ice cream. Carolyn Kelly made the cake. On Wednesday, the hosts grilled chicken with each member bringing a covered dish. The club's monthly meeting was held on Wednesday afternoon with prayer meeting following the meeting. On Thursday morning, the club took a tour of the Flowers Baking Company in Thomasville and saw how the bread that we eat daily is made. Following the tour, the club ate their campout meal at Seminole Wind Restaurant. Fellowship and games were enjoyed throughout the campout. Susan Weakland, sister of Debbie Jordan, came on Tuesday night and gave the club a presentation of what Pathways for Autism means and how it is used in our school system. The club voted to take this as one of their projects.

The September campout for Chapter 3 is always the Fall Samboree in Perry, Ga. Several members went early this year and our chapter has several men and women who are on the Georgia staff and help with setting up the Samboree. Faye Brown and Debbie Jordan decorated the Christmas in September stage with Donna Sangster and Mareen Wise decorating Chapter 3's table. Wendell Brown and Roy Wohlforth and Danny Jordan are our men who help with this each year. Jack and Donna Sangster, Jim and Mareen Wise and Jimmy and Gertrude Davis won items from the Chinese Auction. Ann Rossman and Lynn Hamner won cakes at the cake walk and later served them to the club. J. D. and Judy Clark won a gift by having a Santa Clause in their program booklet. This year we had eleven rigs with three visitors. Our guest this year were: Jimbo and Lynn Hamner, Gary and Gwen Smith, and Roger and Terry Varnadore. The club meal was held on Friday afternoon at Red Lobster and while there, our President, Danny Jordan, called a short meeting for the purpose of voting in our newest members, Jim and Mareen Wise of Thomasville, Ga. Jack Sangster was their sponsor. On Saturday, Chapter 3 participated in the Bean Bag Baseball games and won first place. Those playing were: Wendell Brown, Jack and Donna Sangster, Dock Breeden, Henry Rouse, Terry Varnadore, Fred and Ann Rossman, and Judy Clark. Jack Sangster from Chapter 3 and Sandra Dyer from Chapter 8 won second place in the washer toss competition.



The October campout was held at Coastal RV Park in Brunswick, Georgia. There were nine rigs present. On Tuesday each person did their own thing and some visited the Light House at St Simon and some went on a tour. For their campout meal, we ate at a seafood restaurant. November's campout will be held in Bainbridge with Jim and Charlsie Little and Harold and Carolyn Kelly hosting.

## Chapter 11 - Yosemite Sams

August Campout - Boy what a change from our last visit to the KOA in Cartersville. Jan and Ann Camp are the new managers and they have really made good changes to the campground and the way visitors are treated. They met each one of us when we came in and welcomed us to KOA and assured us we would find a different atmosphere at KOA on this visit. I think everyone came in on Thursday, since we were given a free night of camping. Thursday, we hadn't planned a meal but Carol and Larry brought a whole turkey with dressing, gravy and potatoes. Everyone else brought more eats and desserts and we had a feast. Afterward we played some games and some sat out by the fire. We needed a fire as it was quite cool Thursday night with a bit of a breeze. Friday morning a few guys went to play golf at a nearby course. The rest of us went to breakfast at Cracker Barrel. A few of the girls went in search of something we needed that was on sale. Some of us found it and others just window shopped. Saturday morning we had a great breakfast that included a special French toast recipe, eggs, bacon, sausage biscuits and sausage gravy. There was also fruit, coffee and fruit juice. Saturday night Jay and Ann Camp cooked us a beef brisket, smoked chicken and smoked sausage. We added some side dishes, fruit and desert and again had a feast good enough for a king. After dinner Mark had us rolling in the aisles with a DVD of a standup comedian named John Penitti. This was the funniest thing I've seen in a long time. We laughed until we cried at this guy's antics. If you get a chance to see him, go for it because he is just too funny. Pat brought a bunch of quilts, toys and scarves for the Children's Hospital. They will be traveling out west when we deliver toys to the hospital, so she brought them to this campout. Please remember to be looking for toy to give Toys For Tots at the Samboree and toys to add to our donation to the Children's Hospital. Teens are a special need they both have, as it's not as fun to shop for items they will like. Items like I-Tune gift cards, billfolds, scarves, pocket books, makeup, hats, pajamas, cameras and small radios are just a few of the items they might like to receive. Also, we will be collecting slightly used coats for the Veterans again. Please make sure they are in good shape.



September Samboree - As well as I can remember, we had 13 rigs at the Samboree with 28 people. It was a really good crowd. Bunch of us played SAMGO. I won \$35 in the first game and thought I won the second one too but forgot that it was not a straight Bingo but a large circle. My face was red after I jumped up shouting BINGO. John Cotter won \$60 on Saturday, but as hard as we tried we could not win the cover all. Thursday night after the entertainment, we got together and put our door prize baskets together. We had more items for the door prizes than we have ever had. The table we were using was overflowing. After it was all over we had 14 really nice door prizes. Three of the door prizes were decorated goose eggs that Carol Baker had made. They were so beautiful, I wish you could have seen them all. Attached is a picture of one of them. I know whoever won one was really pleased. There were lots of door prizes and donated items for prizes. Carol Bowman won one of our door prizes which included one of Pat's Christmas quilts, a bottle of sparkling grape juice and two insulated cups. Kimmi won a really nice cleaning kit with brushes and cleaning supplies. A couple of people won cash prizes. There might have been others that won something but I've forgotten already. Our table won the table decorating contest. Decorating the table is one of the fun things we enjoy most. Everyone brings what they and we put it together to make something really pretty. There were many other tables that were equally as pretty but so we were really surprised to find out we had won. Frank, Sherry and their daughter Vicky camped with us this year, along with Lily Bell and her friend Cheryl. Also, Larry Seymore and his fiancée, Barbara, came up from Florida. They make a very sweet and special couple. We hope they will be able to camp with us often. Every night we gathered around the food table and guess what, we ate again. We missed everyone that could not be there and hope to see you next month at the KOA in Forsyth.



## *Chapter 11 - Yosemite Sams (continued)*

October Campout - The October campout at the KOA in Forsyth was a huge success. Thanks John, Tina, Jimmy and Rachel for a great time. We had eleven rigs in attendance and the KOA parked us all in a row directly across from the clubhouse. On Thursday some of us went in to Juliette, GA and ate at the Whistle Stop Cafe. This is the cafe from the movie Fried Green Tomatoes. Of course we had to try the fried green tomatoes that they are famous for. On Friday evening we all got together and brought soups and chili and John grilled hotdogs and they had all of the trimmings. Naturally the food was great. After dinner we played bingo and had a lot of fun. Everyone was also trying to figure out which of us were the baby pictures that Rachel had on display. On Saturday morning we got together for breakfast and then after breakfast we put the 48 parent bags together for the Children's Hospital. Saturday evening we went to Buckner's and had a wonderful meal. For those that have not been to Buckner's it is a pretty neat restaurant. It is an all you can eat buffet however they bring all of the food to the table and serve it family style. Their chicken is soooo good. We came back to the clubhouse and Rachel had us all reveal which baby picture we were. No one got them all right but it was fun to see who each one was. On Sunday morning we had a little problem getting together for breakfast as the power went out all over Forsyth so it was a little difficult to make coffee, toast, etc. in the clubhouse. Of course generators do help out and since we are all flexible we made it a wonderful morning. We missed all those that could not make it. Again, thanks John, Tina, Jimmy and Rachel for a great campout.

On October 17, some of our ladies delivered two truckloads of blankets, toys, gift cards, quilts, pocket books, radios, scarves and 40 parent survival bags to the Children's Healthcare in Stockbridge. The hospital has a constant need for toys and items to entertain the children in their care. The parents often arrive at the hospital with nothing but what they have in their pockets. We provide them with soap, tooth brushes, tooth paste, pad of paper, pen, shampoo, conditioner, crackers a small water and anything else we think they could need. We also donate money to Make A Wish Foundation in memory of one of our member's great granddaughter. We will be delivering boxes of food and toys to a couple of needy families at Christmas. We are all so blessed, we want to try to make life a little better for others.



## *Chapter 14 - Happy Good Sams*

Our August camp out was held at Holiday Travel RV park in Chattanooga, Tn. Del Wimberly & Mary Wilkins were our wagon masters. We had 2 new couples join our chapter, The Samples and The Willis. We went to a consignment shop and the flea market in Chattanooga. Friday evening we had dinner of barbecue at Sugar's Rib and some of our group tried grilled okra. On Saturday afternoon we had a late lunch at Provino's Italian Restaurant. In the evening we played cards and enjoyed music played Del, Wayne & Jim.

In September we went to Perry for the Samboree. We had 10 rigs present. Jim & Linda Kelley helped with Bingo. Del, Wayne & Jim played for us in the afternoons for Pickin & Grinnin. Chapter 14 drove the Tram on Friday.

October we camp out in Metter, Georgia at Beaver Run RV park. Some of our men went and played golf on Thursday morning. The Ladies went into Metter and had lunch at the local drug store where they still have a lunch counter with very good milk shakes. On Friday we drove to Claxton, Georgia and got Fruit Cakes from the Claxton fruitcake company. Saturday morning we went to Savannah, Georgia and we toured The Mercer House and had lunch at The Pirate House. We then made our way to the River Walk area and had time to enjoy the sights there.

Mary Wilkins & Del Wimberly are making our camp out schedule for 2014. Looks like we will be going to a couple of new camping parks next year. Our November camp out will be at Twin Oaks in Elko, Georgia November 8-10, 2013.

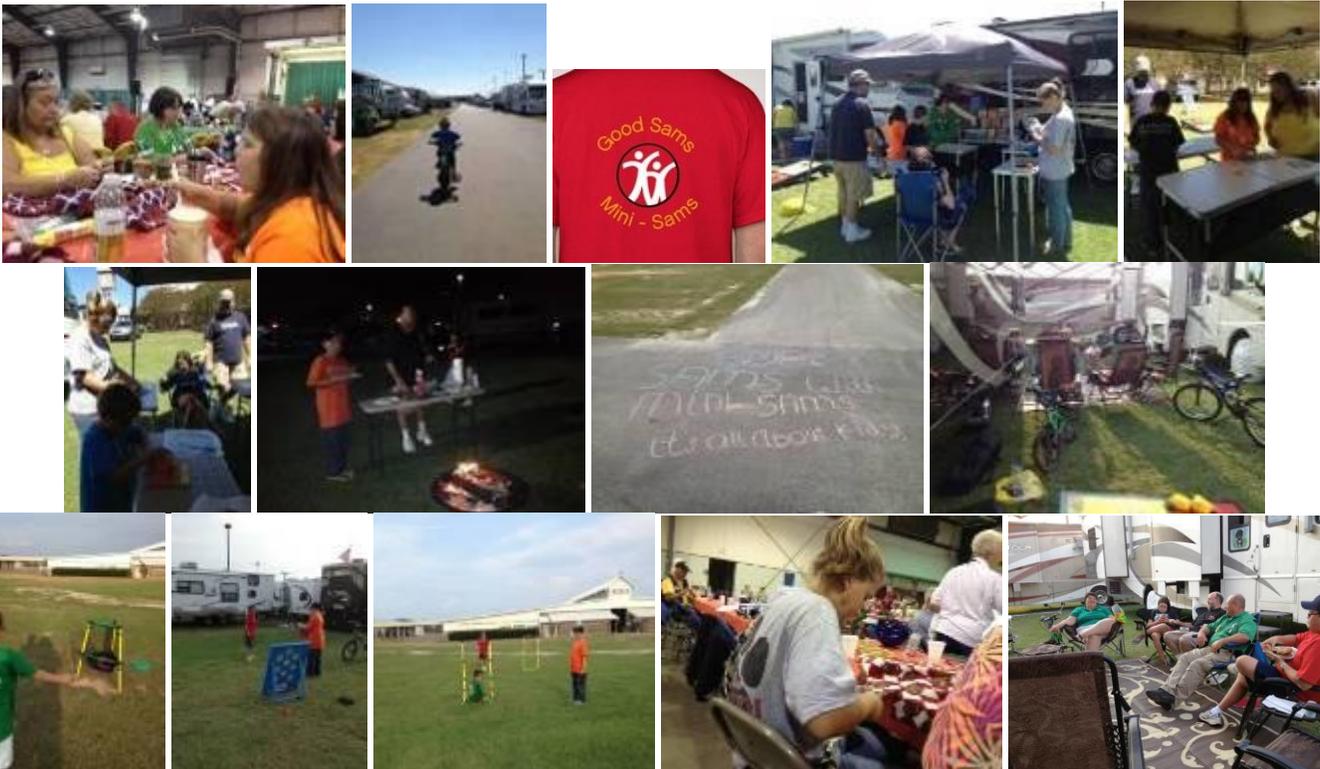
# Chapter 15 - Good Sams With Mini-Sams

**BREAKING NEWS:** Chapter 15: Good Sams With Mini-Sams is official! Rick and Louise Stahurski, GA State Directors, presented us with our chapter's charter at the Georgia Good Sam Fall Samboree, in Perry, GA, in September 2013!! Our logo is approved! Look for us at the next presentation of chapter flags!

Since our inaugural chapter campout in June of 2013, at Yonah Mountain Campground, in Cleveland, GA, the Good Sams With Mini-Sams chapter was busy preparing for the Georgia Good Sam Fall Samboree in September! What a fast-paced weekend in Perry of camping, activities, and fellowship it was! A special thanks to Sherri Wilton for preparing and leading a "Mini-Scrapbooks with Sherri" event for the adults (Good Sams) and Mini-Sams. Those mini-scrapbooks turned out awesome! Huge special thanks on behalf of the whole chapter to Richard and Carol Anne Scapperotto for a very special and generous gift and presentation to the chapter...our very own baseball bean bag toss game!! The Mini-Sams immediately began "training" for the next Samboree to compete with the adults! What a hoot! Lots of games for the Mini-Sams and other chapter members' children and grandchildren were available and running during the Samboree in the "Mini-Sams Zone" such as ladder ball, bocce ball, washer toss, corn hole, frisbee golf, card games (Uno, Phase 10), board games, 4-square, sidewalk chalk painting, bike riding, and a daily evening "movie and s'mores/popcorn" event. The nightly movies ("Epic" and "Brave") were great and making s'mores over an open fire was fun, fun, fun...once it got going!!

Thanks to the gentleman (you know who you are!) who came over and educated us on how to start that open fire using fatwood and pallet wood in addition to our base of logs. We greatly appreciated your assistance!! Our chapter also enjoyed participating in the Samgo (Samboree Bingo) games, decorating our tables with candy and Christmas ornaments, and eating lots of ice cream!! Oh the ice cream!! We also had the honor of seeing our Mini-Sams dropping off toys for the Toys For Tots collection and toiletries for the VA Hospital collection, and making about 10 Linus blankets (with the help of their parents/grandparents) for kids in need, our Chapter's official charity. As usual, we did have our chapter communal meal/cook out - thanks again to the chefs and master grillers!! It was delicious!!

All the seminars were great, especially the ones presented by our very own chapter members Robert, Rita, Emily, and Nicholas Shelton, of Carren RV, on general RV refrigerator information. What a great time of friendship, fellowship, and camping! We can't wait until our next campout...and the next Samboree!!! We are huge NASCAR fans, so we will be representing the (drivers') flags at the GA Good Sam Spring Samboree in 2014!! Lots of great fun will be had, so invite and bring your children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren and meet us at the "Mini-Sams Zone!!"



If you camp with your children, grandchildren, or great-grandchildren, and are interested in joining our chapter, don't hesitate to contact Peter and Shannon Gonzalez, Chapter 15 Presidents at [gonzalezpsda@cox.net](mailto:gonzalezpsda@cox.net), or 478-320-8122. Spread the word!

## Chapter 16 - South GA River Sams

South Georgia Rivers chapter 16 had a great turn-out for the Samboree in Perry Georgia in September. We had 12 of our rigs attending. There was a great time had by all for our Christmas in September event. The entertainment was by far very good and all enjoyed it. We had good participation in all the events. Our thanks go out to Rick and Louise for all the work put into making the event successful.



Our October campout was held at Lake Park Ga, Eagle's Roost. We played games and had lots of talk time with our members. Friday night we had fried chicken with all the trimmings. After dinner our meeting was held. Saturday morning we made a visit to Second Harvest Food Bank where our club processed 2250 pounds of food for distribution. We all had a good sweat but it was worth the effort. This weight was enough food to feed 180 people. What a great cause.



Our club also participated in a blood drive for Addison Seacrist, a 5 year old child suffering with Leukemia. The Quato club worked with us in this event. We try to do a blood drive every year for a worthy person. Children are such a blessing to us all and this little one was no exception. We all gave our all for her. My thanks to all who help us to make this event successful.



November campout will be held at Jekyll Island the weekend of the 14th-17th. This campout is where the rules of shrimping with pull nets is displayed by a family of pro's who have been doing this for many years. We cap this off with a low country boil with all the trimmings. Our thanks to the Walker family for their hospitality. This is always a great feast. We usually do smores and popcorn over a great campfire. There is so much to do at Jekyll, walking on the beach, fishing or riding bicycles.

Our year end Christmas dinner is scheduled for the first weekend in December. There will be plenty of bar-be-cue chicken, pork and all the trimmings. After dinner our new officers will be installed. After the meeting gifts will be exchanged with everyone. May you all have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from your President Jerry DeLoach.

## Chapter 22 - Free Wheeling Sams

JULY campout was held at the KOA Campground in Calhoun, Georgia, with eleven (11) member rigs in attendance July 25-29. Hosts, Lyle and Judy Mix of Marietta, Georgia, organized the Chapter's first annual Kidz Kampout. The campout was organized around the children—mostly grandchildren of the members—with games and prizes. It was so much fun the consensus is *do it again* so the event will be held again in 2014.

AUGUST campout was held at the KOA West Chattanooga Campground in Trenton, Georgia, with ten (10) member rigs present. Hosts for the campout were unable to attend or make plans for the weekend; however, members John & Dorothy Bradbury and Glenn & Kathy Hansen greeted the members with treats and local information upon arrival. They also hosted two potluck suppers at their campsites. Members visited the local town-square farmer's market and other local areas including Cloudland Park.

In SEPTEMBER twelve (12) member rigs attended the Georgia Good Sam Club Samboree in Perry, Georgia, including the immediate past state directors, Harold and Vicki Smith, who had arrived immediately after completing a 15,000-mile-plus trip including the Syracuse NY Rally and the Alaskan caravan. The Chapter participated in all Samboree events including the table decorations contest and gave personal donations to the supported charitable organizations. Team Trivia second place winners included Irma Andrews, Paddy Kern, Kathy Hansen, Harold and Vicki Smith. Members also won: door prizes (Eddie/Linda McCollough, Harold/Lois Brown, Roger/Joyce Dean), bingo (Irma Andrews), and Chinese action (Culver/Dot Johnson, Paddy/Joe Kern). Most of the ladies will not forget their encounters with "Elvis"!

OCTOBER campout was held at the Holiday Trav-L Park near Chattanooga in Rossville, Georgia, with fifteen (15) member rigs present. A team of newer chapter members (John & Dorothy Bradberry, Glenn & Kathy Hansen, Walter & Tommie Pike, and Bill & Kathy Tuck) hosted the campout. Activities included a hotdog supper hosted by Ralph Miller of Camping World's driver education; a tour of the Volkswagen plant, a lunch-time river cruise on The Southern Bell, a "Do's and Don'ts Seminar" presented by Camping World, supper at the Ribs and Loins Restaurant in East Ridge TN. The hosts also cooked a waffle breakfast on Saturday morning with all the trimmings & sides including venison sausage!

The 2013 Chapter campouts have been completed; however, Chapter members are looking forward to keeping in contact. A Thanksgiving Luncheon, hosted by Tom & Karen Duncan, will be held at the Clay Oven, in Marietta, Georgia, on November 7; and, a Christmas Luncheon, hosted by Glenn & Kathy Hansen, will be held at the Winchester Woodfire Grill in Canton, Georgia, on December 13. Plans are already being made for the 2014 campout season that will be kicked off with the Georgia Spring Samboree.

## Chapter 23 – Golden Eagles Sams

Our October 2013 camp out was at Great Outdoors RV Resort in Franklin, NC. with Ann and Larry Pinson hosting with six rigs attending. We began a fun stay, starting with Sunday evening the Pinson's had a movie night and of course you have to have popcorn and snacks. The movie was outstanding! "Gifted Hands" The amazing life story of Dr. Ben Carson and his separating conjoined twins. Afterward there was a game of Dominoes. Ann and Larry hosted the Monday night meal of chicken with mushroom gravy and rice and everything one can imagine to complete the dinner. Afterwards we had a concert given by our own talented Jim Willis, on the Dulcimer and the Keyboard. Very enjoyable! Tuesday morning we had our meeting with Gene Wallace, and later we went to The Jarrett House Restaurant for our noon meal. We so enjoyed the food and of course the fellowship we have with our dear friends. Afterward several of us went on the tour given by the Pinson's of four of the water falls in the mountains. Delightful! The Golden Eagles group is having a few members out with surgery. We all will be very happy when we can all be together again. Tuesday night we got together for a game of Dominoes and fellowship before departing home Wednesday morning. We all truly enjoyed the week.



## Chapter 27 - Coastal Sams

In August our campout was held at a campground that we had never visited before – Jacksonville/St. Mary’s KOA, Kingsland, Ga. We had twelve rigs present and two couples who were unable to camp, joined us for an afternoon. We visited two neighborhood restaurants where we enjoyed local seafood. On Saturday night, our hosts, Tom & Joy, served delicious pork roast, rice and gravy, and the ladies provided side dishes. Joy did not disappoint us with her scrumptious desserts and some of the other ladies added their lip-smacking goodies as well. The campground owners were gracious hosts as they provided a waffle/pancake breakfast for us each morning. All this good eating was interspersed with just sitting around and enjoying each other’s company. The week-end was topped off with an inspiring devotional that one of our couples presented without any prior notice or preparation – for which we are very appreciative. The week-end closed out with a downpour, but that was okay too.



The Fall Rally in Perry served as our campout for September and we had half of our chapter attending. The Rally Newsletter is a great report for us for September.



We chose to have The Rally at the Atlanta Speedway serve as our October campout and we had eight couples who attended. Three of our group were “under the weather” and did not feel like participating even though they attended, and we were so disappointed for them. We spent the night prior to going in to the rally at the KOA in Forsyth. Camping World/Good Sam was an excellent host and we regretfully report that we did not win any of those nice prizes given out.

We had a good time and met some very nice folks while there.

## Chapter 32 - Columbus Round Tuit Sams

In August a few of our members camped at Pine Mountain RV Resort in Pine Mountain Georgia. They shopped and visited restaurants in Pine Mountain and Hamilton. They reported that they had a good time. September found a few of us at the Samboree in Perry. Those of us who attended had a great time as usual.



In October, the Chapter camped at Uchee Creek at Ft. Benning Georgia. We had a pot luck dinner on Thursday evening, followed by movie. One of our members had the equipment to show DVD’s on a screen. We all watched the movie “RV” with Robin Williams and ate popcorn. Some members went to the National Infantry Museum and watched the documentary “Jerusalem” in the IMAX Theater. The annual Oktoberfest, hosted by Ft. Benning MWR, kicked off on Friday afternoon and ran through Sunday. There were lots of good food and drink, bands that played German Music, and lots of activities for both the young and the young at heart. The Chapter will camp at Uchee Creek again in November; that’s when we have our annual meeting and Thanksgiving Dinner.



## Chapter 33 - Yargo Sams

In August you would have found Yargo Good Sams at Yonah Mountain Campground in Cleveland, Ga. Our chapter was disappointed with our camping area. Sites were very unlevel and short. However management did find us a place to eat our covered dish inside since it rained so hard. Also management gave us (2) \$20 Camping World gift certificates to be raffled off. Our Saturday evening meal was sub sandwiches. Even with the rain, good time was had by all. Some just had to have a Yonah Mountain Burger!



In September we headed to The Samboree with only 4 rigs. One of chapter members broke down on the way down to the Samboree. Good Sam Roadside Service got them to a repair shop in Jackson. After all that they decided to take the tow car and go back home since the rig would not be fixed until Monday. Though small in number, we had a good time at the Samboree.

In October we headed to River Vista in Dillard, GA which was hosted by our newest members. They had a Halloween theme. We all carved pumpkins, enjoyed the fall leaves (what there was of them) and ate until we couldn't. We welcomed the chilly weather with a fire every night. On Saturday night our hosts furnished us with regular and white chili. Some of us enjoyed the big hot tub while others enjoyed a ride in the mountains in their Jeep.



## Chapter 38 - NorWeGa Sams

NorWeGa Sams, Chapter 38 camped in August at Tuskasegee Campground in Whittier, NC, hosted by Grady and Betty Collins. It was such pleasant weather that week. We enjoyed exploring the area and the fellowship.



In September, 6 rigs spent a week in Mayport, FL., before heading to the Samboree. We were at Pelican Roost Campground on the Navy base. Therefore, we enjoyed the coming and going of ships, got a tour and a ride on one of the tugs that accompanies the large ships and loved the sunsets over the water.



October's Campout, hosted by Hoyt and Sue Smith was a perfect setting for fall at Cove Creek RV Resort in Sevierville, TN. Enjoyed the fall foliage, fall decorations, picnic at Metcalf Bottoms and ice cream at Mel's Diner.



## Chapter 36 - SAMetro Sams

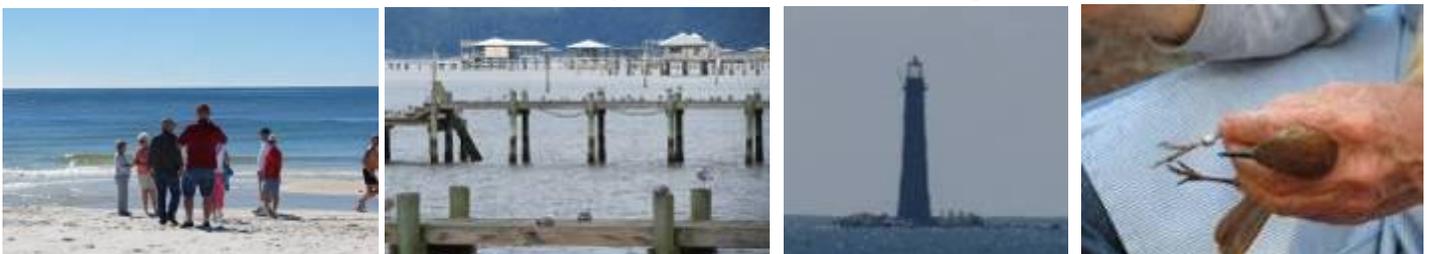
Six rigs camped at River Vista RV Resort, Dillard, GA from Aug 12-16. Wagon Masters Marshall & Lois Baker provided us with some great opportunities for adventure. Some visited one of the most spectacular canyons in the eastern U.S., Tallulah Gorge State Park. The Gorge is two miles long and nearly 1,000 feet deep. Exhibits in the park's Jane Hurt Yarn Interpretive Center highlight the area's rich history and rugged terrain of the area. We also visited the Foxfire Museum in Mountain City, GA which provided us a glimpse of what life was like for the mountaineers who settled the area. We saw a collection of over 20 historic log cabins and replicas of traditional log construction designs, containing artifacts and crafts as well as a wagon used to transport Cherokee Indians over "The Trail of Tears," during their forced migration to Oklahoma.



Co-Wagon Masters Betty Winn & Gene & Sylvia Drumm hosted the Fall Samboree in Perry, GA, decorating our tables and providing us with the opportunity for fellowship and fun with shared meals in the Roquemore Building. We had 10 rigs attending Samboree. We love spending time at the Samboree playing Samgo, listening to the entertainers, visiting vendors, and helping with the ice cream social on Saturday. One of our members was on stage with the group of men singing with Rick Kelley, which brought us to tears with laughter. "Elvis" posed with two of our members during his routine, making their day!



In October, Wagon Masters Ernie & Jan Thayer hosted our Oct 7-11 at Island Retreat RV Park in Gulf Shores, AL. This area is such a beautiful area with much to see and do. Besides the gorgeous beach, we attended the ShrimpFest, along with thousands of others. So many vendors to buy from and so much food to taste!!!! Some of us visited the very nice State Park where there are hundreds of nice campsites (some along the canals filled with alligators), the fishing piers, Fort Morgan where we got a glimpse of the natural gas rigs in the Gulf and the Sand Island Lighthouse (which is not accessible but is still standing on its own "island".) Two of our members happened to "stumble upon" some migratory bird banding just outside the Fort. What a treat for bird lovers!!!! They were hoping the volunteers would catch a hummingbird, but no luck this time. The Fort Morgan Bird Banding Station is located in Fort Morgan State Historical Park and is operational for only two weeks each spring and fall. The trained volunteers capture, band, record stats, and release thousands of neotropical migrant birds annually, representing dozens of species. During some sessions they sometimes capture large numbers of migrating Ruby-throated hummingbirds. This site is the first landfall and the last departure point for thousands of migrating birds. Banding sessions at the Fort Morgan Bird Banding Station are open to the general public.



# NEWSLETTER INFORMATION

The Georgia Good Sam Newsletter is published six times a year; once after each Samboree, and once quarterly in February, May, August and November. The deadline for submission of chapter information is the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month of each quarterly publication. I'll send a reminder to chapter editors and presidents two-three weeks before the deadline. Please submit your chapter's information to Kathy Nadeau at [kfned@bellsouth.net](mailto:kfned@bellsouth.net). Summarizing each submission takes a lot of time, so I will publish whatever text you submit, without a lot of editing.

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# CAMPGROUND REVIEWS

*Please send me your campground reviews to [kfnd@bellsouth.net](mailto:kfnd@bellsouth.net), and I'll add them to this list.*

## GEORGIA

**ALLATOONA LANDING & RESORT:** 24 Allatoona Landing Road, Cartersville, GA, 800-346-7305/770-974-6089; [www.allatoonalandingmarina.com](http://www.allatoonalandingmarina.com) SAMetro 36 camped here with 8 rigs April 8-12, 2013. Although the campground is very nice with paved sites, full hook ups (in the area closest to the clubhouse), lots of trees, and a full kitchen that groups can use, freight trains pass by the campground at all hours of the day and night. And since the campground entrance is within 500 yds of a RR crossing, the trains blow their horns VERY loudly whenever they pass the campground. We probably won't camp here again.

**BEAVER RUN RV PARK:** 22321 Excelsior Church Rd. Metter, GA 30439 - I/16-south at exit 111 (912)685-2594. [www.beaverrunrvpark.com](http://www.beaverrunrvpark.com) SAMetro 36 camped here with 9 rigs May 7-11, 2012 and had a nice time. Owners are extremely accommodating and checked on us periodically to make sure we were comfortable and didn't need anything. Banquet hall is available free w/6 rigs. Meeting room seats 50-75, has a piano, plus a full kitchen, and building also has a fellowship room with a fireplace and couches. A private, large bedroom with bath, queen sized bed, cable TV, and linens can be rented for those without a camper. This room offers a at \$50/night. RV Park has level, shaded sites that are easily accessible and Big Rig Friendly. 30'x70+' RV sites. 30/50 amps, full hook-up, a dump station, and free WI-FI. Not a lot to do in the immediate vicinity, but very relaxing. About an hour's drive from Savannah.

**LAKE PINES RV PARK & CAMPGROUND:** 6404 Garrett Rd., Midland (Columbus), GA. 706-561-9675 [www.lakepines.net](http://www.lakepines.net) SAMetro 36 stayed here May 6-10, 2013 with 10 rigs. Didn't see much of the campground owners, but campground was kept clean. Gravel roads and sites, fairly level. Sites are close together. Small air conditioned clubhouse with full kitchen allowed us to eat together and play games, but was very tight with 20 people inside. Nice grounds around the campsite and some of the facilities are rented out to weddings, parties, etc. Within an hour's drive from Ft. Benning, Callaway Gardens, FDR's Little White House, Little Grand Canyon. \$30/night w/full hook ups and 50A. We would probably stay here again.

**RIVER VISTA MOUNTAIN VILLAGE:** 20 River Vista Dr. Dillard, GA. (706) 746-2722. SAMetro 36 camped here most recently in August 2012. We really enjoy this campground. Sites are large enough for big rigs, level, and campground has all the amenities, including an indoor and an outdoor pool. Campground also has a very large community room with two kitchens and a stage. Room can be divided for large groups. However, community room is not air conditioned and in August, was an issue. Luckily they do have fans. Lots to do and see in the area around Dillard GA, Franklin NC, and Highlands NC. Beautiful area. We always enjoy camping here. [www.rvmountainvillage.com](http://www.rvmountainvillage.com).

**SCENIC MOUNTAIN RV RESORT:** 2686 Irwinton Rd/Bus 441N, Milledgeville, GA, 478-454-1013; [www.scenicmountainrv.net](http://www.scenicmountainrv.net): The Free Wheeling Sams #22 camped here in June 2013. While the campground is quiet and conveniently located near Milledgeville, improvements are needed particularly in the area of management and customer service. There were awkward moments and uncomfortable encounters with permanent folks who were not particularly friendly. Streets are paved but sites are graveled and uneven; plus, the campground is hilly and has few pull-thru sites. Most sites are small back-ins without patios and are scattered throughout the campground making it inconvenient for large groups to park together. The clubhouse, which was the former owner's home, has a nice kitchen but can only accommodate about 15-20 people, max. There is no shade around the salt-water swimming pool and deck furniture is inadequate. Unfortunately for campers whose fees include the use of the pool, it is closed when the club house is rented to private parties. There are a couple of small ponds for fishing but, again, there is no shade or furniture and no dock. With improvements in management and customer service and much needed upgrades to sites, facilities, grounds, and amenities, the campground holds promise for groups and extended stays beyond the overnighter. However, while the new owners are gradually making improvements, it will take time.

## ALABAMA

**WINDEMERE COVE RV RESORT:** 10174 County Rd 67, Langston, AL 35575. (256) 228-3010. Located in northeastern AL, about 3 hrs from Atlanta, an hour's drive from Huntsville, AL or 2 hrs from Birmingham, AL. <http://www.windemerecove.com>. This is a deeded lot community with a private boat launch on Lake Guntersville, very large new clubhouse with full kitchen, theater, gym, laundry room, showers, and restrooms; salt-water pool, free Wi-Fi, level concrete pads, 1 mile walking trail, shuffleboard, fire pit/BBQ area by the lake. SAMetro 36 camped here July 9-13, 2012 with 8 rigs. Campground has very few shade trees along the perimeter, so it is hot and sunny. We were not parked all in one section, although the campground had many vacant sites. The campground itself is 10+ miles from the nearest restaurant or store. We probably won't camp here again...too far to drive with not enough local attractions to visit nearby.

# CAMPGROUND REVIEWS

## NORTH CAROLINA

**MURPHY/PEACE VALLEY KOA:** 117 Happy Valley Rd, Marble (Murphy), NC <http://koa.com/campgrounds/murphy> 828-837-6223 – SAMetro 36 camped here Oct 8-12, 2012 with 10 rigs. Level, gravel pull-through sites, some backing up to the river. Pool and game room. Large open pavilion with grills, picnic tables. Separate building that can be used by groups, with full kitchen. Very large, 1 acre enclosed pet area for off-leash freedom. Be VERY careful when making a right hand turn onto Happy Valley Rd from Highway 74, while driving/pulling a large rig. Right hand turn is extremely sharp and practically doubles back onto itself. Best to go beyond campground and turn around so you're making a left hand turn onto Happy Valley Rd. from Highway 74. Murphy NC, is the county seat of Cherokee County located in the heart of the Appalachian Mountains. We would camp here again.

**THE GREAT OUTDOORS RV RESORT:** 321 Thumpers Trail, Franklin, NC 28734 - 828-349-0412; [www.gorvresort.com](http://www.gorvresort.com). SAMetro 36 camped here from July 8-12, 2013, with 10 rigs. Very friendly, accommodating staff. Campground was a 2013 Spring Samboree vendor. Easy access. Campground roads are paved. Sites are gravel, level, sunny, no large trees between sites. Sites are not excessively large on second level. Campground itself is carved into the mountain, so road and sites are tiered. No bicycle riding unless *very* athletic. Roads between tiers are quite steep. Large Clubhouse (upstairs level) has 2 "full" kitchens, plenty of round and rectangular tables and chairs, big screen TV, large porch to see views, 2 restrooms. Office building also has a meeting area if clubhouse is being used by another group. Heated pool is completely covered at 9PM. Clubhouse building has laundry facilities and exercise room downstairs level. Handicapped campers should park on upstairs level for easy access to clubhouse facilities. Campground is within 30 miles of Cherokee, Cashiers, and Highlands NC, along with waterfalls and mountain views. Although there are many restaurants and retail stores in the vicinity, we did not go to any local restaurants as a large group, but had pizzas delivered instead. We would definitely camp here again.

## TENNESSEE

**BEST HOLIDAY TRAV-L-PARK OF CHATTANOOGA:** Mack Smith Rd., Chattanooga, TN - 800-693-2877 - (706) 891-9766 - <http://www.chattacamp.com>. Driveway is paved but needs resurfacing. Speed bumps in driveway are also annoying. 170 campsites are pull-through, graveled and level with water, sewer, 30/50 amp electric, cable TV connections, but sites are EXTREMELY tight. Many larger rigs needed to back up to make the turn out of their sites. Campsites have a fire ring but campers are so close, not a lot of room for a group around the campfire. Campground has a very large indoor meeting room with fireplace and adjoining kitchen. They also have a 24'x48' covered pavilion with picnic tables, in ground pool, and cabins & cottages for rent. SAMetro 36 camped here with 10 rigs June 11-15, 2012. Rate for 30amp was \$31.45 per night and 50amp was \$33.15.

## VIRGINIA

**PRINCE WILLIAM FOREST RV CAMPGROUND:** 16058 Dumfries Rd. Dumfries, VA (703) 221-2474. Good Sam Park. SAMetro 36 Chapter President stayed here for one night on the road from Atlanta GA to NY. Nice campground for a one or two night stay. North of Fredericksburg VA and south of Washington DC. Some sites are full hook-up, others are elec/water only. 30A service available. Paid \$36/night (Good Sam rate) without sewer. Dump station available. Treed sites, pool, laundry, dog run. No community room available. Level, paved sites w/WIFI and cable for max 36' rigs. Larger rigs would have a problem. Towed car had to be disconnected. Just off interstate I-95 on Dumfries Rd. Would stay here again for an overnight stay, south of Washington DC.