

Newspaper Clipping from Carstairs Courier

Carstairs hosts Alberta Provincial Samboree 2014

With the South Saskatchewan River overflowing and residents of the area protecting their possessions and homes, we were so fortunate to have 183 recreational vehicle owners gathered in Carstairs at the Memorial Arena for our annual Alberta Good Sam Samboree.

We had some rain, but that did not stop our parking crew from parking every single RV in the parking lot of the arena.

Good Sam members in attendance came from Saskatchewan, Manitoba, British Columbia and Minnesota as well as Alberta.

One of the advantages of joining Good Sam is that you have a network of friends wherever you travel, and this event was no exception.

We were very pleased that dignitaries like the mayor, MLA, and the County Reeve were able to join our Parade of Flags and opening ceremonies on Wednesday, June 18, along with representatives from the chamber of commerce. Also in attendance were the RCMP, fire chief and peace officers. What an awesome welcome we received.

This year's theme was "Tribute to the Firefighters" and a donation of \$2,000 was made to the Carstairs Fire Department. Members of the local department brought their truck and equipment to the Samboree and gave a demonstration on the use of their truck and equipment – the axe demo was very impressive.

The events we had included a porridge breakfast made and served by chapter members. The men's and ladies' social was well received. The beanbag baseball and beanbag toss is always well attended and pins are given to the winners.

Members of the Judy Schey Highland Dancers perform during the Good Sam Club Alberta Samboree at the Carstairs Arena on June 20.



Hospitality every day brings everyone together for friendship and RV stories making sure no one who may need help is left by themselves.

Saturday's catered banquet by Friends Catering was awesome, as well as the entertainment each day.

Alberta Good Sam RV Club gives back to the community and those less fortunate. We donated all unopened packaged cookies to the local food bank to help with the food hampers. We also held fundraisers to support local charities.

Samboree organizers were grateful for the merchants who donated door prizes and everyone who helped make the Alberta Samboree a great success.

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