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DIRECTOR'S CORNER

As we look back on the roads of Summer and ahead to the roads of Fall, what an amazing road we travel as a Good Sam RV Club.

Take a moment to stop and smell the roses as life is too important not to enjoy each day along the way.

After the 2012 Samboree in Tofield, we spent two weeks in Sherwood Park. Marino and I joined Ron & Joyce Mattison for a trip to St. Paul AB to check the facilities for our Fall Meeting and Mini Samboree. The Rec Centre has everything we need to host a Mini Samboree, great kitchen facility with walk-in freezer and fridge, grill and oven with lots of counter space.

In July we attended the Montana Samboree in Butte. Art & Sonia Sainsbury and Dave & Rena Walters from Calgary Stampede City Sams also attended. Canada played against the USA for the Beanbag Baseball trophy and won 27 – 6. We brought the trophy home until next year. Dave & Rena Walters won the free registration for the Idaho Samboree 2013. Marino & I carried the Alberta Flag, Dave & Rena the Canadian Flag and Art & Sonia carried their Chapter flag in the Parade of Flags for the opening ceremonies. There were four State/Provincial Directors in

attendance, Alberta, Idaho, Washington and Montana. Great Samboree and Folk Festival, fun for all.

In July we attended a meeting and campout with Sunny South Sams. We enjoyed lunch and meeting in Magrath AB with Abe & Donna Wolverers, President of the Bridgetowners Good Sam Chapter and registrar for 2013 Samboree.

I have received the Charter for Battle River and Dino Trail-ers, our new Alberta Good Sam chapters, and will present the Charter to the Presidents of each chapter.

The results of the Provincial Election for Director and Treasurer will be announced at the Fall Meeting. All ballots must be returned to the Election Chairman.

The Good Sam Pledge

To give aid to others in need.

To respect nature and the environment.

To give back to the community and those less fortunate.

To treat others with dignity and respect.

To wear a smile and promote the pledge of the Good Sam Club to others.

Respectfully submitted by

Jean Rapuano
Provincial Director

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YOUR NEWSLETTER

EDITOR'S COMMENTS

Just a few notes to those submitting Chapter news articles or any other item:

- Typed reports are best. For those who don't type, handwritten reports are welcome, however they must be legible so I can type them up correctly for our readers.
- **E-mail** your articles to: **brendad1@shaw.ca**
- **Or mail to: Brenda Doucet**
7819 - 141 Ave NW
Edmonton, AB T5C 2N4
(780.475.2412)
- If your Chapter is planning a special event and you want it advertised, please contact the editor.
- Thanks to all the Chapters that have submitted articles, but as soon as this newsletter goes to print I will be looking for info for the next one! So ... keep the news coming (photos as well if you can, please).

Brenda

IMPORTANT 2013 DATES

April 20 Spring Meeting, Golden Circle Senior Centre, Red Deer AB

June 19-23 Provincial Samboree, Irvine AB

WEBSITE

Please note that our webmaster is Lorraine Barnhouse. If you have any website submissions or would like to see something on the website, please contact Lorraine at:

altagoodsam@cruzinternet.com

VISIT OUR PROVINCIAL WEBSITE AT

www.rvalberta.ca



IN MEMORIAM

May 2, 2012	Armand Joseph Laing	UFO Good Sams
May 17, 2012	Rose Alice Gabrielson	Peace Hills Wetaskiwin
July 9, 2012	Dorothea Eleanora Likies	Edmonton Good Sam Rovers



Everywhere Across the Land You see God's Face and Touch His Hand

Each time you look up in the sky
Or watch the fluffy clouds drift by,
Or feel the sunshine warm and bright,
Or watch the dark night turn to light,
Or hear a bluebird gaily sing,
Or see the winter turn to spring,
Or stop to pick a daffodil,
Or gather violets on some hill,
Or touch a leaf or see a tree,
It's all God whispering, "This is Me
And I am Faith and I am Light
And in Me there shall be no night."

~ Helen Steiner Rice

EDITOR'S NOTE RE: IN MEMORIAM

Please submit all your IN MEMORIAM names to Agnes Bushey, our Historian. She needs them for the history books, and also forwards them to the Editor for inclusion in the newsletters. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

2012 ALBERTA PROVINCIAL SAMBOREE, TOFIELD AB



Aerial view of rigs parked at Tofield Fairgrounds and Tofield Town Campsite

Photo compliments of Rexall Drugs



Opening Ceremonies



Provincial Stores

Our Provincial Director, Jean & Marino Rapuano, at Saturday's Banquet





The Dog Show



5th Meridian Sams 'manning' Hospitality kitchen.

Samboree 2012 Games Winners

Bean Bag Baseball Winners

1st Place - Arnold Bieber, Kathy Kurze, Georgina Thurgood, Audrey Trumpoor, Doug Foster, Joan Dutton, Mary Schaap, Elpha Senft, Phil Darling

2nd Place - Lynn Pritchard, Abe Wolvers, George Dikeman, Gwen Wilson, Tom Chalifoux, Don Meaker, Bill Diprose, Carl Vanhoek, Lynn Wells

Bean Bag Toss Winners

1st Place - Joan Dutton, Sandra Haines

2nd Place - George Lenner, Jennifer Bosse

Crib Winners

Ladies 1st Place - Elaine Appleby

Ladies 2nd Place - Marilyn Keen

Mens 1st Place - Jack Newman

Mens 2nd Place - Henri Lafreniere

Bocce Ball - Cancelled due to inclement weather

Golf Winners - Sorry, winners' names not available

A big Thank You to all who helped to run these games in such a timely, efficient manner.

EDITOR'S NOTE RE: SAMBOREE GAMES WINNERS

The names of game winners cannot be included if the full names are not provided to Agnes who then forwards them to the Editor. Thank you.

STARTING A GOOD SAM CHAPTER Dino Trail-ers, Brooks, Alberta



There are many ways that Good Sam Chapters get started, but this is our story.

Lee and I have been Good Sam members since 1993, and life members since 2007. While taking advantage of the Good Sam benefits we had never pursued any further, like attending Rallies, Samborees, or joining a Chapter. In the fall of 2011 we decided to see if there

was enough interest in the Brooks area. After speaking with Provincial Director Jean, and with her great support, we kicked it off in December at a coffee get together at our house, with 4 couples that were interested. This was enough to peak our enthusiasm and was enough to get the ball rolling to spread the word. With more preliminary discussion an official organizational meeting was held March 28, 2012 with 15 people attending. Word continued to spread throughout the community and although one couple decided to drop out, and another couple decided to remain members at large, we ended up with 28 charter members (14 rigs).

Lee was elected President and this led to our attending the Provincial Spring Meeting in Red Deer in April 2012. Those in attendance were so supportive and welcoming, giving us a lot of confidence to carry on.

The selection of a Chapter name proved to be a fun filled undertaking. Fourteen different names were proposed and after membership voting the name Dino Trail-ers was selected. Next was the debate about a chapter crest. Three designs were entered and the crest pictured above was chosen. The name and crest were submitted to the Provincial Director and received approval.

Our Wagon Master, Laurence Berger, did a great job of organizing our first chapter campout on June 8 and 9 at Bow City Campground. While not everyone was able to attend, we had 8 units that camped for the weekend, and 2 couples that came for the Saturday games and potluck supper. This proved to be so successful that those attending were eager to arrange another campout this fall which is planned for September 14 and 15 and again at Bow City Campground.

Three couples from our chapter attended the Alberta Samboree in Tofield from June 13-17. They returned after purchasing a large amount of Good Sam badges, shirts and other paraphernalia and eagerly promoted the fun and festivities to other members.

Some members are already looking forward to the Fall Mini Samboree in St. Paul, next year's Samboree at Irvine and even considering The Rally in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Through promotion in the community we look forward to increasing our membership and enjoying all that Good Sam has to offer.

Wilma Hunter,
Historian of Brooks Dino Trail-ers

Sherwood Forest Samers - Our First 2012 Camp Out

It has become the tradition of the Sherwood Forest Samers Chapter to celebrate the beginning of summer camp-outs by participating in the Invitational held in Ferintosh on the May long weekend. This year it was hosted by: Parkland Jays (Les/Lorraine Barnhouse, President); Rose City Sams (Merle/Lois Stover, President); and, Sherwood Forest Samers (Joyce/Ron Mattison, President).

On Friday, parking of 61 rigs was directed by Sherwood Forest. Three additional walk-ins also attended. Our first get-together was the delicious Pot Luck Supper supervised by the Parkland Jays. A great variety of dishes were available and everyone ate too much. This was followed by a Crib Tournament, organized by Jack McLeod and Sherwood Forest, with Board Games also available.

On Saturday, interaction with the community was encouraged. Ron Mattison organized the Clean-Up (photo) of the public lands in and around Ferintosh. Garage Sales were held in the Village and lunch was available in the "Hi - U Center". In the afternoon, a Bocci Ball Tournament was supervised by UFO Sams while Bingo was offered in the hall by Rose City. A delicious banquet was provided by A-1 Catering (Bill and Jean Resch). Entertainment was by the "Nighthawks", an excellent Band.



On Sunday morning Rev Wilf Johnson held a Non-Denominational Fellowship Service with the offering being donated to the Ferintosh Senior Centre. In the afternoon, a Bean Bag Toss Tournament was supervised by Peace Hills Chapter. The "First Picnic of the Year" of all you could eat "Gourmet" Hot Dogs and Smokies with all the condiments was organized by the Parkland Jays. To top it off, ice cream, chocolate sauce, wafers and mint patties were served by Rose City. Winners of the "Lucky Draw" items were posted by the Parkland Jays and Sherwood Forest. In the evening, the very popular Bean Bag Baseball Tournament (winners photo) was supervised by Parkland Jays.



The Monday morning Farewell Breakfast of pancakes, fruit cups, ham and scrambled eggs was prepared by the Sherwood Forest Samers, and another very successful and enjoyable Tri-Chapter Invitational Spring Campout came to a close.



Submitted by: Lorraine Skoreyko, Sherwood Forest Samers

WHITECOURT WANDERERS

At the Spring Meeting in Red Deer, I did a fund-raiser for Relay for Life for cancer.

With the support of the Good Sam members at the meeting, I raised \$1,183.00. At this time I would like to thank all the Chapter Presidents and Members who supported me. Our team, OUI-CAN HUNT FOR THE CURE, raised a total of \$11,898.00. The relay in Grande Prairie AB has raised \$485,000.00 as of June 14, 2012.

Thank you everyone for your support and well wishes.

Submitted by: Darlene Ouimet, President



Whitecourt Wanderers at Tofield Samboree 2012

Back row L to R: Brian Bain, Bob Clapp, Ray Soper, Darlene Soper, Lynn Pritchard, Carl Van Hoek, Darlene Ouimet, Joffre Ouimet.

Front row L to R: Cheryl Clapp, Vickie Bain, Veronica Schliekelman, Tom Pritchard, Lorraine Graham.

Missing: Andy Boisvenue, Jackie Boisvenue, Bruce Carlson, Suzanne Carlson, Carlo Maffei, Joan Howard.

“Our best attitude is gratitude”



SUNNY SOUTH SAMS

On May 22-24, we celebrated the 10th Anniversary of our Chapter at our campout in Enchant. There were 19 rigs at that campout. We had fun, the food was scrumptious but the weather was the pits.



These were the charter members present:

Front row L to R:
Clayton and Margaret Sailer, Louisa and Ken LaPierre.

Middle row L to R:
Ida Ehnes, Betty-Ann Bishoff, Joan Pupp, Barb Colbeck, Betty Roberts.

Back row L to R:
Larry Ehnes, Garry Bishoff, Joe Pupp, Dave Colbeck, Bill Roberts

Submitted by:
Barb Colbeck, President

PARKLAND JAYS

On the 1st of July long weekend, Parkland Jays took over Imrie Park near Onoway. Everyone decorated their rigs to celebrate Canada Day. We enjoyed mouth-watering, tasty dishes at a pot luck supper and breakfast, and generally had a barrel of fun all weekend. One of our members had young Grandchildren along. Their energy and enthusiasm for our games, campfires and camping in general made the weekend even more enjoyable.



**Doug & Sandra Haines
& Ed Doucet**

The Haines' are the proud owners of this huge Canada flag that was flown on Parliament Hill in the Nation's Capital, Ottawa.

IS IT REALLY USELESS?

It's time we reconsider the items we push in the garbage bags destined for the landfill! Vi Gerber, the Rose City "Care Co-ordinator", has, for many years looked for someone who might want what we have decided to throw away. She has found that soup labels could help buy musical instruments for schools, that pop can tabs could be used to obtain wheelchairs and living aids for those in need, that aluminum foil could be turned into cash to purchase items for placement in group homes/apartments, that used stamps could be sent to the Leprosy Mission and sold to purchase medicines to prevent and treat leprosy, and that bread tabs, plastic bottle caps and other items could be collected and forwarded to kindergartens/playschools which were in need of materials for crafts and learning enhancement.

In the past year, the Rose City Chapter exchanged aluminum foil and pop can tabs for cash at Maple Leaf Metals and used the money to purchase a silk floral arrangement and five suitable DVD's which were placed in the gathering/entertainment area of Sparling Manor. Sparling Manor is an independent-living facility which is home for a number of handicapped adults in Camrose. It should be noted that Maple Leaf Metals has been very helpful to our Good Sam chapter but they needed to know our chapter was involved in a "helping project" or they would not have paid for such items. Recently the Chapter has found that the Camrose Royal Purple Lodge is involved with a project whereby aluminum foil and pop can tabs are sold to purchase medical supplies which are sent where needed throughout Alberta. Doreen Kelly, the local President of the Lodge, reports that aluminum items such as wheel chairs for those in need and cribs for the neo-natal wards are made available and that any cash received is earmarked for nursery supplies for the babies in care.

(Editor's note: See page 11 for photos of presentations to Sparling Manor and Royal Purple Lodge.)

Used stamps are collected and forwarded to May Johnson, a member of the Rose City Chapter, who trims them to size and, in turn, forwards them to the Leprosy Mission. It should be noted that it is important to leave a generous amount of paper from the envelope so that the maximum value can be obtained from the collectors to whom these stamps are sold.

Presently, plastic bread tabs and plastic bottle caps are forwarded to a Kindergarten program in Manitoba where they are used for crafts and hands-on learning materials for students enrolled in pre-school programs. Just imagine how many of these items are thrown away in almost every household every day!

Members of the Rose City Chapter are pleased to help keep materials out of our landfills while providing assistance to others. It's not a "real BIG JOB" for us but it does require a commitment of time and effort. Many Good Sam members and chapters from across Alberta have brought their donations to Rose City members at Samborees and other events and we make an effort to tell the recipients that, without

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IS IT REALLY USELESS? (Cont'd from p. 10)

your help, we would not have been able to make such sizeable contributions. We thank you for helping us and, in turn, we thank you on behalf of those who benefit from our combined efforts.

Prepared by Merle Stover and Vi Gerber,
Camrose Rose City

Presentation to Sparling Manor

Left to Right:

Peggy Badry,
Joanne Carter (Director)
Vi Gerber (Rose City Care Co-ordinator),
Dilly Jackson, former Rose City member, has a son in Sparling Manor.



Donation of Foil & Pop Can Tabs to Camrose Royal Purple Lodge

Left to Right:

Vi Gerber,
Doreen Kelly (Camrose Royal Purple President),
Merle Stover (Camrose Rose City President)

"STAY!"

**YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE A "DOG PERSON"
TO TRULY APPRECIATE THIS STORY!**



I pulled into the crowded parking lot at the local shopping center and rolled down the car windows to make sure my Labrador Retriever pup had fresh air. She was stretched full-out on the back seat and I wanted to impress upon her that she must remain there. I walked to the curb backward, pointing my finger at the car and saying emphatically, "Now you stay. Do you hear me?"
"Stay! Stay!"

The driver of a nearby car, a pretty young blonde, gave me a strange look and said,
"Why don't you just put it in 'Park'?"

WELCOME TO
ALBERTA PROVINCIAL SAMBOREE 2013

Theme: Sunshine, Lollipops & Rainbows
 Sports Complex, Irvine, Alberta



Good Sam Club



Good Sam Club

June 19 – 23, 2013

Hosted by: Alberta South Chapters of Good Sam
 Bridgetowners, Chinook, Dino Trail-ers. Gas City, Pincher Mountaineers, Sunny South

REGISTRATION FORM

1. Parking is limited to 250 rigs. Dry camping, so make sure your water tanks are full and gray & black water tanks are empty.
2. No entry to the Samboree prior to 9:00 am June 19. If you wish to park together, arrive together.
3. Please bring 2 dozen cookies per rig or fruit/veggies to share at Hospitality.
4. Generator Hours: 7:00 am to 10:00 pm. No unattended generators allowed.
5. Limited electric outlets will be available to the handicapped with a medical condition (require oxygen).
6. All pets must be on a leash. Please pick up after your pet(s).
7. Registrations received prior to January 1, 2013 will be eligible for a free registration draw.
8. Receipts will be in your Registration Package.
 ++No refunds after May 1, 2013 except for compassionate reasons. \$10 cancellation fee applies++
9. Make Canadian Funds cheque/money order payable to: **ALBERTA 2013 SAMBOREE**

Mail to Registrar: Donna & Abe Wolvers, Box 233, Magrath, AB T0K 1J0
 Phone: 403-758-3247, Email: dwolvers@telus.net

Good Sam Member Name (please print) _____

Spouse/Partner Name (please print) _____

Member's address: _____ City: _____ Prov/State: _____

Postal/Zip Code: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

Good Sam # _____ Chapter Name: _____

Are you a First Timer at a Samboree? ___Yes ___No How many Samborees attended? _____

Handicap Parking? Must display sticker ___Yes ___No Require power for medical reasons? ___Yes ___No

Golf, June 20 _____Yes _____No Number of persons: 1 or 2

1 Rig (two people)	\$120.00	
1 Rig (one person)	\$ 95.00	\$
Additional person	\$ 45.00	\$
Power (medical reasons only)	\$ 20.00	\$
Craft Table Rental	\$ 10.00	\$
TOTAL PAYMENT ENCLOSED	XXXXXX	\$

We, the undersigned, accept full responsibility for our unit and all persons in our unit while attending the Alberta Samboree and hold the Alberta Good Sam Organization and its designated officials blameless for any claims for personal injury or damage to any camping or driving unit.

Signed: _____

Date: _____