



# Bordertown Sams

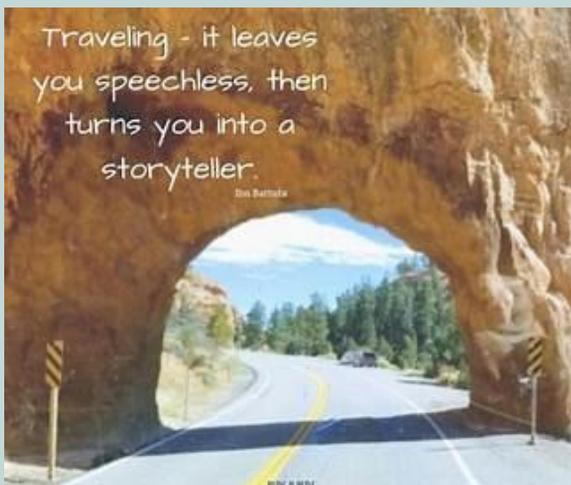
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**Texas Good Sam Chapter Standard Operating Procedure: Article I** - It is the purpose of the TEXAS GOOD SAM CHAPTERS to promote the use and enjoyment of recreational vehicles and outdoor fellowship among its members through trips and group activities. The State Organization shall maintain an attitude which is strictly non-sectarian, non-partisan, non-sectional, non-racial, non-denominational and non-discriminatory, and shall be dedicated to bringing together people interested in the ideals and principals of the Good Sam Club.

In case any of you wondered what happened to the March newsletter...there isn't one! The Bottomless Lakes outing was cancelled. Enjoy this April newsletter.



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April found us heading to Canton, Texas to participate in Texas Good Sam's Fiesta (2022 rally). Bordertown Sams is celebrating 50 years as a chapter this year, and it was fitting we attend this rally.

Bob and Kathy headed out a little earlier than the rest of us. They were setting up as vendors (BobKat's Creations) and wanted to be there by Tuesday. Victor took off Wednesday and drove straight through! Tim and Ginny took off Tuesday but spent the night in Colorado City, Texas (wind and all).

For the Tuesday early birds, a taco dinner was provided. Entertainment was a game of Sandbag Baseball.

Wednesday evening, we made individual pizzas on the grill. After dinner, Kathy and Ginny went to the Civic Center for the vendor introductions. Afterwards, a glass of wine or beer at the rigs, and we were ready to call it a night. We were too tired to attend the evening's entertainment, Mr. C, a gospel singer. The next day we heard he was pretty good.

Thursday, Tim and Ginny took a walk around Canton – specifically the Veteran's Memorial. It was a nice set-up honoring all branches of the military. Dinner was burgers and hotdogs – always a good camping meal. The evening began with the presentation of Colors followed by a parade of area/chapter flags. The evening's entertainment was "Festus Lives On," by Mark Staggs, Christian comedian. He did get us laughing. Loved the answer Festus gave when the doc said, "What rhymes with orange." Festus stated, "No, it doesn't!" You had to think about it for a second, but when people "got it," you could tell. Tim and Ginny actually won one of the prize bags during the drawing. Victor took off; he had to get Melinda at the Dallas Love Field Airport at 9:00 PM. There was an actual wedding proposal, and as the story goes, "Festus"/Mark Staggs, a licensed minister in Texas, performed wedding vows after the evening's entertainment and drawing were over.

Friday morning, Victor and Melinda took us to Buckee's. What a huge place to shop and get some food. We had to buy a bag of Buckee nuts...nuggets, fresh fudge, and roasted pecans & cashews. We had brunch at Country Café. Kathy, Melinda, and Ginny attended a ladies' tea where we learned about "red hats." There was a state meeting for secretaries, treasurers, and wagonmasters. We will share what we learned at Thursday's meeting. The evening began with staff introductions followed by anniversary recognitions. Dinner was a chicken stir-fry and enchiladas...yum! Entertainment was Regan James, country music singer. Line dancing was a part of the evening as well. No winners at tonight's drawing.

# Fiesta Texas Good Sam Rally

Canton, Texas



Saturday, Victor attended the state committee meeting. Afterwards, we walked over to the Community Garage Sale/Flea Market. Ginny and Melinda bought red hats. They also ended up getting one for Kathy. Get ready for a “red hat tea” at one of our future outings. For lunch, we went to Val’s Pizza – very tasty.

The ice cream social scheduled for the afternoon slipped into oblivion as the pints of ice cream actually melted. Turns out the “ice freezer” did not keep the ice cream frozen. Oh well, we put them in our rig freezers to enjoy later.

Dinner was catered, and fajitas were the main course. Mariachi music was the entertainment. Melinda did an awesome job of translating the singing for us.

Since the wind was expected to get worse, the memorial service for members who passed during the past two years was moved up to Saturday evening. It was very moving; a candle was lit by chapter/state representatives for each member who became part of the Everlasting Chapter. Victor lit a candle in memory of Henry “Matt” Mattingly.

Another round of prize drawings, and Victor & Melinda, as well as, Bob & Kathy came away winners. If anyone needs a good laugh, ask Kathy about one of their prizes. She laughed so hard, she cried. She couldn’t even speak.

Sunday morning found us heading out early. Victor and Melinda “popped a tire” and had to do some road side maintenance. Tim and Ginny stopped in Weatherford to fuel up and meet up with some long-time friends for breakfast. Melinda and Victor stopped in for fuel and a short break before heading out (they were going all the way to El Paso). Bob and Kathy started off fueling up at Buckee’s and then made their way to Pecos, where they spent the night. After a nice breakfast break and visit with friends, Tim and Ginny rolled along to Midland where they spent the night.

We all made it safe and sound back to El Paso despite the winds across Texas.



For those of you who want a 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary patch, this is what it will look like.



Passing Abilene



BobKat's Creations set-up



Sandbag Baseball



Victor & Melinda making pizzas



Tim waiting on a pizza



Bob enjoying a pizza



Canton Town Square Park





Presentation of Colors  
and parade  
of  
area/chapter flags



Victor & Melinda  
Area 11 ASDs





Cake  
"Walk"

Festus lives on



Margaritas before dinner

Are you  
believers?

Specialty coffee shop



Fajita dinner & Mariachi



Painting on local bakery  
(Sweet Tea's)





Not sure what these are...some kind of red clover maybe  
They grew in clumps and covered an entire area



Bob and Kathy took a day trip to Nacogdoches to visit his sister and niece and enjoy a nice lunch.



Hanging out at Buckee's



Brunch at the Country Café after spending way too much time at Buckee's



Shopping for red hats



Victor lighting a candle in memory of Henry "Matt" Mattingly.



Cooper and Max



Bob and David retiring Colors



Gibbs in the shower



Kiko in her "spot"



Popped a tire on the way home



King's Road RV in Pecos



Barbara L.	3-2
Jay	3-5
Edgar	3-6
Ginny	3-20
Greg	3-27



Ceci	4-9
Barbara K.	4-11
Terry	4-21
Susanna	4-27

There are no March or April anniversaries.



## Member News & Happenings

Long-time members (charter members), Paul and Judi Mauldin, are in Oklahoma due to the passing of their daughter, Sheri. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

## Rv-ing Tips

Keep a spare tire in your rig. You never know when you'll "pop a tire" on a trip.

When the wind is so strong, you worry about losing your toppers, lasso them with a rope to keep them from being whisked away.

### A Camp Joke for the Entire Family

It was late in the day when a fully loaded minivan pulled into the only remaining campsite.

As soon as it stopped, the doors flew open and four children jumped out.

They began to unload gear and worked feverishly to set up the tent. Next, the boys ran to gather firewood while the girls and their mother set up the camp kitchen area.

The camper in the space next to them marveled to the children's father, "I've never seen such teamwork nor a camp that was ready so quickly. I'm impressed."

The father turned to the neighbor and nodded sagely.

"I have a system," he said. "No one goes to the bathroom before the camp is set up."

Just for Giggles

# Next Stop...

## Blaze-in-Saddle RV Park, Tucumcari, NM

### Things to do/visit:

- Mesalands Dinosaur Museum
- New Mexico Route 66 Museum
- Tucumcari Railroad Museum
- Tucumcari Route 66 Monument
- Check out Watson's BBQ (5-star rating on TripAdvisor)
- Eat at Kix on 66 (4 ½ star rating on TripAdvisor)



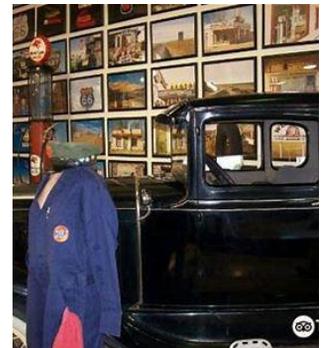
Tucumcari Railroad Museum



Mesalands Dinosaur  
Museum



Tucumcari Route 66 Monument



New Mexico  
Route 66  
Museum



# Bordertown Sams 2022 Outing Destinations

	Month	Dates	Location	Contact Information	Location
✓	January	28-30 FRI-SUN	Caballo Lake, NM 116 miles	<u>Caballo Lake</u> 575-743-3942 (park) 877-664-7787 (reservations)	
✓	February	18-21 FRI-MON (Presidents' Day)	Tombstone, AZ 299 miles	<u>Tombstone RV Park &amp; Campground</u> 520-457-3829 (Kim)	
X	March	25-27 FRI-SUN	Roswell, NM 219 miles	<u>Bottomless Lakes</u> 575-988-3638 (park) 877-664-7787 (reservations)	
✓	April	7-10 THU-SUN	Canton, TX 690 miles	<u>Canton Civic Center</u> <a href="http://TexasGoodSam.com">TexasGoodSam.com</a>	
	May	5-8 THU	Tucumcari, NM 326 miles	<u>Blaze-in-Saddle RV Park</u> 575-815-4085 (Silvio)	
	June	24-26 FRI-SUN	Ruidoso, NM 164 miles	<u>Twin Spruce RV</u> 575-257-4310	
	July	15-17 FRI-SUN	Mayhill, NM 125 miles	<u>Deer Spring RV Park</u> 575-687-3464 (Sandy)	
	August	18-21 THU-SUN	Grants, NM 325 miles	<u>Lavaland</u> 575-287-8665 (Zack)	
	September	23-25 FRI-SUN	Fort Davis, TX 199 miles	<u>Davis Mountains State Park</u> 432-426-3337 (park) 512-389-8900 (reservations)	
	October	20-23 THU-SUN	Bulverde, TX 538 miles	<u>TX 281 RV Park</u> 830-980-2282 (Betty)	
	November	18-20 FRI-SUN	Elephant Butte, NM 130 miles	<u>Elephant Butte Lake RV Resort</u> 575-744-5996 (Barbara)	
	December	2-4 FRI-SUN	Las Cruces, NM 51 miles	<u>Hacienda RV Resort</u> 575-528-5800 (Jenny)	

- See minutes or Wagonmaster (Bob) for more information
- All mileage is from El Paso International Airport

## Meeting Summary

February's meeting was held at Great American on Yarbrough on Thursday, March 10<sup>th</sup>.

Victor called the meeting to order

February minutes were reviewed and accepted.

Treasurer's report was given: beginning balance \$1032.80, income \$0.00, expenses \$0.00, ending balance 1032.80.

Birthdays and anniversaries were mentioned.

Bob went over outings.

- Lynne – second cataract surgery is complete
- Noel is home following his surgery
- Dolores had knee surgery and is home recovering
- Barbara K. had ear surgery
- Victor and Melinda attended a family funeral
- We are helping the VA with its annual baby shower for pregnant vets. Please bring diapers to the April 14<sup>th</sup> meeting. Melinda will collect them.

Bob and Kathy will be doing a lot of traveling upon her retirement May 1 and are looking at giving up the positions of Treasurer or Wagon Master since they won't be here for several months. Tim will help with the Wagon Master position for the time being. Ginny and Victor will cover the Treasurer duties

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Meeting adjourned: 7:59 PM

Next meeting is **THURSDAY, April 14** at Great American Steakburger on Yarbrough. Dinner 6:00 – Meeting 7:00.



Hi all!!

I'm still looking for memories to share in our newsletters. Please, think of your camping memories. I would love to include more in future newsletters. Memories can be from last year or several years ago.

Always looking for recipes as well. Do you have a favorite meal or drink you like to make when Rving? If so, please share.

Check out [Bordertownsams.weebly.com](http://Bordertownsams.weebly.com). Click on the link, and let me know if anything needs to be added (or deleted). Thanks.

While at the Fiesta Texas Good Sam Rally, I was able to chat with the Webmaster. He has created a sub-domain for Bordertown Sams, so now, I'll be working on creating/transferring our website to a new location.

## Wagon Master message

Keep thinking of places you'd like to visit (or revisit).

Maybe there's a special event you'd like to attend. We can search the area for RV parks.

Perhaps you have a favorite park you'd like to go to...again and again.

You can email, text, send a Signal message, or share suggestions at our meetings.

## Sunshine & Cheer

Keep Barbara posted of those things that happen in life.