



Bordertown Sams

El Paso Texas Good Sams Chapter

August 2015 Newsletter

We received the quarterly newsletter, News & Views – July 2015, from Texas Good Sam Chapters. If you would like to see it, please contact Dan or Ginny.

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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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Aug 16 Charlie B.
Aug 19 Kiyoko
Aug 27 Dorothy
Aug 31 Wilson



Happy Anniversary

Aug 6 Merle & Linda

July 8, 2015

- Meeting called to order: 7:00 p.m.
- Members present: Dan & Kyoko Brott; Tim & Ginny Beaulieu; Edgar & Susanna Beck; Henry & Barbara Mattingly; Dean Burton; Jerry & Maggie Lopez; Victor & Melinda Lopez; Willie & Barbara Jones; Merle & Linda Parman; Paul & Judi Mauldin; Charlie Brooks
- Visitors:
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Opening prayer
- July birthdays: Doris, Merle, Victor, Linda, Jerry L., Virginia, Maggie, Charlie W.
- July Anniversaries: Victor & Melinda, Paul & Judi, Edgar & Susanna, Tim & Ginny
- Recognitions:
- Information/News:
- Minutes and newsletter are available on the Internet (<http://bordertownsams.weebly.com>)
- Area 11 website is available: <http://area11texasgoodsam.weebly.com>
- Texas Good Sam Chapter July Newsletters "News & Views"
 - Good Sam and Camping World will celebrate 50th anniversaries this year
 - Any old photos and camping stories, please submit
 - Submit entries for chapter recognitions
- 2016 Nominations
 - Nominations for positions need to be submitted by the September meeting.
 - Submit name and position which you are interested in...must be in writing.
 - Elected positions are: president, vice-president, treasurer, wagon master & secretary
 - Appointed positions are: historian, sunshine representative & chaplain
 - Voting will take place at the November meeting.
- State Samboree 2016 still scheduled in Waco, TX
- Dues: Information will be passed out at the September meeting; all dues must be paid by October
- Directories: will wait until December to create new directory for 2016
- Please submit any suggestions for next year's outings by the September meeting (9th)
- Anyone interested in being on the 2016 Outing Committee, please let one of the officers know by the September meeting (9th)
- Veterans Memorial Walkway forms if interested in ordering bricks for walkway; \$75 per brick
- David Westphall membership application if interested; \$30 for annual membership; \$450 lifetime
- Secretary will add forms to website if anyone is interested in downloading them.
- Secretary: June minutes read, motioned to accept minutes as read; seconded; carried
- Treasurer's Report: Beginning: \$687.62; Income: 0; Income from "Pig": \$16.85; Ending: \$704.47 see attached (always brings expenses if anyone wants to see where money is going). Motion made to accept. Motion seconded and carried
- Vice-President:
- Awards:
- Wagon Master:
 - July 24-26 – Timberon (Blues Fest weekend) – July 25 (Edgar will call Circle Cross RV Park – 575-987-2651)
 - September 4-7 - Albuquerque, NM (Ysleta Park is not taking reservations; however, we can call before we leave, and they can give us site availability)
 - October 9-12 – to be determined by August; bring ideas to next month's (July) meeting – possible places are Elephant Butte, Elephant Butte State Park, Balmorhea and White Sands
 - November 13-15 – White Sands, NM.
 - December 4-6 –Hacienda, Las Cruces, NM
- Member input:
 - Dan: Kiyoko threw her back out and is undergoing therapy
 - Catherine and Ivory said, "Hi to all."
- Motion to adjourn meeting: adjourned @ 7:45 p.m. Next meeting: August 12 @ 7:00 p.m. (dinner at 6:00)

Johnson Creek RV Resort

Kerrville, TX

July 1-5, 2015

Three rigs participated in this adventure: the Becks, the Parmans, and the Westbrooks. We left El Paso on the 1st of July at about 3:00 pm. We then drove to Ft. Stockton where we spent the night in a Walmart parking lot. According to Charlie and Merle, there seemed to be a lot of activity around our rigs during the night, but I (Edgar) didn't hear it.



The following day, we arrived at Johnson Creek and signed in. Afterwards, we drove to Kerrville to pick up supplies for a cook out. We had steak, chicken and Bratwurst with many side dishes. This was followed by cake and ice cream to celebrate Merle's Birthday which was on the 1st of July. Linda then served cocktails and refreshments until late in the evening.



The next morning, the Parmans, Westbrooks and myself drove to Fredericksburg for the day. Susanna had decided not to join us as she didn't feel good. (Actually, I was able save some money by her not coming along. Ha! Ha!) The Westbrooks had never been to Fredericksburg, and they said they really enjoyed it. The men actually spent a lot of time on benches as Linda and Ceci tried to shop in every store in town. That evening we cooked out again and enjoyed the company.





On the 4th, we went to San Marcos and then to the Riverwalk later in the day. While at the Riverwalk, Merle and I, along with the Westbrooks, were seated at Hooters waiting for Linda & Susanna. The waitress kept asking Merle and myself where the wives were. Then Linda called me to ask where we were. The waitress wondered why she called me instead of Merle. As Susanna walked in, she asked her which one was her husband, pointing to Merle and myself? Susanna didn't hesitate and replied "both of them". The waitress was a little taken aback. We all got a laugh out of it



Late that evening, we decided to eat at the Rain Forest Restaurant. Charlie and Ceci just had drinks as they had eaten at Hooters. We had expected to watch the Fireworks on the Riverwalk but they were canceled without an explanation. We were a little disappointed.



On the morning of the 5th, the Becks and Parmans decided to drive home as they had to return to work the next day. The Westbrooks remained in the park so they could fly to Miami the following week. They were going to attend Charlie's family reunion. All in all, everyone agreed that we had a good time.



2015 Outings

JANUARY	16, 17, 18, 19	Tucson, AZ – 310 miles - Rock & Gem Show, vineyards, Old Tucson, Colossal Cave Park, Pima Air & Space Museum, Sonora Desert Museum, Biosphere 2, numerous museums.
FEBRUARY	26, 27, 28, 1 March	Good SAMS Rally - Phoenix, AZ
FEBRUARY ALTERNATE	13, 14, 15, 16	Carlsbad, NM - 151 miles - come enjoy a unique holiday experience, "Christmas on the Pecos", named a 2010 top "must see" experience. Carlsbad Caverns National Park, Guadalupe Mountains National Park, and the Living Desert Zoo and Gardens State Park.
MARCH	20, 21, 22	Elephant Butte, NM – 125 miles - The Caballo Mountains serve as a majestic backdrop for the Lake. The park's claim to fame are the majestic Bald and Golden Eagles that migrate through the area.
APRIL	17, 18, 19	Silver City, NM - 154 miles –
MAY	22, 23, 24, 25	Eagles Nest, NM – 400 miles Train Ride, Wine Festivals, Arts & Craft Festivals. Enjoy the beauty of nature, memorable times with family and friends, a slower pace, and four seasons of fantastic outdoor adventure.
JUNE	12, 13, 14	Ruidoso, NM - 138 miles - Babbling creeks, whispering pines, mountain, vistas, horse racing, casino gambling dinner theaters, hiking, Billy the Kid Museum, Allen Theater, Inn of the Mountain Gods Resort & Casino, shopping.
JULY	3, 4, 5, 6, 7	Ingram, TX - 498 miles - Experience the Texas Hill Country's beauty and charm, the park is centrally located in the beautiful Hill County community of historic Fredericksburg, Texas. The prime location is only a few blocks south of the famous Main Street.
AUGUST	Exact date to be determined	Timberon, NM - 136 miles - Blues Festival
SEPTEMBER	4, 5, 6, 7	Albuquerque, NM – 270 miles - hot air balloon capital of the world, zoo, aquarium, wineries, Old Town, museums, Sandia Peak Aerial Tramway, train ride to Santa Fe.
OCTOBER	9, 10, 11, 12	To be determined -
NOVEMBER		Las Cruces, NM Dates To be determined - Veterans Day is on a Wednesday
DECEMBER	4, 5, 6	Las Cruces, NM