



Bordertown Sams

El Paso Texas Good Sams Chapter

July 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!

July 1	Doris, Merle
July 3	Victor
July 11	Linda
July 12	Jerry L.
July 18	Virginia
July 19	Maggie
July 26	Charlie W.



Happy Anniversary

July 4	Victor & Melinda
July 15	Paul & Judi
July 15	Edgar & Susanna
July 21	Tim & Ginny

Meeting called to order: 7:00 p.m.

Members present: Dan & Kyoko Brott; Tim & Ginny Beaulieu; Jay Franklin; Edgar & Susanna Beck; Charlie & Ceci Westbrook; Henry & Barbara Mattingly; Dean Burton; Jerry & Maggie Lopez; Victor & Melinda Lopez; Willie & Barbara Jones; Merle & Linda Parman; Paul & Judi Mauldin; Bee Butler

Visitors: Bruce Gramlich

Pledge of Allegiance

Opening prayer

June birthdays: Noel

June Anniversaries: Dan & Kiyoko; Charlie & Ceci

Recognitions: Wagon Master plaque and book (Amazing Places to See in North America) presented to Edgar

Information/News:

- Minutes and newsletter are available on the Internet (bordertownsams.weebly.com)
- Jerry Campos, former member, is dropping membership due to medical reasons. Motion made to accept Jerry and Betty Campos as honorary members. Motion seconded and carried.
- The “pig” is empty and needs to be replenished
- Historian: effective immediately, Victor Lopez is appointed as the Historian
- 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

- Secretary: May minutes read, motioned to accept minutes as read; seconded; carried

- Treasurer’s Report: see attached (always brings expenses if anyone wants to see where money is going). Motion made to accept. Motion seconded; carried

- Vice-President: We still have patches, stickers, and visors available

- Awards: Two jewels are on each outing pin; jewels are one per outing

- Wagon Master:
 - June 12-14 - Ruidoso, NM (Bonito Hollow – 575-336-4325 (Joanne))
 - To be hosted by Jay and Linda (50s theme)
 - Bonito Hollow has 8 pull-through slots
 - July 3-7 – Ingram, TX (Johnson Creek RV Resort - 830-367-3300 (Brenda))
 - 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 now a Good Sams park and might take reservations)
 - 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 – Las Cruces, NM – think about going to White Sands instead. We need to vote at the July meeting
 - December 4-6 – Las Cruces, NM
- Member input:
- Dan: Cruise out of Houston, TX (March 5-12) – Norwegian Cruise Line (Norwegian Jade)
- Motion to adjourn meeting: adjourned @ 8:10 p.m. Next meeting: July 8 @ 7:00 p.m. (dinner at 6:00)

Bonito Hollow Ruidoso, NM June 2015

There were only two rigs that showed up for this outing. The Becks and the Parmans made the trip.

After arriving in Ruidoso and setting up, we went into town to do some shopping. However, we first took a side trip to Bonita Lake to see how it was looking since the fire. That afternoon after shopping, we decided to go to the Inn of the Mountain Gods for dinner. Since it was Friday evening, they were having a seafood buffet. We all thoroughly enjoyed our meals.



On Saturday morning, we went back to Ruidoso to continue the shopping where the wives left off. Afterwards, we went back to the park where we had a cookout for the four of us. Linda then served ice cream with all the trimmings for our Ice Cream Social. We decided to have a campfire with wood we bought from one of the park residents. We sat around the campfire reminiscing about our previous trips until it was time to go to bed.

Sunday morning, Linda prepared her flavor pastry for us and afterwards, we prepared to return home. Even though there were only two couples, we agreed it turned out to be a wonderful weekend.

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