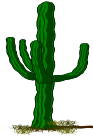
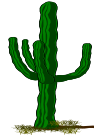


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IN THE DRIVER'S SEAT

Wow! We did it! Another successful Samboree! Thank you to all who prayed over, planned for, attended and participated in our celebration of the Good Sam/RV way of life. The weather was perfect, no rain or high winds, with the breezes moving away from the dairy – along with just the right amount of sunshine. It looks as if all the planned activities and events were carried out with nary a hitch, and if there were any hitches, you all were very forgiving about any inconvenience caused. From the overwhelmingly positive comments by participants, everyone enjoyed themselves and most are looking forward to next year in Yuma.

It almost sounds like a prayer doesn't it, "Next Year in Yuma!" Let's look ahead and open the curtain just a little to tease your interest. We have been to Yuma in the past. I believe it was 1994-5 that we last ventured down Yuma way. The city of Yuma has grown during these 15 years and there is a lot of great SHOPPING and DINING close to the facility. I understand that in addition to the usual retail stores, like Safeway, Fry's and Albertson's, there is a really nice Farmer's Market with locally grown fruit and vegetables for sale. Jim and I intend to personally check out as many of the restaurants as we can in the area so that we can let you know which ones have met the Burtrum "Fork" of approval.

As with any new location, there will be changes, both planned and unexpected, that will impact how we go about doing things. ~~We have assurance from the Fairgrounds that they can accommodate 250 rigs with water and 15-amp electric service.~~ Pre-registration is therefore limited to the first 250 applicants. For the Yuma 2010 Samboree, we will institute Hobo style parking. That means when you arrive, you will be parked in the area where you fit the best. If a chapter wants to park together, then all units must arrive together and the parking crew will do their best to accommodate, but there may need to be an attitude of parking flexibility.

In the meantime, your staff is eagerly anticipating getting ready for 2010. We are plotting and planning all the fun stuff for 2010. Many of us are getting ready to take flight for the summer and become "Sunbirds" as we fly/drive to cooler climes. Jim and I wish you happy and safe travels as we eagerly anticipate "Next Year in Yuma".



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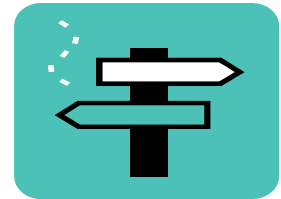
P.S. We have just returned from a visit to the Yuma Fairgrounds with our Wagon Master Bruce and Fay Iles, Assistant Wagon Master Bob and Linda Luna, and Assistant State Director for the Yuma area, Gene and Connie Bryant. As a result of our evaluation of the facility, during our 2010 Samboree, we will be DRY CAMPING. There is no electricity and limited water availability for the majority of our guests. There is a dump station on site, and it's capacity is also assumed to be limited. We will have extremely limited handicap parking with 15 amp electrical service. These few handicap spaces will be assigned in the order of registrations received. We anticipate an enthusiastic response to our new location, so get your registrations in early. The new Registration form is now posted on the website coincident with this edition of the MilePost.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

- **Arizona Sunrise Sams** Bob and Vivian Horner
- **Jack Rabbit Sams** Jim & Betty Slye
- **Salt River Gadabouts** Bev and Berny Keith
- **Yavapai Sams** Leona Anderson and Carl Allen

A TIME FOR DECISIONS

By Janice Cooper, Chaplain



As another Arizona State Samboree is now in the records, I hope everyone had a great time. We were truly blessed with the weather. The Memorial Service & Balloon Release went very well. Thanks to all who participated & helped in any way.

At this time, it saddens me to think this is my last time to write to you in the milepost. Frank & I are returning to New York State to be closer to family. I have truly been blessed to have the position of State Chaplain. I have met & worked with just fantastic people. I hope after reading this, some person will come forward to fill this position.

God's richest blessings on all of you & travel safely wherever you are going.

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**CHAPTER CAPERS**

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ALMOST YUMAN SAMS**By Sandy Everly**

Hi all, We had another good Samboree at Casa Grande. We exceeded last year on income for our booth so our charities will do well again this year.

We signed up three new member couples that had met our requirements for campouts by attending the Samboree. That makes five (5) total for this year and we are hoping for more in the fall. Although we lost a really nice member because of a death, it always cheers us up a little to pick up new members with new ideas and lots of new stories to tell.

We, in the Yuma chapters, are looking forward to next year at Yuma as being a jewel in the rough right now and hoping its a bright shiny diamond by Samboree time in March of 2010. Lots of things going on in Yuma that time of year. The annual "Midnight at the Oasis" car show, the Marine base air show and perhaps, if we can swing it, a "Golf Tournament" (no pun intended). Only time will tell.

2nd CHANCE SAMS**By Doris Drust**

The 2009 Roaring 20's Samboree has come and gone and the AZ Second Chance Sams joined in the fun. Their Duck Pond at the County Fair raised \$92.00 for their charities. Chapter members also helped with the Information and Lost and Found Booth, Scholarship Auction, Blindfold Rodeo, Transportation, and the Sound system.

At their Samboree Chapter Meeting, there were 10 members and four guests present. We were very pleased to have Clay and Mary Keyton from Missouri, and Dave and Jean Ortloff from Minnesota present. They are Second Chance members in their states so we had a pleasant exchange of ideas and mutual interests.

A Thank You letter from St. Mary's Food Bank for our \$100.00 donation was read and they reported that it would provide 700 meals for those in need. The chapter also voted to donate \$150.00 to Hospice of the Valley for their valuable and special contributions to the community.

Though small in numbers our chapter remains as active as possible and we welcome new members. For information, please contact Bob Drust or any Second Chance member.

ARIZONA SUNRISE SAMS**By Bob Fischer**

Our new Wagonmaster was true to his word. In January he took our chapter to Quartzsite for our camp-out. There were 10 rigs present. Although it was cool and breezy everyone there had a good time.

In February we were in Ajo where 15 rigs including one guest had a wonderful time exploring that part of our great state. Also at this time Bob and Vivian Horner were inducted into our chapter.

Nine of our rigs were at the Samboree and from all reports all had a good time. We had a great turn out for the bean bag baseball and vow to practice more in the coming year. Several of our members took blue ribbons in the craft show. And others were pleased with the door and raffle prizes they won.

One of our members, Marge Hill, had an unfortunate accident at the Samboree on Saturday evening. She fell and suffered a compound fracture of the left ankle. She was taken to the Casa Grande hospital but because of the severity of the wound she was transported to Sun City West and Arthroscopic surgery was performed. She came through the surgery with flying colors and is resting at home.

Our next campouts will find us at Cave Creek Regional Park in March, Alamo State Park in April and Payson Elks in May.

CATALINA SAMS**By Darlene Cantino**

In February we journeyed down to San Pedro RV Park in Benson. We had 11 rigs and 2 walk-in couples. The weather was a typical winter day in Benson, warm and windy during the day and cool at night. Thursday and Friday we did our visiting and in the evening enjoyed our "Happy Hour" with all the goodie treats, then came the card and Domino games to pass the night away. Saturday we enjoyed a breakfast put on by the park, had our meeting, then our potluck. Sounds like all we did was eat, right?

Our February luncheon was held at Coco's on Broadway.

March was the Samboree, with only 3 rigs attending from our chapter. I understand they really enjoyed the games and activities and then in the afternoon the 5 got together for a luncheon. Wednesday was the Memorial service and a time to remember our loved ones we lost during 2008: Barbara Lantz and Pat Wilkinson. The balloons, released on Thursday, are always such a beautiful and memorable sight when they are released..

March luncheon was at Denny's on Oracle Rd.

FOOTLOOSE SAMS**By Jim Anderson**

Here we go again with another new year!

We are sorry for starting off with a sad note but we have overlooked mentioning that our very dear friend Harold VanDyke passed away last year. He was a member of the Footloose Sams for many years and was the director (along with Mary's guidance) of the wonderful musical skits that were seen at several Samborees both in Casa Grande and Washington State. He will continue to be greatly missed as we move on.

Our January chapter event at the Yuma Elks sponsored 'Fundraiser Chili Cook-off' ended in a 'Skunk Out' this year but a six year winning streak wasn't bad. Even though we Sammers didn't place, the chili and salsa feed was outstanding. Hopefully we will be back on track next year.

For our February outing we toured the Yuma Camel Farm with all of its unique animals and fowl. It was a great treat which was followed up with a BBQ in their pavilion. Thirty four members attended the social.

Meetings for this year have all been held at the Fortuna Del Rey Restaurant in Yuma Foothills and were conducted by our president JD Smith.

For the February meeting our Wagonmaster, Karen Lynn O'Brien introduced Vicki Bertucci who spoke on Funeral Home services. It was a real eye opener for those of us who travel.

Guest speakers at the March meeting were members of the Rural Metro Fire Department. It was a very enlightening presentation on how to better cover your needs and being prepared for a home emergency condition. Included was an explanation of their current CPR procedures.

Two of our guests for March were Gene and Connie Bryant from the Almost Yuman Sams, another Yuma chapter. We thank them for joining us in our meeting.



GILA MOUNTAIN SAMS**By Joyce Mills**

What a busy time we've had this quarter!!! The gavel was passed to the newly elected officers. A big THANK YOU, to the past officers who did such a great job.

The January meeting was held at a local restaurant, we had a record turn-out, I guess everyone was anxious to get out and visit. We elected Toni Gray to be the sunshine lady, hoping she won't be too busy.

The annual extended trip in February was to Organ Pipe National Monument. Eight rigs traveled together for this fun, busy camp-out. There were ranger talks, a fun van tour. Our thanks to Ernest and Molly for such a great time, they were delightful hosts. Hikes and of course potlucks, and what our group are most famous for, horse play. As we all found out getting your new digital convertor box set up isn't nearly as confusing as getting the satellite dish set up.

On April 4th we will have a barbeque at the home of Richard and Thelma Wilder in Welton. Also on the schedule will be Lupe Moir teaching us to make tamales. Now doesn't that sound like fun!

David Wood taught us the newest way to entertain seniors on a camp-out, geo caching. For awhile he had us roaming around the campground, searching for the object he had hidden earlier. Al and Grace Deede treated us to a surprise breakfast. We were all able to get into the act as we made whadingers. Don't laugh until you've tried them, they were YUMMY!!!!!!

March will see 3 rigs going to Casa Grande. We are looking forward to this fun time.

Travel safe this summer, and we will see you in the fall.

Thought for the day: Happiness consists not in having much, but in being happy with little.

GREEN VALLEY ROADRUNNERS**By Hal Jewell**

Our Palm Springs trip in February was a rousing success. We had 17 rigs and 36 people. We left Green Valley in groups of about 5 so we wouldn't create any traffic hazards on the way. We made an overnight stop in Yuma at the home of Gary & Kathi Hammond, friends of one our members and with the help of their neighbors we parked all the rigs and had a wonderful evening around a large campfire roasting hot dogs and marshmallows. Some nearby folks came by with a Karaoke machine and we all sang songs and just had a really good time.

We left the next morning for Palm Springs and took the route up past the Salton Sea to Palm Springs. We had great accommodations and were all parked close to one another. This trip was a year in the planning and thanks to Gary and Adele Ballew came off without a hitch.

While there we had a couple of potluck dinners and one night a group went to Lord Fletchers Inn which is exceptionally good and one night a group went to The Great Wall Chinese Restaurant

We took a trip on the Palm Springs tram and one afternoon we all went to see the Palm Springs Follies. A very enjoyable afternoon followed by a great dinner at Sherman's' Delicatessen.

We're leaving April 2nd for a trip to Gold Canyon RV Resort near Apache Junction, AZ. We've planned a train trip on the Copper Spike Railroad from Globe, AZ to the Apache Gold Casino and may go to the Organ Stop Pizza restaurant in Mesa where they have the world's largest theater organ. Should be a fun outing.

We're working on some other trips for the coming months and hopefully we'll get a "heat break" up into the White Mountains. We have tentative trip planned to the Hon Dah resort near Pinetop.

See you next issue.

HORSELESS CARRIAGE GANG**By Jim Fugate**

In February, the "Gang" enjoyed a three-day camping experience at Usery Park, in the northeast part of Mesa. We were dry camping in the group camping area. We had great weather, although it was a bit chilly on Tuesday night. We put up some tarps to block the cool breeze and had a good time. One member had a "propane fire log" which he put in the center – almost like being out with a real camp-fire. It provided some heat and a great atmosphere. Our Alumni get-together on Wednesday at the Golden Corral went well with all the good eats and then some of the Alumni came out to Usery for a game of Bean Bag Baseball. Of course the guys beat the gals and then had to eat a little crow to get their supper. After a tasty pancake & sausage breakfast on Thursday morning, everyone hit the road for home.

The "Gang" all attended the Samboree where we had booths at the vendor area and the carnival. Money raised there will go to our charity, Sunshine Acres Childrens' Home in Gilbert. (**Thanks for your support.**) The booths and games also gave us an opportunity to meet folks not associated with chapters and we are looking forward to camping with some of them next fall. We'll miss being at Pinal County Fairgrounds next year, but look forward to the new experience at Yuma.

JACK RABBIT SAMS**By June Mueller**

Korsten's Pinal County West was the destination for January. Seven rigs plus guests Jim & Betty Slye were in attendance. Three rigs went on to Quartzsite.

Our very active and loyal member Don Hill passed away February 5th. This gentle man will be missed. Only 3 rigs camped out at Empire Ranch this month.

For March, five rigs went to the Samboree which we heard was very good and entertaining. Our Mike & Maria Sanford won 1st prize in the Blindfold Rodeo. Herman & Barbara Carrillo came in 2nd. Bob & Alice Manning and Dave (our new President) & Joyce Tulloss got the booby prizes. Maria Sanford won three games of Chase The Ace.

Our March campout was at Harshaw, near Patagonia. Nine rigs and one guest attended. Great weather, games, cooked omelets in plastic bags, happy hours, and campfires. We welcomed Jim & Betty Slye as our newest members.

In April we will be going to Sonoita. Prospective members are always welcome. Our chapter enjoys dry-camping (boondocking) whenever possible. If interested, call Chuck (520) 615-0626

LAKE HAVASU SAMS**By Rosalee Ring**

Our Annual Yard & Bake Sale in February netted more than \$500 for Hospice of Havasu, our chapter's designated charity.

KOA Needles, February outing included a no-contest Bean Bag Baseball game (boys against girls), enjoyed by all. Excellent Steak and Chicken dinner was served by the café at KOA.

Thursday and Friday with nice weather & sunshine made for good outdoor visiting, plus indoor Happy Hour and games at Lost Lake Resort. Chapter Meeting Saturday morning was preceded by a skillet breakfast to make your own burrito cooked and served by our Trail Boss & Assistants. St. Patrick's Day being the theme for a March Corn Beef and Cabbage Dinner, prepared by our cooks "George, Nancy, Chuck and Millie.

April outing will be at Davis Camp Park, Bullhead City, AZ with Bob & Doris Drust as our Trail Boss. Members and guests will bring their favorite dish and/or dessert to go with the Easter Ham being prepared by our Trail Boss. Weather permitting, outdoor games, favorite April Fools Day stories and just good ole fun and fellowship will be enjoyed by all.

Last outing for our camping season at Blue Water RV Park, Parker, AZ, will include election of officers for the 2009-2010 Camping Year. Cinco de Mayo will be the setting with Dave & Willene Horton as Trail Boss

We wish you all safe travels and good health during the summer.

MOHAVE ROAMING SAMS**By John Proffit**

Our February campout was held Feb. 23, 24, & 25 at the Moon River RV Resort in South Mohave Valley with 7 rig/members attending. The weather was beautiful and shopping and restaurants were close by for those needing that rush! We had the use of the recreation building with a full kitchen for meals, games, meeting and socializing.. At the meeting members decided to go on a wood cutting trip in the fall to obtain fire wood for our campouts.

The March meeting was held the 16th, 17th and 18th at Burro Creek, a Bureau of Reclamation area south of Wikieup. This is a favorite camp site of our members because of the tranquility it offers and often sightings of wildlife such as blue herons. There were 5 rig/members attending. The first night host, Arno and Vera Gates, cooked hamburgers for everyone. There is a covered pavilion provided for meals, meetings and card playing. A fire was permitted each evening. The club has a portable covered container for burning a campfire. The campfire offers opportunity to keep warm in the cool evenings and is a time for visiting, joke telling and enjoying our surroundings with good friends.

RECYCLED SAMS**By Doris Drust**

Recycled Sams chapter members were an active part of the 2009 AZ Samboree. They have truly learned to live their lives and forget their age and participated in nearly all the activities.

Their main focus is the Scholarship Fundraiser which raised \$324.00 for next year's scholarship. At the County Fair they also had a Magnetic Dart Game and Pie Sale which netted \$76.00 for the scholarship fund. We sincerely thank all who donated items, bought tickets and participated in our game, as well as those who worked to make it possible.

We were especially pleased to have Jim and Margaret Hill, Grandparents and sponsor of last year's scholarship winner, Timothy Beedle, at the Samboree. Hearing first hand how the scholarship helps our Good Sam families provided feedback and inspiration for us. Applications for next year may be downloaded from the website at www.arizonagoodsam.org or from State Director, Joan Burtrum.

RED ROCK SAMS**By Ginny Arwine**

The Red Rock Sam's February trip was a great trip to the Old Vulture Gold Mine and Ghost Town near Wickenburg, AZ. There were 13 rigs in attendance. It was a rustic dry camp right on the site of the old ghost town, surrounded by beautiful lush green desert at that time of the year. We were even allowed to use the abandoned school house for our pot lucks. The weather was perfect for sitting around the camp fire in the evening and hiking during the day.

On the first day we explored the ghost town property, old buildings and machinery left from the mining days. On day 2 we did a walking tour of historic downtown Wickenburg, which has lots of old Western character. After lunch we visited an excellent Western Museum.

One day was open for activities of your choice, such as desert hiking, climbing Vulture peak, strolling through Hassayampa River Preserve, driving and exploring dirt roads thru the desert, or just shopping in Wickenburg.

The Red Rock Sam's March trip was to Tucson, AZ. We stayed at the Beaudry RV Resort, there were 10 rigs and two guest rigs. First on the agenda was a simple "happy hour", that took the place of dinner for most.

On Monday we attended our first baseball game. There were 22 in attendance. Following the game we had a pot-luck dinner. Tuesday, several visited the Pima Air Museum while others went shopping. In the late afternoon, we all traveled across to Northern Tucson to the Picacho Peak Steak House for some fine dining.

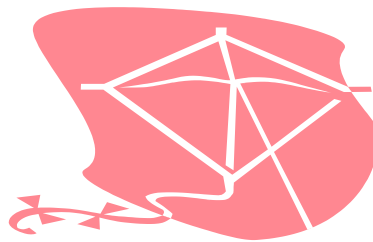
On Wednesday we went to Tucson Electric Park for our second scheduled Diamondback game. What a great time and looking forward to doing it again next year.

RETREADS**By Diane Bushaw**

Our New Wagon- Master and Wagon- Mistress Jim & Kathy Kirby, introduced us to Augie's Quail Trail in Gila Bend. What a nice place to camp! We camped there both in February and March. Augie and his crew put on a Mongolian Stir-fry one evening that topped most restaurants. One afternoon they held jewelry making classes, which was a hit for most of the ladies, even one of our men!

In the evening we got our quarters out and played card-bingo as "Dancing with the Stars" was on the big screen TV in their nice big Clubhouse. One evening, ten of us squeezed into 3 cars and went into town to the "Little Italy Restaurant" for a good dinner. During the day we played lots of card games. We had 4 rigs present, 2 people drove in and a guest visiting from Michigan (who really enjoyed the camping experience).

We had 2 couples who attended this years Samboree in Casa Grande, and had a good time. April's campout will be held at the Prescott Elk's Lodge for the first time.

SALT RIVER GADABOUTS**By Annie Olsen**

Our February campout was held at the Lost Dutchman State Park in Apache Junction, hosted by Gary & Louise Johnston and Harlan & Annie Olsen. Twelve rigs with 23 sturdy campers weathered wind, rain and very cold temperatures, especially the first 2 days, while having a wonderful time. We welcomed guests Ray and Fran Curty's in their rig, as well as Tom & Susan Lewis who stayed out of the wind and rain in the Olsen's coach. The deCastros and Orren Volk came out for our Business meeting on **sunny** Wednesday.

We ate, played games and taxed our brains with Trivia questions about the Presidents and the Superstition Mountain area. It should be noted that Fred Johnson took the Superstition Mountain Trivia test all by himself on Thursday morning and got 21 of the 23 questions correct!! Way to go Fred! By Wednesday Arizona weather had returned and many of us went over to the Goldfield Ghost Town for lunch, a bit of sightseeing and, of course, some shopping. Yours truly would like to thank our fellows for cooking breakfast for us one morning – I could get used to that! I would also like to say a special thank you to Gary and Louise for all of their work before and during the campout.

The **Arizona State Samboree** at the Pinal County Fairgrounds in Casa Grande, was a roaring success. Gadabouts were involved with many jobs during the weeks before the Samboree and especially during the Samboree itself. The Giebel-hauses, Iles, Lunas, McEdwards and Murrows are all members of the State Staff, so success in many areas can be laid at their feet. Thanks go out to all of them and to other Gadabouts who volunteered many hours during the week. Winning 'stuff' at the Friday night Carnival, the Ladies Tea on Saturday afternoon and the Saturday afternoon Scholarship Auction was lead by new members Bev and Berny Keith. I think they needed a trailer to get their winnings home!



SUN VALLEY SAMS

By Lucy Akers

Sun Valley Sams had a good time at the AZ State Samboree; members won some prizes, earned some ribbons and met new friends. Our Past President, Joyce Anderson, was elected State Treasurer/Registrar and we are all proud of her. Butch and Lorrie Losey entered the individual and couple theme parades as they have done every year since joining the chapter.

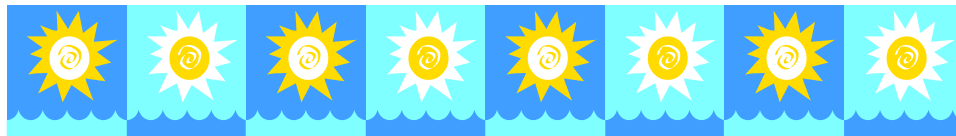
Our campout schedule for this year is as follows: (subject to change)

April 17-20 –	Pinal West/Kortsen Park
May 16-18 –	Houston Mesa, Payson
June – July –	August – No campouts
September 19-21 –	Clint's Wells or Houston Mesa, Payson
October 17-19 –	Pinal West/Kortsen Park
November 21-23 –	Pinal West/Kortsen Park (Thanksgiving: Weber turkey roast)
December –	Christmas party at Land's home

At our campouts, we play cards, dominos, sandbag baseball and other games, have a campfire each evening, a potluck on Saturday and a short non-denominational church service after a communal breakfast on Sunday. And in between activities, we visit!

We had a great garage sale at the Bonne's home to raise money for our charity and at the campouts we play Polish poker for charity as well.

We are a family chapter, camp on weekends and welcome new members at any time. Current members are from the Phoenix area and Maricopa. If you don't belong to a chapter now, consider joining us.



TUCSON'S SUNNY SAMS

By Chuck Brumfield

As is our tradition, November was the great steak barbecue and campout at Russ Morrison's place in Marana. The weather was perfect and, with seven rigs present, we all had a great time.

In December, with six member rigs, we all headed for the sunny beach at Rocky Point. The weather was great (most of the time). We ate lots of shrimp and other Mexican food, did a little shopping and sightseeing, and then watched as rigs were washed, dents were repaired and rigs painted to look like new again. Ruthie Hillman was a guest on this outing.

In January, we headed to Quartzsite for the big RV show. A bit of rain did not dampen the enthusiasm of the five member rigs attending. George and Carol Trevena visited our campsite and we hope they will decide to become members.

In February, we spent a delightful outing at Mountain View RV Park in Huachuca City. Days were sunny, nights a little cool. With 9 rigs present, we had a great time.

March, of course, was the Arizona State Samboree. Our entry in the Theme Parade involved some real characters (Charles Lindberg, Babe Ruth, and assorted others) but we won first prize, which was gratifying after all the hard work. Ray Weick's pet won a prize in the pet parade. Tucson's Sunny Sams was awarded a 30 year certificate, as well.

The following Chapter members were honored at the Memorial services: Edward Murray (charter member), Fran Morrison, Troy Ely and Millie Lamberton.

VERDE VALLEY SAMS

By Norm Nichols

We continue to have a business meeting every month at a local restaurant in the Verde Valley. At the February meeting, bowling trophies for high score in 2008 were presented. Men's Trophy - Jay Stowell. Women's Trophy - Helen Nichols (for second year in a row!).

Our February campout was held at the Pioneer Village, with 5 rigs attending and 1 drive in couple for a visit. Activities included visiting many restaurants including, the Horny Toad, Pioneering Museum Restaurant, and Rock Springs. Shopping trips were made to Cabelas & the Outlet Mall in Anthem.



YAVAPAI SAMS

By Ken Barr

January, Yavapai Sams got a good start with 10 couples spending 3 days at Cave Creek Camp Ground. We welcomed Leona Anderson and Carl Allen into the membership. A contribution toward a token of appreciation to long time members Gene and Ellen Ginn as age has forced the retirement of the RV. They will be missed. A welcome visit from John and Amber. Games and as usual, "Too much food."

In February, 8 rigs spent an enjoyable time at Alamo Lake Camp Ground. Several came in from a time at Quartzsite. We did discuss the need for representation by our chapter at the State Samboree, however, no one opted to attend. Members were encouraged to attend even as individual representatives. A note of thank you for our contribution to "Dogs for the Deaf" was shared. Thanks to Roy for stepping in in the absence of Pres and VP.

2009 SAMBOREE PRIZE CONTRIBUTORS

(When you visit one of these businesses, or chapters, let them know that we appreciate their contribution.)

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 Salt River Gadabouts
 Second Chance Sams
 Sun Valley Sams
 Tucson Sunny Sams





GAME WINNERS

INDOOR GAMES

Cribbage

1st Marv & Becky Hassebroek Tundra Rollers, Alaska
2nd Gordon & Megan Pomeroy Ogoopogo Sams, B.C.

Hand & Foot:

1st Charles & Ann Fedler, CO at Large
2nd Flora Strickland, S. CA Centurians & JoAnn Van Iwaarden, CO at Large

Mexican Train

1st Barbara Sullivan – So Bay Outhousers, Southern CA
2nd Zen Everett - So Bay Outhousers, Southern CA

Pinochle

1st Joyce Mills, Gila Mountain Sams, AZ & Marilyn Schmidt, Mimbres Valley Sams, NM
2nd Lou Floyd, Cochise Renegades & Bud Mills, Gila Mountain Sams, AZ

SkipBo

1st Ralph Holdridge, Almost Yuman Sams 2nd Virginia Hare, NE Iowa Vagabonds

OUTDOOR GAMES

Bean Bag Toss

1st - Corky Fuchsberger & Lee Ingersol, Mohave Roaming Sams
2nd – Judy & Dale Stockton, Oklahoma State Staff

Sandbag Baseball

1st Casa Grande Sox (Mixture of players)
2nd Jackrabbit Sams

Washer Board

Singles

1st Don Emerson, Ogoopogo Sams, B.C. 2nd Jan Miller, Bear Lake, MN

Doubles

1st Ron & Nancy Clapp, MI – Ambassadors 2nd Peggy Galindo & Judy Stocton, OK at Large

Blindfold Rodeo

1st Mike & Marie Sanford, Jackrabbit Sams
2nd Herman & Barbara Carrillo, Jackrabbit Sams

If there was a booby prize, it would have been awarded to Bob & Alice Manning (Jackrabbit Sams) who provided us with much entertainment and laughter.

PARADES

Pet Parade

Best Costume – Theme

1st Buddy (Tuxedo) Linda Jeffers - Horseless Carriage Gang
2nd Brandy (Flowers) Jo Ann Van Iwaarden, CO

Look Alike

1st Domino (Pink) Carol Green, Almost Yuman Sams
2nd Buddy (Tuxedo) Jeff Jeffers – Horseless Carriage Gang

Obedience

1st Snazi Ray Weick, Tucson Sunny Sams
2nd Bonnie David Martin, GA

Theme Parade

Best Couple	1 st Gene & Connie Bryant, Almost Yuman Sams	
	2 nd Jeff & Linda Jeffers, Horseless Carriage Gang	
Best Single	1 st Bill Holmberg, NM	2 nd Butch Losey, Sun Valley Sams
Best Out-of-State	1 st Ken & Merrill Ginoulis, Lodi CA, Director	
Best Chapter	1 st Tucson Sunny Sams	2 nd Almost Yuman Sams

Arts & Crafts

HM = Honorable Mention

Judges scoring ties resulted in multiple 1st & 2nd place awards**Peoples Choice Award:****Gerry Fisher, Sunrise Sams - Applique Quilt**

<u>Crocheted Items</u>	1 st Sandy Everly, Almost Yuman Sams HM Mona Behm, Sun Valley Sams	2 nd Vera Gates, Mohave Roaming Sams
<u>Knitted Items</u>	1 st Kathy Nicholes, Footloose Sams 2 nd Harriet Dahl, Almost Yuman Sams	1 st Elaine DeVaul, AZ Sunrise Sams HM Mona Behm, Sun Valley Sams
<u>Floral</u>	1 st Marilee Ginoulis, No. CA Director	2 nd Karen Fleming, at Large
<u>Jewelry</u>	1 st Kathy Zimmermon, Northern Lights Sams, MN 2 nd Kathy Zimmermon, Northern Lights Sams, MN HM Zen Everett, SO Bay Outhousers, CA	
<u>Woodwork</u>	1 st Howard Roberts, AZ Sunrise Sams HM Howard Roberts, AZ Sunrise Sams	2 nd Gene Bryant, Almost Yuman Sams
<u>Painting</u>	1 st Connie Bryant, Almost Yuman Sams HM Evelyn Pate, Jackrabbit Sams	2 nd Connie Bryant, Almost Yuman Sams
<u>Photography</u>	1 st Nancy Fisher Hicks, AZ At Large 2 nd Ken Crompton, 2 nd Chance Sams HM Nancy Fisher Hicks, AZ At Large	1 st Nancy Fisher Hicks, AZ At Large 2 nd Gail Crompton, 2 nd Chance Sams
<u>Plastic Canvas</u>	1 st Bruce Iles, Salt River Gadabouts 2 nd Fay Iles, Salt River Gadabouts	1 st Fay Iles, Salt River Gadabouts HM Don Murrow, Salt River Gadabouts
<u>Fabric Wearables</u>	1 st Pamlette Holdridge, Almost Yuman Sams HM Marshia Yarberry, CO at Large	2 nd Lucy Akers, Sun Valley Sams
<u>Dolls</u>	1 st Amy Houser, Kactus Sams HM Mona Behm, Sun Valley Sams	2 nd Amy Houser, Kactus Sams
<u>Machine Quilted</u>	1 st Marlene Jones, NM, Mimbres Valley Sams 2 nd Jean Ortloff, NM, Edge of the Wilderness Sams	
<u>Hand Quilted</u>	1 st Paulette Holdridge, Almost Yuman Sams	
<u>Machine Pieced Quilted</u>	1 st Marsha Yarberry, CO at Large	2 nd Gerry Fischer, AZ Sunrise Sams
<u>Applique Quilted</u>	1 st Gerry Fischer, AZ Sunrise Sams	
<u>Miscellaneous</u>	1 st Lou Holtz, Horseless Carriage Gang HM Gerry Fisher, AZ Sunrise Sams	2 nd Sue Foster, OK, Will Rogers Sams