

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Almost Yuman Sams . . . Henry and Barbara Kozminski

Recycled Sams Joyce Anderson

Gila Mountain Sams Chuck and Dee Diamon

Red Rock Sams Bill and Judy Etter

PHoenix PHun PHinders Pat Humple

Editor's Note

Check out the game rules at our web-site, www.arizonagoodsam.org. We encourage you to take a look at them and print off any in which you hope to participate during the Samboree. A game book will be for sale at the Samboree.

A TIME FOR DECISIONS

By Lou Holtz, Editor



February, the month of LOVE. On the 14th we're especially thoughtful toward husbands, wives, lovers, sweethearts, and other special friends. We need to widen that attitude of thoughtfulness to everyone around us during the entire year.

"Everything is possible for him who believes" Mark 9:23

Special prayers for our men & women serving in our armed forces everywhere.

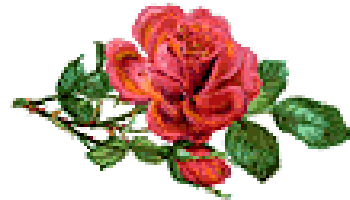
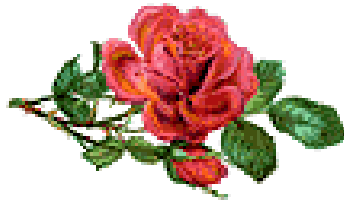
IN MEMORY OF

Editor's NOTE: Mohave Roaming Sams reports that the last name of Rexene Mertens was misspelled in the last Milepost issue. She died in June of 2009.



Arizona Drifting Sams *Gene Dittmar* *December 2009*

PHoenix PHun PHinders *Henri Fischer* *November 2009*
Gary Farbee *November 2009*



**CHAPTER CAPERS**

Oct. 26, 2009 to Jan. 25, 2010

ALMOST YUMAN SAMS**By Gene Bryant**

We in the Almost Yumans are looking forward to another good year. We started the year with our monthly lunch at the Foothills Eatery. There were 33 folks there all together, with our guests being our state director Joan Burtrum and her husband Jim. Our other guests were Bob & Betty Brons.

At our December campout in Wellton we were treated to a great Christmas dinner prepared by the Walkers and the Becketts. There were 9 rigs in attendance and 2 members drove out for the dinner and meeting. We had a nice time at the gift exchange also.

At our December meeting Henry and Barbara Kozminski were voted in as the newest members of the Almost Yumans. They are from British Columbia where he is the wagon master for their Good Sam Chapter. Welcome to them both.

Also at our December meeting the election of new officers was held. The results are; President Gene Bryant, V.P. Ralph Holdridge, Secretary/Treasurer Paulette Holdridge, wagon master Carl Beckett. Carol Walker has taken on the duty of sunshine lady. We want to thank them all for serving. We also wish to thank all the out going officers for a job well done.

ARIZONA SECOND CHANCE SAMS**By Doris Drust**

Due to time, distance, and health problems, the AZ Second Chance Sams were unable to have their Fall Luncheon and Meeting as usual. Ever resourceful, the meeting and decisions were made via e-mail, phone, and snail mail.

As a result, they remain active and will again have the Duck Pond at the Samboree County Fair to raise money for their favorite charities. They will also donate five Door Prizes for the Samboree and plan to have their Spring Meeting at the Samboree.

We are always looking for new members so if you are interested in joining our small but active and innovative chapter, please contact Bob Drust at 928-855-4934, E-mail – rdddinaz@netzero.net. Or 2920 North Cisco Dr., Lake Havasu City, AZ 86403. We would enjoy having you as members!

ARIZONA SUNRISE SAMS**ARIZONA ROAMERS****BUCK-A-ROO-SAMS****By Bill & Bernie Cunningham**

Thanks to all the Buck-A-Roo SAMS who joined us on December 5, 2009 for our annual Christmas Party this year at the Cunningham Home. We all enjoyed a delicious spiral cut ham and a tomato based roast beef, fresh green beans with cheese, Hawaiian sweet potatoes, baked white potatoes, various side dishes and assorted desserts. The weather was kind to us so we enjoyed patio dining. This year we dined with china plates, silverware and cloth napkins and tablecloths. Several games followed dining and then **THE** gift exchange which caused smiles and frowns. Lots of food, fun and fellowship was had by all, but all good things must come to an end, and we departed for our homes.

Wreaths Across America**By Deb Bevilacqua**

This year's nationwide event boasted of 405 participating locations, 161,000 wreaths and over 100,000 volunteers. The **Buck-A-Roo SAMS** played a major role in the wreath laying ceremony at the Phoenix National Cemetery. Twelve of our members gathered to observe the ceremonial wreath laying and playing of Taps, followed by placing 1200 wreaths upon final resting places of veterans in the National Memorial Cemetery. Following this solemn yet joyful event, we adjourned to nearby Cave Creek, Arizona, for a well-deserved dutch-treat luncheon arranged by Robert and Pam Bellman. Additionally participating in this year's event were Jack & Sandy Kostolnik, Ted and Barbara Sayle, Bill & Bernie Cunningham, Ken and Bev Hicks, and Ron & Deb Bevilacqua.

CATALINA SAMS**COCHISE RENEGADES**

FOOTLOOSE SAMS**By Jim Anderson**

Those of us that spend our summers up north have all found our way back to the Yuma area and are now into the chapter mode again. First we want to thank our last year's board and introduce this years officers who are as follows: President – Chet Nichols, Vice President – Curtis Clark, Secretary/Treasurer – Joan Shelton, and Wagonmaster – Karen Lynn O'Brien. We are looking forward to a great year with this board.

Our meetings have all been held at the Daybreaker Restaurant in Yuma. Guest speakers have included: Ana Gutierrez, RN, and Pat Roland, RN who are both patient advocates for the Yuma Medical Center. They spoke about going to the ER as opposed to Urgent Care. They also spoke on the new H1N1 virus. Barbara Rochester from Crossroads Mission who spoke on what they needed at the mission, such as food, clothes, blankets, etc. She also gave a rundown on what the Mission does. Cal Kelley, President of the Yuma Garden Club and is also the State District Director for the Arizona Federated Garden Club, spoke on plants in Arizona and which ones grow better in the Yuma area.

We are looking forward to helping to host the upcoming Arizona Samboree in March and being able to see all of you again.

**GILA MOUNTAIN SAMS****By Joyce Mills**

Happy New Year!!!! Can it really be 2010? Where did 2009 go? It really must be true, time goes faster when you are having fun, and Good Sam members know how to have fun.

Our chapter has gained 2 new members, we welcomed Chuck and Dee Diamon at our last camp-out. Welcome aboard.

In December we had a very well attended camp-out at Pilot Knob. The weather could have co-operated a little more but it takes more than a little wind to keep a group of Good Sam members down. We played games, had our camp fire, told horror stories of past camp-outs and of course had wonderful potlucks. The Thompson's and the Diamon's were hosts to a fun breakfast in a bag.

Our Christmas project for last year was Amberly's place. A generous donation was made to help with their wonderful work.

Tom Moir, our past president, has been seriously ill. He had an extended stay in the hospital in Yuma and is now in San Diego. Our thoughts and prayers are with him and his wife Lupe.

Good Sam Assistant State Director, Gene Bryant and his wife Connie visited us at our January meeting. We were glad to have them join us for lunch and the discussion that followed.

Until the rain chased us in we practiced keeping score for the bean bag baseball, our project for the Samboree.

Guests for this meeting were Jerry and Donna Squibb from Washington. Our thought for the day: See ya'all in Yuma.

HORSELESS CARRIAGE GANG**By Lou Holtz**

November found the "Gang" at the Buena Tierra Campground in Casa Grande hosted by the Hebbards and Jim Fugate. After everyone got set up and had lunch, we had our chapter meeting. It was a bit chilly & windy so we loafed in the camp area until we had our pot luck dinner. On Wednesday, the ladies went to the outlet mall while the guys sat around camp doing guy things. After our pancake breakfast on Thursday, we all headed for home.

In December we traveled to Desert Trails RV Park in Tucson where our hosts, the Jeffers and the Campbells, served up a ham dinner. The rest of the "Gang" brought a dish to pass. Afterwards, we exchanged gifts thanks to the appearance of Santa and his helper.

We went to Buckeye in January where we stayed at Leaf Verde RV Resort. The Holtzs and the Caszatts hosted with a "grill your own meat (Some good looking steaks and chops hit those hot grills.) with pot-luck veggies & desserts. Our Chapter vests were getting old & worn so we retired them and had stoles made to replace them. The stoles were handed out at the chapter meeting and we broke them in.

If you enjoy camping during the week when it is less crowded, contact our president, Jim Fugate (928-367-1493) in Lake-side; our wagonmaster, Wayne & Millie Hebbard (520-731-1378) in Tucson; or Lou & Millie Holtz (573-337-0627) in Mesa.

Our February meeting will be held at Camp Verde.

JACK RABBIT SAMS**LAKE HAVASU SAMS****MOHAVE ROAMING SAMS****PHOENIX PHUN PHINDERS****By George Gibson**

The PHoenix PHun PHinders Chapter goes on outings the third weekend of the month year round, mostly dry camping and we welcome KIDS. Looking for a few new members. We camp only in Beautiful Arizona, from Tonopah in the west to Superior in the east & near Flagstaff in the north to Picacho Peak in the south. We usually have 8 to 20 rigs per outing depending on the time of year.

In November we had our Thanksgiving outing at Usary Mountain Park. Plenty of turkey with all the trimmings on Saturday. Sundays service ended with a moment of silence and remembrance for HENRI FISCHER & former Charter member GARY FARBEE who both passed on to the RV Outing in the sky, this month. Incumbent officers agreed to stay for a second year. PAT HUMPLE was welcomed as a new member. TERRY KELLY bragged he got a newer class C with 2 slides.

December was at White Tanks Park, on the second weekend. SANTA,[DON],and his pickup dressed up like reindeer arrived with gifts for the KIDS & baggies of dog biscuits for all the dogs. Thanks to DAVE for the Christmas tree & trimmings & KATHY for the belly button brushes for everyone, which got a lot of laughs.

January was at PENCE'S PLACE, a new site on BLM land near Wittmann Thanks BILL. Plenty of places for ATV Fun. Neat spot, Good weather. Come join us !!!

**RECYCLED SAMS****By Doris Drust**

Yuma County Fairgrounds was the new place for our annual Recycled Sams Meeting. It was interesting and different to see and get acquainted with the new site for our AZ Samboree. There were 14 members present and we welcomed new member, Joyce Anderson.

Since the Scholarship Fund is our designated charity, we decided that our treasury money would remain intact until we have enough to donate to the Fund with the money we raise from our Magnetic Darts Game and Pie Sale at the Samboree County Fair.

Our chapter also helps with the Scholarship Auction which will be held on Saturday. It would be greatly appreciated if you would bring donations of new or regifted or gently used items for the auction. They may be given to Amy Houser or Doris Drust. And then, of course, we really appreciate your participation in the auction. Another person's donation may be just the treasure you have been looking for!

As always, we welcome new members and look forward to seeing you at the Happy Hobo Holiday Samboree!

RED ROCK SAMS**By L. L. Davis**

We welcome newcomers Bill and Judy Etter. They have enjoyed the last couple of activities with us and have passed muster.

Our trip to Meteor Crater was our attempt to get in touch with nature, and to enjoy the local cuisine at The Horseman's Lodge. Everyone tolerated the nature part, and relished the eating. Although there was some small dispute about exactly when deer season began, and what was that wonderful smell from the communal camp fire, everyone, including the Game Warden enjoyed the mystery stew.

Our trip to Pismo Beach was motivated by our deep and abiding faith that the search for the Holy Grail should be resumed. Our Historical Research Division concluded that Pismo Beach was the true place to begin. Failing miserably in our efforts, we demonstrated our flexibility in these matters and voted to begin the search for the perfect Clam Chowder. Some of our club voted to add to our historic responsibility, by also taking on the quest to search for perfect Ice-Cream. Needless to say the Holy Grail thing remains a mystery, but the really important stuff has been settled. Historically speaking.

Our trip to Cave Creek, Arizona was a pleasant exploration of the mines, museum, cactus, roadrunners, and riding the Light Rail. As is our custom, we visited the local western Bar/Restaurant named the Buffalo Chip Saloon. We enjoyed our meal and danced to the local country band, arm wrestled and compared tattoos with some of the locals.

Our Christmas dinner meeting at Sedona's Los Abrigados resort was a pleasant gathering of our group. With fine fellowship and dining enjoyed by all. We toured the annual Christmas Light Display put on by the local home owners. We all enjoyed the tour.

RETREADS

ROUTE 66 SAMS



SALT RIVER GADABOUTS

By Fay Iles

Schnepf Farms in Queen Creek was the site of our November, 2009 campout. Thirteen rigs were in attendance. We played the usual games, and even had a Tournament Bocce Ball game. Schnepf Farms were kind enough to set up a fire ring for us, so we enjoyed morning and evening campfires. Our Camp Hosts, the de Castro's and the Hugaert's provide the turkey for our Thanksgiving dinner. We were treated to a hay ride around the farm, and learned some of the history of the farm, which has been in the Schnepf family for three generations. Thursday morning, the Camp Hosts provided egg casseroles for breakfast, which we enjoyed with breads and fruit.

Our Christmas Campout was at Gila Bend. We had a wonderful time. One evening we had wind gusts nearing 70 mph. We had a delicious soup supper. The Ladies Luncheon and Gentlemen's Bar- B-Q were both successes. Santa (Ed) and his Elf (David, aka Jakey the Elf) did a fine job passing out gifts. We missed our friends that were unable to join us this year. We are all looking forward to Christmas again in Gila Bend next year.

Yuma County Fairgrounds was the site of the January 2010 campout. We had 12 Gadabout rigs and one visiting rig – our State Director Joan Burtrum and her husband Jim.

Every morning we had lots of choices for breakfast – including cinnamon rolls, little quiches, assorted muffins, English muffins and of course, good coffee. There were potlucks almost every night, with lots of delicious choices. Of course, we played the usual games, including Bean Bag Baseball, Ladder Golf, Ponytail Canasta, Mexican Train, Chicken Foot, and 313.

We decided to paint the backdrop for the Samboree and after Bev sketched an outline in black paint, the rest of the crew (had lots of good help) got busy painting.

On Wednesday, many of us went to the Peanut Patch where we found lots of good things to eat – many of us bought lots, including delicious ice cream cones and fudge.

SUN VALLEY SAMS

By Lucy Akers

New officers for 2010: Butch Losey, President; Bob Watson, VP; Mona Behm, Sec'y/Treas.; Sharon Boeldt, Historian; Dick Land, Sheriff; Lola Davis, Deputy Dawg; and Lucy Akers, Milepost Reporter.

The January campout was postponed after 2 members arrived early at Pinal West just as the skies opened and the wind began. One had his rubber roof lifted by a wind gust and had to tie it down with rope to make it back home and the other just had an uneventful, loong night.

February 19-21, 2010 we will be camping at Pinal West/Kortsen Park which is near to Stanfield,

Maricopa and Casa Grande. If you have no Chapter affiliation, consider joining us as we welcome new members at any time. Current members are from the Phoenix

area and Maricopa. Our meetings consist of a Saturday meeting and pot luck and Sunday shared breakfast followed by a short inspirational time. We plan campouts from September through May which are mostly dry camping at free or low-cost areas. Join us!

We have activities to raise money for charity and this year gave to St. Vincent de Paul as well as Dogs for the Deaf.

Our campout schedule for the rest of 2010 is as follows:

March 19-21, Tortilla Flats

April 16-18, Vulture Mine

May 21-23, Houston-Mesa in Payson

June thru August, no official campouts

September 17-19, Houston-Mesa in Payson or Long Valley

October 15-16, Salt River

November 19-21, Pinal West /Kortsen for our annual turkey dinner



For more information and a newsletter, contact our Sec'y/Treas, Mona Behm, busyfingersaz@netzero.net

TUCSON'S SUNNY SAMS

By Chuck Brumfield

Our September campout was at Grande Vista RV Park in Willcox with six rigs in attendance. In addition to our potluck, we enjoyed a tour of the Corn Maze, the "turn table" dairy and a visit to the Bonita Bean Company. Each one was fascinating, interesting and enjoyable.

November was our traditional campout at Russ Morrison's place in Marana again with six rigs attending. The steak fry was wonderful along with baked potatoes and other side dishes with great entertainment provided by Russ and friends with guitars and singing.

In December, we were more adventuresome, going to John Wayne RV Ranch near Casa Grande. Our usual potluck and a buffet dinner at the Maricopa casino were great including a very informative tour of the Agricultural Research Facility where we learned all about harvesting cotton and how a cotton gin operates.

January was a trip to Quartzsite for the Annual Sport, Vacation and RV Show. Lots of wind (an understatement) and blowing rain with periods of wonderful sunshine did not dampen our spirits for the four rigs attending. We visited the vendor booths and even found a few items we just had to have. A pot of chili cooked over a campfire enhanced our evening potluck, even the weather abated somewhat so we could enjoy the campfire.

VERDE VALLEY SAMS

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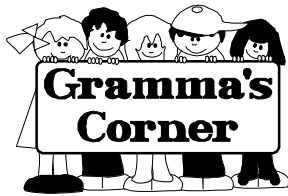
By Ken Barr

October, Doug and Susan hosted our get together at Black Canyon with several rigs in attendance. The small extra cost for the convenience of the hall is well worth it. No blowing cards or E-Z-Ups to deal with which made us all happy. Also a treat to a bit of Dougs' jerky made the day.

November, John and Amber, again at Black Canyon, hosted the club. Ten couples with rigs attended the gala event. Our hosts provided a Thanksgiving Dinner fit for royalty, turkey or ham with the ladies providing the fixins. Next day we celebrated Bill and Lucys' 56th wedding anniversary with cake and ice-cream provided by the honorees. Games, discussion and fun were all in order.

December we had a sit down dinner sponsored by Pete and Jo at the Manzanita Room. A white-elephant exchange followed the dinner during which yours truly became the recipient of the traditional "Fish." Great decorations provided by the hosts with a bit of help from Lucy and Donna.





SWEETHEART STEAK

Ingredients

- 8 ounce 1/2-inch-thick steaks, such as rib-eye, trimmed of fat
- 1 teaspoon chili powder
- 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt, divided
- 1 teaspoon extra-virgin olive oil
- 2 plum tomatoes, diced
- 2 teaspoons lime juice
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh cilantro

Directions

Sprinkle both sides of steak with chili powder and 1/4 teaspoon salt. Heat oil in a medium skillet over medium-high heat. Add the steaks and cook, turning once, 1 to 2 minutes per side for medium-rare. Transfer the steaks to a plate, cover with foil and let rest while you make the salsa.

Add tomatoes, lime juice and the remaining 1/4 teaspoon salt to the pan and cook, stirring often, until the tomatoes soften, about 3 minutes. Remove from heat, stir in cilantro and any accumulated juices from the steaks. Serve the steaks topped with the salsa.

SWEETHEART SWEET POTATOES

Ingredients

- 2 1/2 pounds sweet potatoes, peeled and cut into 1 1/2-inch pieces (about 8 cups)
- 1/3 cup pure maple syrup
- 2 tablespoons butter, melted
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- Freshly ground pepper to taste

Directions Preheat oven to 400°F.

Arrange sweet potatoes in an even layer in a 9-by-13-inch glass baking dish. Combine maple syrup, butter, lemon juice, salt and pepper in small bowl. Pour the mixture over the sweet potatoes; toss to coat.

Cover and bake the sweet potatoes for 15 minutes. Uncover, stir and cook, stirring every 15 minutes, until tender and starting to brown, 45 to 50 minutes more.

YOUR SWEETHEART STAFF AT WORK IN YUMA



Presidents at the January State Committee



Joyce Anderson being installed as your new treasurer.

ARIZONA GOOD SAM WANTS YOU

Arizona has a great team of volunteers who work to prepare for the Samboree held every March. Some of our volunteers are retiring and we need to fill those openings.

Since "*Many Hands Make Work Easy*," we need your talent to help us keep things running smoothly. All of these positions are unpaid with the only reimbursement received being the appreciation of fellow Good Sam members for service rendered willingly and cheerfully.

STATE STAFF POSITIONS

Staff members attend meetings each year held at Yuma (January & March at Samboree and in October)

Assistant State Directors are needed for the following Arizona Areas:

1. **North East Area**
2. **South East Area A**
3. **South East Area B**

Assistant State Directors represent Director in the assigned region, assist in organizing local Chapters, and act as advisor to local Chapters.

Chaplain – Statewide: This person is responsible for organizing, planning and coordinating the presentation of a non-denominational memorial service held during the course of the Samboree. Our chaplain also writes a column for the Arizona MilePost three times a year. Our chaplain opens all meetings with prayer and offers spiritual solace and comfort to our state staff as requested.

Special Event Manager – Statewide – This person would be responsible for assembling and managing the team responsible for coordinating all activities relating to the supplying of coffee, donuts and meals during our state meetings and during the Samboree.

State Photographer – Statewide: This person would be responsible for taking photographs at all state events, meetings and Samboree activities. This person would work closely with the State Historian, The Arizona MilePost Editor and the State Webmaster, as well as with peers outside of Arizona.

State Historian – Statewide – This person would be responsible for assembling and maintaining hard copy photo's and print items relating to past and current activities of the Arizona Good Sam Organization. This job would be especially appealing to someone who enjoys scrapbooking. This person would work closely with the State Photographer and the Arizona MilePost Editor.

COORDINATOR POSITIONS

Coordinators work with Chapters to Organize and Conduct Samboree Activities

(It is important to note that the coordinator's main job is to organize the activity and solicit help to get the job done although some coordinators do work in the activity during the Samboree.)

Craft Coordinator – Plan and organize craft classes for Samboree and one class for each State meeting.

JUMP ON THE BANDWAGON! JOIN US AND HELP CONTINUE TO MAKE THE ARIZONA SAMBOREE THE BEST IN THE WEST

Joan Burtrum, Arizona Good Sam State Director