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## Jerry & Sue Meyers, Assistant State Directors

Jerry Meyers, together with wife Sue, have been the Assistant Tennessee State Directors for nine years. They are also members of the K-Town Sams, where Jerry served as Wagon Master for two years. They both like square dancing and that was the main attraction that brought them to the K-Town chapter. Sue and Jerry have been Good Samers since the mid-1980s.



ennessee Good Sams for Jerry and Sue. They say they have made lots of friends, not only in Tennessee, but through out the county. "We know someone at every Samboree we attend," said Jerry, "we have attended Samborees and camped all over the Southeastern United States. We used to do 10 or 11 Samborees a year until our son became ill."

They are full timers having moved out of their last house in 1995, this was the same year that Jerry retired from United Parcel Service. They call San Benita, Texas, their winter home where they spend about six months each year, arriving there sometime in November. Jerry says he picked San Benita, Texas, based on the advice and suggestions of other Good Samers.

When ask what was their most memorable camping trip, Jerry replied, "Each trip is different, but one that comes to mind is a trip to Yellowstone National Park. We were in a pickup camper with four adults and one child. It was in July, the temperature was 32 degrees and the rain was coming down in torrents and we had no coats!

The Meyers return to the vicinity of Tennessee about the first of May each year. They park their rig at their son's home in Powell, Tennessee. Although they are full-timers the Meyers still own a home in Powell.

"Another memorable trip was one we made in 1978 out West. We were in a 28-foot class C with a group that consisted of three adults and 13 teenagers. It was a 14-day trip and covered 7,800 miles. We went from Tennessee to Oregon and visited, among other places, Pikes Peak, Las Vegas, Glacier National Park, and Canada. That was one trip I was glad to return home from!"

Their first venture into camping was in the 1970s and was in a tent with their children. They moved from the tent to a slide-in pickup camper, then to a travel trailer then on to a fifth-wheel which is what they have used every since.

Jerry says that he and Sue have had so many constantly good times since joining the Good Sam Club and the local K-Town chapter. "We have made so many lifelong friends. When our son was operated on for a brain tumor, our Good Sam friends really came through with cards and letters and words of encouragement."

Fellowship was the biggest attraction of the Ten-

Editor's Note: All Chapters are invited to submit items for publication. Deadline for submission for the Spring, 2005 issue will be May 1, 2005.

Jerry's advice to Good Sam members, "You get out of Samborees and chapters what you put into them."

## Chaplain's Corner

### Statement Made at a Football Game

This is a statement that was read over the PA system at a football game at Roane County High School, Kingston, Tennessee, by school Principal Jody McCloud. I thought it was worth sharing. It shows clearly just how far this country has gone in the wrong direction. Principal McCloud's statement:

"It has always been the custom at Roane County High School football games to say a prayer and play the National Anthem, to honor God and Country. Due to a recent ruling by the Supreme Court, I am told that saying a Prayer is a violation of Federal Case Law.

"As I understand the law at this time, I can use this public facility to approve of sexual perversion and call it 'an alternate lifestyle,' and if someone is offended, that's OK.

"I can use it to condone sexual promiscuity by dispensing condoms and calling it, 'safe sex.' If someone is offended, that's OK.

"I can even use this public facility to present the merits of killing an unborn baby as a 'viable means of birth control.' If someone is offended, no problem.

"I can designate a school day as 'Earth Day' and involve students in activities to worship religiously and praise the goddess 'Mother Earth' and call it 'ecology.'

"I can use literature, videos and presentations in the classroom that depict people with strong, traditional Christian convictions as 'simple minded' and 'ignorant' and call it 'enlightenment.'

"However, if anyone uses this facility to honor God and to ask Him to bless this event with safety and good sportsmanship, then Federal Case Law is violated. This appears to be inconsistent at best, and at worst, diabolical. Apparently, we are to be tolerant of everything and anyone except God and His Commandments.

"Nevertheless, as a school principal, I frequently ask staff and students to abide by rules with which they do not necessarily agree. For me to do otherwise would be inconsistent at best, and at worst, hypocritical. I suffer from that affliction enough unintentionally. I certainly do not need to add an intentional transgression. For this reason, I shall 'Render unto Caesar that which is Caesar's,' and refrain from praying at this time. However, if you feel inspired to honor, praise and thank God and ask Him, in the name of Jesus, to bless this event, please feel free to do so. As far as I know, that's not against the law---yet."

One by one, the people in the stands bowed their heads, held hands with one another and began to pray. They prayed in the stands, in the team huddles, at the concession stand in the Announcer's Box! The only place they didn't pray was in the Supreme Court of the United States of America - the Seat of "Justice" in the "one nation, under God." Somehow, Kingston, Tennessee, remembered what so many have forgotten. We are given the Freedom OF Religion, not the Freedom FROM Religion. Praise God for community leaders like Principal McCloud.

God Bless. . . .

Ben C. Neal, Chaplain  
Tennessee Good Sam Club

## Editor's Chat

We are improving in receiving newsletters from the chapters—some we receive each month, some sporadically and, much to my chagrin, some never. Ideally, we would prefer to receive you chapter newsletter each and every month. We can then publish a synopsis of what is happening in all the Tennessee chapters. This way the rest of the Tennessee Good Sam

Chapters can glean ideas on what to do during their campouts, places to go, or not go, and other significant information that will help them to make their chapters more prestigious.

In this regard, I ask that when you list the location

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of your campouts you include the full name of the campground, as well as the city and state. I request this because when we list a location without a city and state other chapters who may want to visit and camp at that site have no idea where it is located. Chapters in East Tennessee may have no guess as to where a favorite campsite in West Tennessee is situated, and vice versa. Also would you please list the full name (first and last) of individuals in your articles.

I would like to know how many members in your chapter actually read this newsletter. At the Spring Samboree I printed over 275 copies of the newsletter, this was a sufficient number for each chapter president to take sufficient copies back to their chapters. Yet, many presidents only picked up one or two copies and I ended up discarding many copies—a big waste of resources. I want the chapters to tell me if they had rather go to the state website and view the newsletter and just skip the printed copy. I am at-

tempting to get a handle on just how much interest there is in the state newsletter and how do the chapters wish to receive the newsletter, also how often do the chapters want it published. At the present time I only put out two issues a year, at the fall samboree and at the spring samboree.

I also would like to know just exactly what you want to see in the newsletter in regard to content. How much chapter news do you want to read about? Would you like to see articles from and of the chapter members in regard to camping? Articles on other subjects?

The purpose of the newsletter is to benefit all members of the Tennessee Good Sams and to this end I need to know your views. I am open to suggestions, so please do not hesitate, I promise to have thick skin in this regard.

One last bit of information! Visit the TN Good Sam Web Site ever now and then. You may be surprised at what you find there.

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## Cherokee Trails Sams



R o n Masterson is the amiable president of the Cherokee Trails Sams of Chattanooga, Tennessee. He and wife Loretta have only been camping since 2000, which is the same year they became members of the Good

Sam Club. Ron had a heart attack in 1999 but still wanted to indulge in one of his favorite pastimes, hunting. He and Loretta felt it best that he do his hunting via a motorhome, so they purchased a class “C.” They only kept it for one month and moved to a class “A.”

They joined the Good Sam Club and the Cherokee Trails Sams a couple of year ago after learning about both organizations at an RV show in Chattanooga. Prior to joining they knew very little about the Good Sam Club. Their first time camping was at the Southeastern Conference Women’s Basketball Tour-

namment. Their first real campout was at the Holiday Trav-L-Park in Chattanooga. They currently camp throughout the Southeastern United States, including North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Florida, Alabama, Tennessee, Georgia and Mississippi.

It is interesting to note that Ron was asked to be an officer in the Cherokee Trails Sams in 2003, and after agreeing to serve, he was nominated for every officer position in the chapter. He was elected as president!

Ron says he and Loretta thoroughly enjoy the people in the Cherokee Trails Sams, as well as other members of the Good Sams Club.

The Cherokee Trails Sams start their camping year in March and end it with a campout in November. The November campout features a Thanksgiving bill of fare. The chapter’s December meeting stresses the Christmas theme. In January the chapter’s meeting is a ‘Soup Supper.’ A ‘Sweetheart Supper’ is the accent for the February meeting. The chapter generally holds their campouts within 150 miles of Chattanooga. The Cherokee

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Trails Sams average about 18 to 22 rigs at each of their campouts. Ron attributes this in large part to his wagon master, John Tittle. Other officers are Vice President Don Smith, Treasurer Sue Miller, Secretary/Newsletter Editor Shirley Gasaway, Chaplain

Mary Smith and Historian Anne Gaylon.

The Cherokee Trails Sams recently received a Tennessee state award for having the largest growth in membership of any chapter in the state. In addition, the chapter has signed up more new members during Good Sam drives than any other chapter in the United States the last three years! Quite an accomplishment.

## Fish Fry Sams

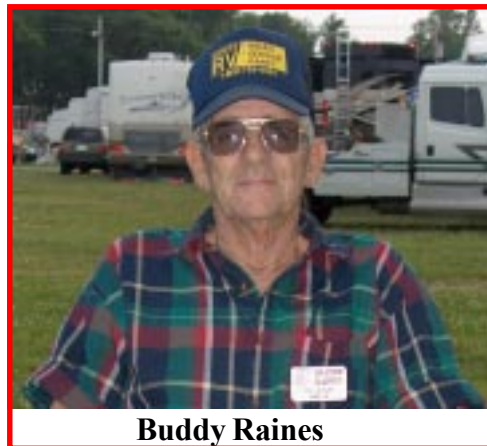
The Fish Fry Sams of Paris, Henry County, Tennessee, was chartered on October 9, 1981, and it should be noted that five of their charter members are still with the Chapter and are included in the current membership of 46. The Fish Fry Sams was the ninth Good Sam Chapter to be recognized in Tennessee. We understand that the name, "Fish Fry Sams," is a parody of the fact that Henry County is called the "Catfish Capital of the World" by some people. Henry County holds the 'biggest fish fry in the world' in April of each year.

Buddy Raines is the current president, the vice president is Earl Mealer, Jane Overton is the secretary/treasurer, wagon master is Doug Overton, Rita Riola is the newsletter editor, and Paul Copeland is the chaplain.

Some notables that grace the roster of Fish Fry Sams include Bill and Juanita Jones, former Tennessee state director and Charlie and Peggy Burns, former members of the Tennessee state staff.

The Fish Fry Sams start the camping year off in March of each and end it in October. However, their meetings do not end in October because they continue to meet during the months of November through February at local restaurants with dinner meetings. Most of the Fish Fry Sams' campouts are within a 100 mile radius of Paris, although many of the chapter members camp outside the 100 mile circle on an individual basis. The chapter has very good turnouts for its camping trips.

One of the projects of the chapter is to support



Buddy Raines

**"Hoof Beats of Hope, Inc."** which is a therapeutic horseback riding program designed for individuals with physical and mental challenges. **Hoof Beats of Hope, Inc.** provides an outlet for therapeutic horseback riding in Henry County and the surrounding area in a safe, affordable manner that will enable individuals with physical and mental challenges to develop physical, emotional, social, and educational skills through interaction with well trained horses, a professional staff, and volunteers.

Several chapter members are also active in the **"Mentor and Pal"** program, which is sanctioned by Henry County. Chapter members donate several hours a week in helping students in school studies, personal problems, hygiene problems and a variety of other issues. The **"Mentor and Pal"** program was instituted just this year.

The Fish Fry Sams also support the Ronald McDonald House. Each year they sponsor a bean dinner at the Spring Samboree with the proceeds being used to support activities of the chapter and charitable donations.

The chapter is directing some of its efforts toward recruiting younger members to balance out some of the older members who may be dropping out of the chapter in years to come. Again, it should be noted that five of the couples who started the chapter are still active members.

As with a lot of other Tennessee chapters, probably fifty per cent of the current membership leave the state of Tennessee and travel to the warmer places such as Florida and South Texas

## Chapter News

### Bluff City Sams

On June 4, 5 and 6, the Bluff City Sams made their annual trip to the Grand RV Resort in Tunica, Mississippi. There were 16 members and guests in eight rigs making the trip to Tunica. They enjoyed a luncheon aboard the Tunica Queen Riverboat.

Chapter members are encouraged to bring to each campout books they have read and desire to either exchange or give away. If it works out they will have a monthly Bluff City Sams book swap.

Members were also requested to check the Ronald McDonald House Wish List and bring any donated items to the next campout.

The Bluff City Sams spent July 16th through July 18th at a campout at John P. Kyle State Park at Sardis, Mississippi.

Their August 21-23 campout was held at Cherokee Landing Resort, not too far from Collierville, Tennessee. The Chapter met at Boxcar BBQ, in Grand Junction for the Saturday evening meal.

### Carroll County Sams

The Carroll County Sams were represented at the Tennessee Spring Samboree by Wayne and Bobbie Cooper, Ernest and Bertie Douglas and Elma and Jo Holmes. Everyone in the Chapter won door prizes.

The Chapter went to Grand Rivers, Kentucky, for their June campout.

### Cherokee Trail Sams

Cherokee Trail Sams had 11 rigs at the Spring Samboree and raised \$363.00 for the Ronald McDonald House in Chattanooga. As a group they presented the check to the Ronald McDonald House on June 5th, afterwards they attended a luncheon.

A side note of concern is that upon returning home from the Spring Samboree the Hulings (Helen and Conway) were backing their rig onto a parking pad at their residence, Helen driving, and she discovered the

rig had no brakes! The rig overshot the pad by about four feet and came to a rest with the front wheels of the rig up in the air about six feet. No one was hurt, but the rig was damaged to the extent that the insurance company declared it a total loss.

The Chapter held their June 11-12, 2004 campout at the Pine Mountain RV Park in Pine Mountain, Georgia, with members in 11 rigs attending. During the campout the Chapter held an auction of items brought in by members and \$80 was raised. It was decided that another auction would be held in November.

Cherokee Trail Sams held their July campout at River Plantation in Sevierville, Tennessee. It was their annual Grandkids Camp (also known as the Campout with the Kids). Members in 20 rigs attended the campout, along with 16 grandchildren. On Saturday morning the chapter held a bake sale and raised \$50 for "Feed the Hungry Children."

The August campout of the Cherokee Trail Sams was held at Big Meadow Campground in Townsend, Tennessee. Their September campout was held at Maple Hill RV Park in Jamestown, Tennessee.

### Cumberland Mountain Sams

The June meeting of the Cumberland Mountain Sams was held at the Golden Corral Restaurant in Cookeville, Tennessee. Eighteen members were present for the meeting.

Dale Hollow Dam Campground was the site for the July campout of the Cumberland Mountain Sams. As is so often the case in the summer months, during the July campout there were some strong winds and heavy rains but only for a short time, and there were no casualties. There were 24 members and guest present at the "Hawaiian" theme during the potluck dinner.

The August meeting of the Cumberland Mountain Sams was held at the Bean Pot Campground, Crossville, Tennessee. There were 30 members, guests and prospective members attending the campout. The campout included dining in nearby restaurants, a special craft project, breakfast on the premises of the campground, and a Hawaiian Luau, which was the

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highlight of the campout. The luau was even accompanied by a chance to learn how to hula.

The Cumberland Mountain Sams held the September campout at the Long Branch Campground, Center Hill Dam. There was a T-shirt decorating demonstration (you have to see to believe), while some played golf and some played dominoes and others worked on a picture puzzle. Tuesday evening there were roasted hotdogs, chili, and beans & ham hocks. Wednesday morning breakfast was served by Chefs Billy Austin and Wallace Neal assisted by other members and for the evening meal, a pork loin supper along with many side dishes were enjoyed by chapter members.

There were 20 members attending plus prospective members Gene and Connie Winterton.

## **Davy Crockett Sams**

The Davy Crockett Sams held their September campout at the Corinth Campground in Double Springs, Alabama. There were 23 members attending the campout together with two guests. The November meeting will be held at Point Mallard with a bean and cornbread supper on Thursday night of the campout.

## **Fish Fry Sams**

The Fish Fry Sams collected \$560.00 for the Ronald McDonald House during the Spring Samboree. They also collected over \$300.00 as a result of the bean dinner fund raiser. The Chapter also presented a very enjoyable skit during the Samboree.

Their June campout was held at Montgomery Bell Campground. There were 24 members and guest in nine rigs attending the campout.

The July campout was held at Cherokee Landing near Bolivar, Tennessee. The Chapter enjoyed a hot dog dinner, pancakes and sausage breakfast, a great pot luck dinner and good fellowship. There were 22 members and guests in nine rigs attending the campout. The Chapter voted to donate \$200 to Hoof Beats of Hope at Christmas time.

Fish Fry Sams spent their August campout at Pickwick, Corps of Engineers Campground. There

were members in eight rigs attending the campout. The Chapter enjoyed a hamburger supper, a seafood buffet and a potluck dinner, with homemade ice cream. A pancake breakfast was served up on Sunday morning after the devotional.

The Fish Fry Sams held their September campout at Piney Campgrounds. There were 13 rigs, 34 members and one guest at the campout. They enjoyed a seafood buffet at Paris Landing on Friday, and a potluck dinner on Saturday. Buddy Raines resigned as president of the Chapter and Vice President Earl Mealer will assume the position of president to complete the year.

## **Golden Circle Sams**

### **29th Reunion**

On July 28, 2004, current and former members of the Golden Circle Sams of Jackson, Tennessee (and surrounding area), met at the Kappis Restaurant in Humboldt, Tennessee, for a reunion celebrating our 29th year as a Good Sam Chapter.

There was a total of 52 in attendance to enjoy the fun, food and fellowship. Some had not seen each other in ten to fifteen years. Many brought pictures and other articles to share with new and old members. Frank and Verta Lee Oller, charter members, entertained all with jokes they had accumulated over the years.

Everyone left planning on a larger reunion next year to celebrate our 30 years of camping fellowship.

Those in attendance at the reunion are listed below.

Olive & Frances Crenshaw  
Rhubert & Sudie Harrison  
Harold & Jean Jackson  
Frank & Verta Lee Oller  
& Daughter Joyce Bumpus  
Joe & Mae Ozment  
Woodrow & Clarice Pruette  
Neal and Naomi Thompson  
Bill & Muriel Branson, Smyrna  
Leon & Julia Hatter, Cardova  
Mamie Gilchrist & daughter Jean Ragas, Selmer  
Elmer & Jo Holmes, Huntington  
Ruth Wadsworth, Arp & friend Linda, Memphis  
Francis Wright, Collierville  
Katherine Tyler, Humboldt

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Mary & Jack Ramsey  
Jack & Wonnell Meals, Medon  
Ruth McKnight & husband Jack Rainey, Humboldt  
Bill & Dottie Hamilton, Humboldt  
John & Clara Dickey, Covington  
Lee & Marion Coats, Burlison  
Joe & Judy Shearon  
Jessie Shearon, Alamo  
Mary Jones, Jackson  
Nolan & Evelyn Shepard, Jackson  
Earl Aldridge, Jackson  
Judith Oliver, Jackson  
Hershel & Juanita Kemp, Jackson  
Doris Browning, Royce  
& husband Raymon, Trezevant

The Golden Circle Sams held their July campout at Happy Holler with 16 members attending. Members enjoyed a seafood buffet at the C & W Restaurant during the campout.

The Chapter held their September campout at Natchez Trace State Park.

## **Golden Squares Chapter**

The Golden Squares have dropped the word “Retiree” from their chapter name. They are officially the Golden Squares Chapter, #8 of the Tennessee Good Sams.

The Golden Squares have been enjoying the summer camping season. In June they went to a new park, Trace State Park near Tupelo, Mississippi. They especially enjoyed the air-conditioned conference room that was constructed by one of the Mississippi Good Sam chapters.

In July the group camped at Blue Sky Campground in Mountain View, Arkansas. They enjoyed the country music shows and the many local restaurants. In August the Chapter went to Columbus-Belmont State Park in Kentucky. Assistant State Director for West Tennessee Doug and Jane Overton were guests at the Kentucky campout. In September the Chapter stayed closer to home and camped out at Hernando Point in Mississippi.

## **K-Town Sams**

The K-Town Sams raised \$517.00 as a result of

the Chinese Auction held during the Spring Samboree. K-Town Sams were rewarded for their hard work at the Samboree by winning the group award for the Circus Parade. A K-Town member won the grand prize at the Chinese Auction. K-Town had 26 rigs at the Samboree .

The Chapter held its June campout at the Kentucky Horse Park Campground in Lexington, Kentucky. There were 16 rigs from the K-Town Chapter and two rigs with visitors. During the campout a collection was taken up for Conway and Helen Huling who lost their rig as a result of an accident. Conway is also undergoing treatment for cancer. The amount collected was \$235.00; a check for \$235.00 was sent to the Hulings. This just goes to show you that Good Samers are good!

The Chapter July campout was held at the Bean Pot Campground in Crossville, Tennessee. There were 25 rigs attending, with 4 members renting cabins, there were also two visiting rigs. On Friday evening a large group from the Chapter enjoyed the “fish fry” at Cumberland Mountain State Park Restaurant. Fifty-two members attended the Chapter breakfast on Saturday and 64 members were present at the Saturday evening meal. State Director Terry Minger, wife Betty and daughter Ellie came up from Memphis to spend the weekend camping with the Chapter.

The August campout of the Chapter was held at Big Meadow Campground in Townsend, Tennessee. The theme for this campout was “Saturday Night on the Town, Dutch Treat.”

## **Mid-Ten Sams**

The Chapter held their June campout at Defeated Creek, Carthage, Tennessee, with 34 members and guests in 16 rigs attending. During the campout one rig suffered a broken antenna and a hole in the roof when a tree limb fell on the RV.

The Mid-Ten Sams held their July outing at Cedar Creek Campground, on Old Hickory Lake, Hendersonville, Tennessee. Members and guests in seventeen rigs attended the outing, which was interspersed with thunderstorms and, at times, strong winds—a typical Tennessee summer weekend! The Chapter received four new members during the campout.

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Their August camping excursion was to Lake Guntersville State Park, near Guntersville, Alabama. This was the Chapter's meeting to nominate officers who would lead them through the camping year of 2005. There were 38 members and guests in 13 members rigs and four visitor rigs at the campout. Forty-three persons attended the Saturday night dinner at the "Top of the River" Restaurant in Guntersville.

The Chapter went to Long Branch Campground located below Center Hill Dam on the scenic Caney Fork River near Lancaster, Tennessee, for their September encampment. This was the Chapter's annual "blowout" as well as the elections of officers for the year 2005. They held a Chinese auction, bingo games and prepared homemade ice cream.

## Music City Sams

The Music Sams met for a luncheon during the months of January, February and March at the Family Buffet on Gallatin Road, Nashville.

The first campout of the season was at Montgomery Bell State Park, Burns, Tennessee, (near Dickson) on April 15-17. There were 17 rigs present. During the campout the Chapter filled approximately 300 small brown bags with peanuts which were distributed during the Tennessee Spring Samboree. The group dined at the Catfish House on Friday and had lunch at the park lodge on Saturday.



Music City Sams placing stickers on boxes of animal crackers that were given away at the Tennessee Spring Samboree.

The Chapter was presented with a certificate for having the greatest percentage of members at the Spring Samboree. Karen Jennings took Grand Prize in the

craft show for her needlepoint work. They raised \$200.00 for the Ronald McDonald House in Nashville, Tennessee. They also made a donation to Conway and Helen Huling who lost their RV because of an accident.

The Music Sams held their June outing at Cedar Creek Campground in Mt. Juliet, Tennessee. There were 19 members and two honorary members present for the campout. They enjoyed a hotdog supper on Saturday night.

July found the Music Sams camping at the Cumberland Mountain State Park in Crossville, Tennessee. Nineteen members were present. The group dined at the park lodge on Friday and shared Saturday lunch together.

## Ole Smoky Sams

The Ole Smoky Sams held their June campout at the Smoky Bear Campground in Cosby, Tennessee. The group ventured out to the Apple Barn Restaurant for the Friday night meal. The Chapter had a potluck breakfast on Saturday morning---it was their first adventure into a potluck breakfast and all agreed that it should be a regular feature of the campouts. A potluck dinner was the feature on Saturday evening, following by a round of dominoes and board games.

Their July campout was at Cages Bend Campground on Old Hickory Lake near Hendersonville, Tennessee. There were seven rigs representing 12 members and two guest at the outing. The group held a hamburger and hotdog cookout on Saturday afternoon.

In August the Ole Smoky Sams journeyed to Fall Creek Falls Campground near Pikeville, Tennessee. There were 22 members and guests in nine rigs attending the campout at one of the best state parks in Tennessee. There was a hamburger and hotdog cookout on Saturday afternoon. Saturday evening found the members playing Mexican-Train dominoes and Hand and Foot card game.

For the September campout the Chapter will travel to Marion, North Carolina, and have their meeting during the North Carolina Fall Samboree.

## Overmountain Sams

The newest Tennessee Good Sam Chapter, the Overmountain Sams, held their first campout at the Smoky Bear Campground, Cosby, Tennessee. There was a great turnout with 20 persons attending the campout.

The Overmountain Sams plan a late October campout to elect new officers inasmuch as the current officers were selected on a pro-tem basis until the Chapter could hold an election.

Congratulations to Tennessee's newest Good Sam Chapter.

Special thanks are in order for Sherry Kenney, Assistant Director for East Tennessee Good Sam Chapters, for her initiative in insuring the inauguration of this new chapter.

## River M Sams

The River M Sams spent their June campout dodging thunderstorms and eating hamburgers at Natchez Trace. Chapter members said one of the thunderstorms will long be remembered- -because of the ferocity of the storm? Or because it came just as they were beginning to enjoy their hamburger meal?

The Chapter held their July campout at Green Acres RV Park in Mountain View, Arkansas. The group enjoyed a luau on Saturday night. Their August campout was held at Trace State Park near Pontotoc, Mississippi. On Friday night the members enjoyed catfish at a nearby restaurant and on Saturday there was a cookout with a variety of excellent dishes from which to choose.

## Scenic City Sams

The Scenic City Sams spent their June campout at Little Mountain Marina Camping Resort on Guntersville Lake, in Langston, Alabama. There were 24 members and guests attending the campout (and shopping at Little Lots?) Golf and a crafting class by Pat Hughes and Sandra Coulter occupied most of Saturday afternoon. The group had dinner on Saturday evening at "Top of the River" Restaurant.

The July campsite was at the Big Meadow Campground in Townsend, Tennessee, with members in 13 rigs attending. The highlight of this campout had to be

the bike riding around Cade's Cove in the Smoky Mountain National Park. Six members started the trek--some went the distance others almost went the distance. And everyone found good places to eat!

The August campout was held at the Roam and Roost Campground in Crossville, Tennessee. There was a Saturday morning get-together, crafting in the afternoon and a Saturday evening potluck dinner. Ronnie and Sue Robertson were welcomed as new members.

The Chapter went to Plum Nelly Campground in Ellijay, Georgia, in September.

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### **As You Grow Older You Learn That. . .**

**Raising teenagers is like nailing Jell-O to a tree**

**Wrinkles don't hurt.**

**Families are like fudge... mostly sweet with a few nuts.**

**Today's mighty oak is just yesterday's nut that held its ground.**

**If you want to fee rich, just count all the things you have that money can't buy.**

**The best way to keep kids at home is to make the home a pleasant atmosphere. . .and let the air out of their car tires.**

**The mind not only wanders, sometimes it leave completely.**

**Car sickness is the feeling you get when the monthly RV payment is due.**

*From the Scenic City Sams July 2004 Newsletter*

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