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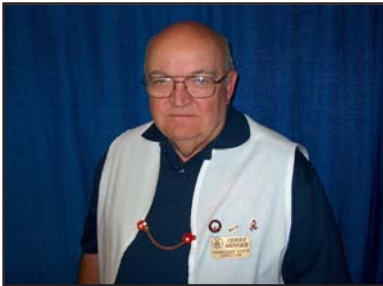
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From The State Director



This spring we celebrate thirty years of Samborees in Tennessee. Good Sams of Tennessee held its first Samboree, April 21-23, 1978 at Lebanon.

Cooper McRae, State Director, presided over the first Tennessee Samboree. At this Samboree, we began the journey toward enjoying the RV lifestyle along with loads of fun, fellowship and comradery with fellow Good Sam Club members across our state and county. We are planning on a great time celebrating our Tennessee Good Sam heritage. Copper and Lila McRae are planning on being with us on Friday. Jean Harbin will be sharing her experiences at the first Samboree and through 30 years of Samborees. Our first Chapters, Golden Circle, Ole Smoky and Cumberland Mountain are looking back through their archives for memorabilia to share for us. We are expecting a GREAT time in Lebanon!!

Our West Tennessee Assistant State Directors (ASDs) have been busy this winter. We have three new Chapters in West Tennessee. We welcome Cotton Patch Sams from the Dyer and Tifton county areas, Walking Tall Sams from the Hardin and McNairy County areas and Hub City Sams from the Jackson area. Betty and I had the privilege of camping with the Cotton Patch and Hub City Sams recently at Pin Oak Campground. They are really excited about joining our Tennessee Chapter family. We will be presenting Charters to these three Chapters on Saturday evening at the Spring Samboree.

We have three Chapters who will be honored at the Spring Samboree for Chapter anniversaries. Ole Smoky Sams and Cumberland Mountain Sams will

be honored for 30 years and Davy Crockett Sams will be honored for 20 years. They will be honored and recognized on Friday evening at the Spring Samboree.

After reading the above, I hope you are as excited as we are about the potential for Tennessee Good Sams. We have about 17-thousand Good Sam Club members in Tennessee. We have the opportunity to grow more than ever before. We are expecting that we will have new Chapters in east and middle Tennessee by next spring. The ASDs from those regions need the help of Chapters in their regions to contact potential Chapter members to start new Chapters. Additionally, we have the opportunity to add new members to our Chapter all over Tennessee. Perhaps, we should set goals for this year! What about 4-5 new Chapters in east Tennessee and 3-5 in middle Tennessee by this time next year? **WE CAN DO IT! WON'T YOU HELP US!**

For those members that have been accustomed to renewing you Emergency Road Service at the Samborees, you will no longer be able to renew through your State Director in Tennessee and 18 other states. We are one of 19 states that require the seller of ERS to be licenced to sell property and causality insurance. Therefore, you will need to renew by mail or by calling the Good Sam Customer Service 800 number shown on the back of your membership card. Your directors tried to work out a solution to this issue but we could not get this ruling changed. We are indeed sorry for any inconvenience.

Everyone needs to mark October 5 – 7, 2007 on your calendars. Those are the dates for the Tennessee "Chattanooga Choo Choo" Fall Samboree at Camp Jordan in East Ridge. Early bird parking begins October 2nd. We have 300 parking sites with 30 amp power

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and water. If you liked the dry camping area at Lawrenceburg last fall, we can park about 100 dry campers at Camp Jordan. You won't want to miss this Samboree. There are so many great places to visit in the Chattanooga area. We are already working on some great seminars and vendors along with other exciting Samboree happenings. We hope you will get a registration form at www.tngoodsam.com and join us there!

Terry Minger

From The State Secretary



Here we are in 2007. Some thirty years ago in 1978 the Tennessee Good Sam began holding what we know today as Samborees. As we celebrate this anniversary, let's us reflect back to that time and look to all the many fun things that have taken place throughout these thirty (30) years. Samborees are a time of meeting new Good Sam members and renewing our many friends that we have come to love.

The Tennessee Chapters are busy working on many things to make this Samboree special. Evidence of this is in articles in the newsletters that we receive. Keep up the good work! As most of you know, the Tennessee Good Sam have added three (3) new chapters this year. Each of these chapters are excited about belonging to the state's Good Sams. Let's give them a big Good Sam Welcome.

Spring registrations are coming in and we hope to make it special for everyone. Many of Region 6 directors will be joining us this June, as well as Dave and Patty Morgen, International Sambassadors. Many of these directors are bringing some of their own members with them. Make them welcome.

Safe Travels and we hope to see you in June! Have a great Good Sam Day!

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Assistant State Director East Tennessee



The inaugural **East Tennessee Regional Campout** was held March 16-18, 2007 at the River Plantation RV Park in Sevierville, Tennessee with 58 rigs camping.

The six East Tennessee Good Sam chapters are hosting the 2007 Tennessee Fall Samboree on October 5-7 at Camp Jordan Recreation Area USA in Chattanooga, Tennessee. The regional campout was a great way to start organizing the Samboree. There was a delicious potluck supper on Saturday evening and great fellowship throughout the weekend.

The six chapters represented were: **Ole Smoky Sams, Scenic City Sams, K-Town Sams, Cherokee Trail Sams, The Overmountain Sams, and Sam's Dixie Travelers.**

Assistant State Director Middle Tennessee



Jerry and Lila have been unable to provide a column for this issue of the newsletter. Their column

Assistant State Director West Tennessee



Doug and Jane Overton have been so busy with organizing the new chapters in West Tennessee that they let the deadline for the newsletter slip up on them. Therefore, they will not have an article for this issue of the newsletter. We have it on good authority that they will have an article for the fall issue.

All is forgiven, Doug and Jane.

From The Chaplain



Bob and Gwen have been out of town and have been unable to provide a column for this issue of the newsletter. The Chaplain's column will appear in the fall issue.

From the Editor



One of the advantages of being the editor is you have the opportunity to read so many Chapter newsletters. And one item that stands out more than all the others is the fact that Good Samers, regardless of where they are from, love to eat! In fact, I heard it suggested that, and, like any good newsletter editor, I refuse to divulge my source, the Fall Samboree should be renamed the "Chattanooga Chew Chew Samboree."

Enough of the frivolity. I do like to read the newsletters from the Chapters; I only wish that we could get a newsletter from every Chapter every month. The same goes for the state newsletters we publish prior to each Samboree. I would like to have an article from each and every Tennessee Chapter, but, alas, it is not to be. So, I would like to thank all the chapters that did take the time to provide me with an entry, and to implore those chapters that did not, to provide me with an input for the fall newsletter.

If you do publish a newsletter, please include me as an addressee in your e-mail that you submit to the director. My e-mail address is:

boohoovol@netzero.net. My mailing address is 5320 Sunset Road, Knoxville, Tennessee 37914-4304. Not only do I want to read what is happening in your chapter but goals that your chapter has accomplished in the year gone by and goals that you hope to achieve in the coming year. I am sure that all the other Tennessee chapters would like to hear where you are camping and what your chapter is doing.

Chapter News

Golden Circle Sams

by Dianne Bond, President



Ladies of the Chapter

The Golden Circle Sams kicked off the 2007 camping season with a campout at the Joy-O RV Park the weekend of April 13-15, 2007. We had a wonderful turnout with nine (9) member rigs. Members attending were Peggy and Tom Bacome, Dianne and Wilmot Bond, Pat and Jim Bullifin, Don and Alice Howerton, Joe and Sue Stokely, Doyle and Linda Ellington, Ray and Hilda Ellington, and Rhubert and Sudie Harrison. Special guests camping with us were Assistant State Directors for West Tennessee, Doug and Jane Overton. We were saddened that our charter members Frank and Verta Lee Oller were unable to attend due to Frank being in the hospital. While cleaning his rig, the ladder "collapsed" and he was injured. It has been reported that he has broken ribs and a fractured pelvis. We pray for his speedy recovery.

On Friday night, April 13th, several of the couples dined at Wilhite's Travel Center. On Saturday the 14th at the chapter meeting, information was provided to Chapter members on the Spring Samboree and a report was given by Dianne Bond on the recently held Tennessee State Committee meeting. Spring newsletters were available and members were reminded to visit the Tennessee Good Sams Form page at www.Tennesseegoodsam.com for general information, game rules, and needed forms. Saturday evening a fish fry was held. Special guests at the fish fry included Wilmot Bonds' parents, Thomas and Sara

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Bond, and chapter prospects Don and Emma Vailes. Card games and Mexican train dominos were in abundance all weekend!

At this time we have at least six (6) rigs planning to attend the Spring Samboree, we hope even more will decide to attend.

Officers for the year are:

Dianne Bond - President

Peggy Bacome - Vice-President

Verta Lee Oller - Treasurer

Sue Stokely - Secretary/Asstistant Treasurer

Linda Ellington - Asstistant Secretary

Ray Ellington - Chaplin

Wilmot Bond - Wagonmaster.

Future campouts

May 4-7, 2007 -Beech Bend River Park, Perryville, Tennessee

June 8-10, 2007 - Spring Samboree, Lebanon, Tennessee

July 13-15, 2007 - McFarland Park, Florence, Alabama

August 10-12, 2007 - Reelfoot State Park, Tiptonville, Tennessee

September 14-16, 2007 - Natchez Trace State

Ole Smoky Sams

Ole Smoky Sam's has managed to stay very busy since the Samboree in Lawrenceburg last October. In fact, we added a few days camping at Cages Bend prior to heading south for the Fall Samboree. Even though the weather was a bit on the "cool" side, we donned our jackets and enjoyed a 40 degree breakfast cookout on Saturday morning. After that experience, nobody can say we are just "fair weather campers." Eventually the day warmed up and we peeled off a few layers, gathered up a small caravan and descended upon The Hermitage to absorb a little history.

While at the Fall Samboree, some of us managed to take in a good bit of the local color. Most of us ate at the Amish Bakery, at least once, and we all picked up some of the wonderful baked goods. A few of us

even attended a produce auction.

Our last campout of the year included sharing a campground and a fantastic early Thanksgiving with Sams Dixie Travelers. The campout was held at Holiday Trav-L-Park in Chattanooga. We enjoyed it so much that we are going to do it again this year.

Our Christmas Dinner was held at the Sagebrush in Oak Ridge. The food was great but the service was terrible. Unfortunately, the restaurant was short-handed that night and our "only" waitress was clearly stressed. A positive way to think about it is to remember that we had plenty of time to visit and no one was talking with their mouth full. December is also the time for our annual Christmas visit to the Ronald McDonald House. This time we had 12 members present for the presentation of cans, tabs and gift cards.



Ole Smoky Sam members at the Ronald McDonald House in Knoxville, Tennessee

We began 2007 with a brunch at Puleo's Grill in Strawberry Plains. I am not sure if it was the earlier hour or the wonderful food at Puleo's but we had 24 members and one guest in attendance!

Our February meeting was also a brunch. This time we held it at Ryan's in Oak Ridge and we had another large turnout, 26 members.

As anyone in East Tennessee knows, our first campout was arranged by our Assistant State Director for East Tennessee, Rebecca Martin and was held at River Plantation RV Park in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee. The campout included all five East Tennessee Chapters and was a great success. Since East

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Tennessee will be hosting the Fall Samboree, this was a great way to get the assignments arranged. Even though we won't be hosting the 2008 Fall Samboree, I've heard that most of the attendees would like to have a regional campout again in 2008.

April marks our Chapter 30th anniversary. Marcia Chandler has designed our new 30 year commemorative patch that we are proudly displaying on our vests. Boots Hoover designed the Chapter 30th Anniversary shirt that you'll see us wearing when we don't have our vests on. The large banner that is displayed in front of the Chapter President's RV has also been updated. Thirty years is a long time and, just in case you haven't noticed, we are very proud of our Chapter.

Our first campout of the year was held at the Bean Pot Campground in Crossville, Tennessee. We had 30 rigs for the campout, including members, guests, and visitors. It was noted during the meeting that the Cumberland Mountain Sams would be one of three chapters to be recognized for 30-year membership in the Good Sams.

The Chapter voted to continue preparing gift boxes for the military serving in Iraq. The boxes will be prepared during the August campout.

Hornesby Hollow Campground on Watts Bar Lake was the Cumberland Mountain Sams' destination for the May campout. We had twelve members attending this campout. Two others joined us for the boat excursion on the lake.

We plan to have a good showing at the Tennessee Samboree in June. We will be journeying to Dale Hollow Lake for our June campout and to Defeated Creek in July.

Cumberland Mountain Sams

by Connie Winterton

We held our first meeting of 2007 at Ryans Family Steakhouse in Crossville where we had 16 members and two guests attending. We missed all of those who were traveling to warmer climates for the winter.

We voted to make Cal and Margie Therrien honorary members of the Chapter. They will be missed at our campouts and meetings.

In February we met at the Golden Corral Restaurant in Cookville. This time we had 20 persons attending, including the two guests who attended the January meeting and are now members. We also welcomed our new honorary members, Cal and Margie Therrien. A small group from the Cumberland Mountain Sams will be going to the Kentucky Spring Samboree for Don Lane's farewell Kentucky Samboree as the State Director.

We had another good turnout for our March meeting at the Golden Corral Restaurant in Cookville, where we were joined by Bonnie Broadway, a former member of the Cumberland Mountain Sams.

River M Sams

Since The Fall Tennessee Samboree the River M Sams finished their 2006 campouts By camping in Marion, Arkansas at the America's Best campground. The Chapter prepared a traditional Thanksgiving Dinner with turkey and ham to celebrate Thanksgiving.

Then in December the River M Sams had their Christmas party at Wall Doxey State Park in Mississippi. For the months of January and February we winterized our rigs and went into hibernation. We held our January business meeting at the China Pan Restaurant in Memphis. In February Roger and Eunice Ridgeway invited us to their home for our meeting complete with a Chili dinner and fellowship of visiting and playing cards and dominoes.

The River M Sams opened their 2007 camping season at Wall Doxey State Park in Mississippi. The Chapter had a fish fry at this event.

Our April camp out was very special to our Chapter. We honored Bud Steffey, One of our beloved

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members who passed away two years ago in May. We camped at George P. Cossar State Park in Mississippi and barbecued pork shoulders. Both, the campground and the barbecue were a couple of Bud's favorites.

On May 11th-13th we camped Shelby Forest State Campground.

Golden Squares Sams

by Nola Mason

The Golden Squares met at restaurants in January and February.

In March, they met at the home of Aubrey and Sue Lipford in Myrtle, Mississippi, where they enjoyed a fish fry.

The Chapter started the camping season by attending the Mississippi Spring Samboree in Greenville. They held their Chapter business meeting while at the Samboree.

The group continued on to the Arkansas Spring Samboree in Texarkana where Nola Mason was recognized for attending 190 Samborees.

West Tennessee Traveling Sams

The West Tennessee Traveling Sams Chapter, Jackson, Tennessee, held their camp out at Natchez Trace, November 3-5, 2006. The meeting was held at the Pin Oak Lodge where the nominations were presented for the new slate of officers for 2007. The officers were as follows:

- President- Dallas Hallman
- Vice President- Bert Meece
- Secretary- Martha Hallman
- Wagonmaster- Joe Belew

- Treasurer- Gale Sorensen
- Chaplain-S Sid Blackwell
- Sunshine- Dixie Blurton and Elizabeth Baker
- Scrapbook- Sidney Meece and Genrose Rodgers

The December 9th meeting was held at Chapel Hill Baptist Church near Lexington, this was our Christmas Party. Bradley and Gale Sorensen were host-hostess for a New Year's Eve party held in their home in Jackson. January 20, the meeting was held at Lakeview Restaurant at Reelfoot Lake.

The Chapter has two new members, Harold and Becky Park. The Chapter is saddened by the loss of one of our own, Tommy Bowman. Sympathy is extended to his wife, Rosie. He will be greatly missed.

The February 17th meeting was held at the Chinese Restaurant in Lexington. The Chapter got into full swing at their camp out at Natchez State Park March 16-18. The Chapter March Meeting was held at the Chinese restaurant in Lexington.

Chapter President Dallas Hallman and Vice President Bert Meece attended the Tennessee Chapter Presidents' meeting in Lebanon on March 31. The Chapter had a great time at their April 20-22 campout at Piney Campground at Land Between the Lakes. A very special guest was Kayla Sorensen, the adorable granddaughter of Bradley and Gale Sorensen. Kayla did a great job helping with the auction. A beautiful hand made clock, made by member Buddy Rodgers, was the main item auctioned.

The Chapter is still saving drink tabs for the Ronald McDonald House to be turned in at the Spring Samboree. The Chapter has seven couples planning to attend the Samboree. The Chapter celebrated it's 24 year anniversary on April 24, 2007. The Mayor of Jackson presented the Chapter with a proclamation declaring April 24th as "Traveling Sams Day." In addition, a proclamation was presented to the Chapter for Clean Up Day.

The Chapter is having a great year and looking forward to lot more activities and camping time together.

Becky Park, Publicity

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MemphiSams

by Shirley A. Erwin

The MemphiSams Chapter officers are:

- President - Marjorie Ward
- Vice President - Wiley Reaves
- Treasurer - Marge Reaves
- Secretary - Shirley Erwin
- Wagonmasters - Doyle and Emily Chandler
- Sunshine Chairperson - Lee Dalton
- Chaplain - Dick Dalton

November 2007 campout at Trace proved to be one of our more interesting campouts mainly because of an incident that occurred during our Chapter meeting. We were about ten minutes into our meeting, when Emily Chandler shouted, "Look there's a wild horse!" All eyes immediately focused on the front windows. Sure enough, a spotted horse, with no saddle, was trotting down the street. We decided to recess the meeting to watch the action unfold. Donald Erwin is an excellent horseman, and once outside, could tell that the horse was not wild. He supposed correctly that the horse was a runaway.

People were gathering to watch the spectacle, which made the horse nervous. It went down toward the lake, which was as far away as it could get from all the gawking people. Donald took a tow-strap from his truck and, holding it close to his side, slowly followed the horse. The horse watched him approach, and half heartedly objected as Donald reached for him and led him back to the street.



Donald Erwin after corralling runaway horse

Donald said later that when he got closer to the horse, he saw that it was wearing a halter, which confirmed his thoughts, and, made it easier for him to catch.

Next, we had to decide how to find the owner, and what to do with the horse while we were looking. We didn't want to further frighten the horse, and we wanted to put him in a highly visible location. Wiley Reaves, Doyle Chandler and Donald found a clearing beside the street and strung a picket line between two trees. They attached the tow-strap to the picket line, allowing the horse to move freely up and down the line.



Wiley Reaves watches as Doyle Chandler and Donald Erwin attach the horse to the picket line.

Someone in the crowd knew there was a Wrangler Camp in the area and volunteered to drive there and inquire if anyone was missing horse. In the meantime, we went back inside to continue our meeting. A short time later, we noticed a ranger's truck, with a passenger moving slowly along the street. We assumed they were looking for the horse, so once again we recessed our meeting, and went out to tell them where the horse was. When the excitement was finally over, we returned to our meeting.

Epilogue. *We learned the horse belonged to Wayne Perkins, of Oxford, Mississippi, who had come to the Wrangler Camp for a trail ride. Naturally, he was extremely please to find his horse, and very appreciative of all who helped in bringing horse and owner back together. Donald always the cowboy, had to get up on the horse before it left with his owner astride.*

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Davy Crockett Sams

by Lorene Chandler, Secretary and Publicity



Davy Crockett Sams was chartered on May 10, 1987. We will celebrate our 20th Anniversary this year.

Davy Crockett Sams were well in attendance at the October 2006 Samboree in Lawrenceburg, Tennessee. Those attending the Samboree were: Wallace Arnold, Paul and Lorene Chandler, Ted and Bonnell Gobble, Harvell and Carolyn Hester, Ron and Marie Owens, James and Cnythia Martin, Norman and Faye Marston, Ron and Carolyn White, Waynes and Jennifer Stafford and Hollis and Nancy Williams. Ken and Margaret Miller and Jack and Pam Belew came in on Saturday. Visiting us were Wilbur and Omie White, Pete and Betty Henry, Linda Rochell, Bob and Martha Belew, Lee Hamby, daughter of the Gobbles, Regan Thompson, niece of the Marstons, and Diane, Peggy and Sarahevelyn Corlew, daughter and granddaughter of the Chandlers.

The theme for the Tennessee 2006 Fall Samboree was Davy Crockett Days. The Chapter worked very hard making 157 “goodie bags.” Lorene Chandler led this project. Linda Rochell decorated the stage. Ted and Bonnell Gobble obtained the “Food Gift Certificates.” Several other Chapter members worked collecting door prizes.

The Chapter’s November campout was at Point Mallard. The men cooked breakfast on Saturday morning during the campout. The December meeting, which was a “Covered Dish Christmas,” was held at Mars Hill Community Center on December 9, 2006. The 2007 Chapter officers were installed at this meeting. They are:

President - Norman Marston

Vice President/Photographer - John Yurgel
Secretary/Publicity - Lorene Chandler
Treasurer - Marie Owens
Wagonmaster - Ron Owens
Historian - Omie White

Davy Crockett Sams donated \$551.50 to the Ingram Sowell School for their Friday Food Back Pack Program, as well as donating \$200 for Christmas gifts for need students. The Chapter also gave \$200 to Countryside Nursing Home for Patients who need help and a large bag of pull-tabs for the Nashville Ronald McDonald House in 2006. We have already collected \$247 in 2007 for the Ingram Sowell School Back Pack Program.

We met at the “Taste of Town Restaurant” in Lawrenceburg on January 13 and February 10, 2007, for a “buffet breakfast” and our meetings.

The Chapter’s March campout was held at Trace State Park in Mississippi.

Our April campout was held at Pickwick TVA campground in Counce, Tennessee.

John Yurgel and the men maintained a campfire all week. We worked on beautiful sun catchers to sell for our “Charity Fund Raiser.” We also plan on having a yard sale at the Samboree in June.

Our newest members are Roy and Carolyn White, Wayne and Jennifer Stafford, Clifford and Gladys Sharp and Jack and Pam Belew.



Davy Crockett Officers for 2007: (above) Norman Marston, President, John Yurgel, Vice President/Photographer, Lorene Chandler, Secretary/Publicity, Marie Owens, Treasurer, Ron Owens, Wagonmaster, Omie White, Historian, Harvell Hester.

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Davy Crockett Sams at November 2006 Meeting. (above)

Pictured L-R: Cynthia and James Martin, Pam and Jack Belew, Jennifer and Wayne Stafford, Betty and Bob Land, Marie and Ron Owens, John and Peggy Yurgel, Gladys and Clifford Sharp, Lorene and Paul Chandler, Margie and Dave Walton, Carolyn and Harvell Hester, Margaret and Ken Miller, Wallace Arnold and Billy Williams. (Photo by John Yurgel)

K-Town Sams

Well...those of you that did not get to go to the April campout; you missed a beautiful location, wonderful weather, and a great time! Thanks Bill and Vi for making these great arrangements. This was truly an exceptional weekend and campground!

The Regional campout in March was such a success that Rebecca has agreed to try and get another one together for next year. It was fun meeting other East Tennessee chapters, and camping with them is the best way.

We also decided no more charging 25 cents for not wearing your name badge at campouts. So, no fear, if you forget your name badge you will not be charged. But, please, we are asking everyone to try and wear it. This will help our newer members get to know us, and we to know them. Someone even said that if we forget who we are, we can look at our name tags and be reminded!

It is time for the nominations for the Tennessee State director for the term of 2008 - 2009. At our April meeting it was decided to turn in a nomination for Terry Minger.

This was brought to my attention, and rightfully so. Whether the campground where we are staying has a club house with four walls, or an open air pavilion, this is a public gathering area. This is where we gather to eat, visit, and play games. Please, no pets in these public gathering areas. We have the whole campground to enjoy our pets and our friend's pets. The "public gathering area" is for people. Let's respect our friends enough to keep our pets out of this area.

For our May campout, we moved from the lake to the peaceful green valleys of Greene County. We visited Baileyton RV Park in Baileyton, Tennessee, on May 18-20.

Since this is going to be Don Lane's last Kentucky Samboree as Kentucky State Director, Rebecca thought it would be nice to get a group of K-Towners together and go up to the Kentucky Spring Samboree. The dates are June 1-3, 2007 and it will be held at the Meade County Fair Grounds in Brandenburg, Kentucky.

If anyone is interested in attending this Samboree, you might want to contact Rebecca Martin, ASD for East Tennessee.

We want to share with you an e-mail that was received from Archie and Chris Bennett. This was one of our guests who joined us at the April campout. He wrote to tell me what a wonderful time he and Chris had while attending our campout. He went on to say how impressed they were with the friendliness and helpfulness of the K-Town members. He asked me to "please pass along our heartfelt appreciation to everyone. . . they know who they are. We will not forget their kindness." I don't know about you but that sure makes me feel good and real proud of K-Town!

CHEROKEE TRAILS

by Shirley Gasaway

Can it really be time for another Samboree? It seems like we just had the Fall Samboree. Where does the time go?

Speaking of the Fall Samboree, I want to first say

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what a great job the parkers did, they had to pack them in like firewood but as I understand it, they were not given all the spaces that they were promised. So our hats go off to the parkers.

Some of our people attended a Samboree for the first time at the Fall Samboree, where we had six rigs in attendance. Lawrenceburg is a very beautiful place to hold a Samboree, but let's hope they improve the accommodations to handle a group as large as the one we had at the 2006 Fall Samboree.

November we all met at Phil and Amanda Spencer's campground for our annual Thanksgiving campout. We had a great turnout. At this meeting we picked our officers for the following year.

- President:** David Gasaway
- Vice President:** Tim Harris
- Secretary:** Shirley Gasaway
- Treasurer:** Sharon Ramsey
- Wagon Master:** Larry Ramsey

We also decided on our campgrounds that we would be attending the next year.

- March:** River Plantation
- April:** Goose Pond
- May:** Holiday Trav-L-Park
- June:** Spring Samboree
- July:** Roam & Roost
- August:** Volunteer Park
- September:** River Country
- October:** Fall Samboree
- November:** Bean Pot

Looks like we are going to have a good schedule for the year.

December was our Christmas Party. This year instead of going to a restaurant we held our party at the home of Jim and Pat Tucker. We felt like it would be more relaxing and enjoyable. As always we had a lot of fun when it came time for the gift exchange.

January we had our "Soup Supper" and man-oh-man, you could not have bought any better soup or chili anywhere. We held our supper and meeting back at the Spencer's place. They have a great little log

cabin that is perfect for it. We had between 25 and 30 people at our soup supper.

Let's not forget our Sweetheart Dinner, the men of the group took their ladies to the Buffet King. We had 22 attending. The men were on their best behavior, so that was good.

March was the Regional Campout and man was it COLD! and of course it rained, but what a turn out. Altogether there was 58 rigs, plus others that came in on Saturday for the planning meeting and dinner. The planning meeting turned out real well and I think we got a lot of the plans started in the right direction for the 2007 Fall Samboree.

April campout at Goose Pond did not turn out to be the best one ever. When we got there it turned out to be the weekend for a fishing tournament. We were lucky to even get a site for the ones that showed up. We were so upset that we were going to go some where else for the weekend, but as it turned out only three families was able to camp, so we just stayed put. The ones that did showed up, Jim and Pat Tucker, Don Fredericks, and David and Shirley Gasaway had a great time anyway.

Our May campout was held at Holiday Trav-L-Park in East Ridge and we hope to have a great turn out for this campout. We also plan on doing our part for the Good Sam Clean Up Day at this campout.

Several of our members are traveling this year and several have been in the hospital, others have been injured in one way or another. As many of you know, we also had to battle a fire at our home, and our sweet Daisy Inman was able to survive a car accident that took her down a 7-foot embankment. What a year this has been so far.

By the time you are reading this newsletter, we will all be at the Spring Samboree and I know that it will have been a great success and that everyone will be having a great time.

Until the next State Newsletter, be careful and may God Bless each and every one of you.

Happy camping.
Shirley Gasaway

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Sam's Dixie Travelers

We enjoyed our December Christmas Party at Steve's Landing. We had a good turnout and everyone enjoyed themselves. The only problem was some of us felt rushed to get out so they could have their tables and then it was all over. Perhaps next year we can have it at our house.

Our April campout was great fun for the 'hardy souls' who ventured out. Yes – it rained most of the weekend but Raccoon Mountain has a new - almost completed - heated and air conditioned meeting room so we were quite cozy. Lots of card games, food, and conversation.

Rene' and Carol were both under the weather but Rene' ventured out to chair the meeting on Saturday morning. It was good to see John and Nancy Duncan after their winter travels even if it was for just a short stay – and do you know they came over having driven all the way from Huntsville, Alabama - and Huntsville was just a stop on the road to call and see how we were all doing! Hope to see more of you at Roam & Roost.

Our May 11-12 campout was held at the Roam and Roost Campground in Crossville, Tennessee.

There is one thing I can say to all you new chapters out there. If you have half the fun we have had in getting your chapters up and running you are guaranteed to have success. We have had a blast starting this chapter and really enjoy each other's company. We have become a family. I believe the main reason this chapter is so successful, though, is because God is at the center of it all.

The Tennessee Sunshine Travelers have been busy since the last Samboree in October. We have grown by three rigs. We welcomed Joe and Sue Wilkinson of White House, Tennessee; Larry and Mary Ann Richards of Fairview, Tennessee; and Bob and Pat Bedwell of Clarksville, Tennessee, into the chapter. Our chapter is now 15 rigs strong.

November 17 and 18, 2006 was our last campout for 2006 and we met at the Clarksville RV Park in Clarksville, Tennessee. Rich and Jill Adkins prepared a spaghetti dinner for everyone. It ended up being quite cold, but we did not let the chill of the air prevent us from having a wonderful time together and thinking about when we will be able to get our trusty steeds out of storage for the next camping season.

At our December meeting, held on December 16th, at the Kings Court Country Inn, located in Burns, Tennessee, we were honored to have country western star Porter Wagoner join us for our Christmas celebration. Porter is a personal friend of Vice President Vic Sands. If any of you read the May issue of the Highways Magazine the Tennessee Sunshine Travelers made it into the Chapter section with a story about Porter visiting us. We made Porter an honorary member of the Tennessee Sunshine Travelers.

At the December meeting Janice Smith, chapter president, spoke to us about an organization called "Hands Up. It is a charitable organization begun by Coopertown Police Chief David Barrera to help needy children and families in Robertson County. At our meeting we raised a little over \$500.00, which at the time was the largest sum contributed to this organization. Hands Up uses 100% of the contributions for the needy.

January 20, 2007, we gathered together at the Riverview Restaurant in Ashland City, Tennessee for a luncheon/meeting. February 17, 2007, we met for a catered lunch at Mike and Janice Smith's business

Tennessee Sunshine Travelers

OFFICERS

- President:** Janice Smith
- Vice President:** Vic Sands
- Secretary:** Joan Shoup
- Treasurer:** Janie Powers
- Wagon Master:** Bill Stewart
- Chaplain:** Mike Smith

The Tennessee Sunshine Travelers began as a chapter last June, and for a while we were the newest chapter in Middle Tennessee. We cannot claim fame to that distinction any longer, though; and that is a good thing. We have been around long enough to be represented at a Tennessee Samboree and have begun our second year of camping.

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in Pleasant View, Tennessee. At our March 2007 campout, which was held at the Clarksville RV Park, State Director Terry Minger and his wife, and State Secretary, Betty, were our guests for the weekend.

At the March campout we started the Tennessee Sunshine Travelers Bean Band. Some of us used plastic bottles with rocks in them for instruments. Others played combs. Still others played violins and dulcimers. You should hear us. Quite delightful! Sure is good for laughs.



Janie Powers plays violin with dulcimers.



Tennessee Sunshine Travelers Bean Band

The April 2007 campout was held April 20 and 21 at Lock A Corps of Engineers Campground located in Cheap Hill, Tennessee. Our May campout was held May 18 and 19 at Cages Bend Corps of Engineers Campground located near Gallatin, Tennessee.

**Our future campout for the remainder of the year are:
June 8, 9, 10 - Tennessee Spring Samboree, Lebanon,**

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July 20, 21 - Birdsong Resort and Marina, Camden, Tennessee

August 17, 18 - Holiday Travel Park, Chattanooga, Tennessee

September 14, 15 - Canal COE, Canal, Kentucky

October 5, 6, 7 - Tennessee Fall Samboree, Camp Jordon

November 16, 17 - Clarksville RV Park, Clarksville, Tennessee

December 15 - Christmas Party - King's Court, Burns,

Tennessee

Cotton Patch Sams



Charter Members of Cotton Patch Sams

Left to right: (Front) Lisa Gillihan, Brenda Whittington. Row 1: James Palmer, Chris Palmer, Deb Palmer, Darqueta Rines (not shown Ray Rines), Jane Overton(ASD West Tenn.), Christie Woodward, Catie Woodward, Row 2: Doug Overton (ASD West Tenn.), Bill Woodward, Tab Gillihan and David Whittington.

This photograph was taken at our first campout on March 4, 2007. It was the first time we camped as a group. We camped at the Joy-O Campground near Jackson, Tennessee. We held our first meeting of the Cotton Patch Sams and made many decisions concerning our new Good Sam Chapter.

We enjoyed the benefits of all the good cooks we have in this Chapter at a potluck dinner on Saturday evening. We visited with each other as a way to become better acquainted.

Our April 2007 campout was held at Natchez Trace State Park, with thirteen of our sixteen members in attendance. With the State Director Terry Minger and State Secretary Betty Minger in attendance, Jane Overton, Assistant State Director for West

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Tennessee presided over this meeting, her last meeting as temporary president.



Attendees at Cotton Patch Sams April meeting: Left to right: Row:1 Effie Self, Darqueta Rines, Jane Overton, Lisa Gillihan, Brenda Whittington, Row:2 Christie Woodward, Chuck Self, Ray Rines, Tab Gillihan & David Whittington. Row:3 Bill Woodward Doug Overton Front : Catie Woodward and her new puppy.

New Officers were elected as follows:

Brenda Whittington - President
James Palmer - Vice President
Darqueta Rines - Secretary
Lisa Gillihan - Treasurer
Charles Self - Wagon Master

We talked about the up coming May campout, Piney Campground at Land Between The Lakes, and the June Samboree in Lebanon. Our patches came in and those of us who were able to be at the meeting received theirs. Most got theirs sewn on over the weekend.

The Cotton Patch would like to say a **BIG THANK YOU!!** to Assistant Director Jane Overton for her assistance in organizing the Cotton Patch Sams . We couldn't have done it with out you . We all prayed for a quick recovery from your spider bite.

Hub City Sams

This was our first camp together since beginning a new Good Sams Chapter.

President Casey Gowler opened our meeting. He introduced our new members, Don and Donna Warfield. He then turned the meeting over to Jane Overton, Assistant State Director. Jane introduced us all to the State Director and his wife, Terry and Betty Minger. Both the Overtons and Mingers camped with us for the weekend.

Jane passed out copies of our By-Laws which were verbally approved pending changes made at the meeting.

Three proposed representations of our new Hub City Sams patch were presented for review. A motion was made and seconded that our patches have the copy of the blue patch design and the back ground in yellow design. Casey will check on pricing and availability. Many thanks to Jane for coming up with the proposals.

The Spring Samboree in Lebanon was discussed at length with a show of hands of whom planned to attend. Jane encouraged as much participation as possible and assured a good time would be had by all.

The Chapter decided upon buying dog food for the Humane Society as our community service project. Stan will contact the shelter to determine how best to proceed.

Casey then led a discussion about our conflicts with everyone's schedules in May. It was decided that, instead of camping, we would have a dinner meeting on May 23, 2007 at 6:00 at the Old Country Store. We also firmed up dates August 17th-19th at Loretta Lynn's campground and September 14th -16th at Pin Oak campground.

It was agreed that Al and Lynn Eubanks will be our Host and Hostess at the camp out on July 20th-22nd at Pickwick.

The meeting was then adjourned.

We want to thank the Overtons and Mingers for all their hard work and friendship. We are thinking of Jane and hope she is feeling better.

Respectfully Submitted,
Linda Grisham
Secretary

Barth, A Classic RV

John Hoover

During the Ole Smoky Sams May campout at Dale Hollow Campground near Celina, Tennessee, members of the Chapter noticed this Classic RV, a 1973 Barth motorhome owned by James Mann of Maryville, Tennessee. James has owned the Barth for over 20 years, having bought it from the original owner for \$13,000.

James says he has traveled all over the United States and Canada with his wife Maxine and other members of his family. The coach now has in excess of 100,000 miles on it and is on the second motor, a 350 Chevrolet engine. James says he gets about 10-11 miles per gallon.

At the present time he is looking for a replacement for the right side of his windshield. It seems that a “hog-hauling” semi threw a rock and it broke the windshield.

James said their first trip in the Barth was from Tennessee to California. It was a very fast trip of 5,500 miles and they accomplished it in seven days. He says he hasn't beat that record yet!

Barth motorhomes were first produced in 1963 and continued with the production of RVs until about 1995 when they closed its doors. Keith Leatherman of Leatherman Construction, Incorporated, purchased the Barth name and tooling in 1995 from Spartan Motors, Inc., with hopes of reviving the Barth name. Leatherman is said to have spent about \$500,000 in this venture only to cease operations in the early part of 2001.

The original Barth Company, which was founded in 1963, made factory-direct, custom-built motorhomes.



In Memoriam

THE BROKEN CHAIN

We little knew that morning that God was going to call your name,
In life we loved you dearly, in death we do the same.
It broke our hearts to lose you, you did not go alone,
For part of us went with you, the day God called you home.
You left us peaceful memories, your love is still our guide,
And though we cannot see you, you are always at our side.
Our family chain is broken, and nothing seems that same,
But as God calls us one by one, the chain will link again.

Author Unknown

Member	Chapter	Date
Carolyn Stewart	Davy Crocket Sams	April 23, 2007
Chuck Kennedy	Ole Smoky Sams	April 5, 2007
Tommy Bowman	West TN Traveling Sams	February 13, 2007
Barbara Kelly	Music City Sams	January 7, 2007
Herbert Larkins	Music City Sams	November 24, 2006
Mae Ozment	Golden Circle Sams	May 24, 2006
Everett Gleaves	Music City Sams	May 3, 2006
Edith Cox	Scenic City Sams	April 28, 2006
Bob Blankenship	Music City Sams	April 13, 2006
Doris Ketner	K-Town Sams	September 20, 2005
Susan Ries	W. TN Traveling Sams	September 19, 2005
Conway Huling	Cherokee Trail Sams	June 29, 2005
Bud Steffey	River M Sams	May 24, 2005