



Salty Sam News

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Utah State Director's Message

Salty Sam's Utah State Good Sam's – January, 2019

Rosalie and I thank each of you for your support and encouragement as we embark on another wonderful, exciting year of Camping and RV fun, food, and fellowship. We are grateful for the opportunity to serve you and recognize the challenges that are before us.

As you know several of the Good Sam Chapters are shrinking in membership. Fondly we recall our first Rally in Nephi and there were over 400 rigs in attendance and at our first Fall Tag in Delta there were rigs parked all over the parking lot with some rigs parked near the arena area. Now we see a fewer number of rigs attending and fewer people participating in the Rally and the Fall Tag.

It is obvious that some tough decisions have to be made. These decisions have to do with shall we continue to have a Rally and a Fall Tag as we have had in the past. And, if we do have a Rally and a Fall Tag what activities can we support? With a smaller number of rigs attending this results in lower revenue which may then cause an elimination of some things or at least reducing them because of the cost and the number of people to make it worthwhile.

At the December 1, State Committee meeting a request was made for the Chapter Presidents to assist us with two things. First, we gave each Chapter President a copy of a list of the activities which have been conducted at the Rally and the Fall Tag, requesting them to give a copy to each chapter member so that they could rate the importance of each activity and send this document back to the State Director by March 15, 2019. These documents will greatly assist in the decision making process of the Rally and Fall Tag activities. Second, we asked the Chapter Presidents who do not have anyone representing their Chapter on the State Staff to recommend a person to serve for a period of at least one year on the State Staff. This person would



participate as a member of the State Staff by attending the four State Staff meetings, give input, assist in decision making and be a direct reporting process back to their chapter as we move forward during the year. These two items will be of great assistance as we make decisions for the Rally and the Fall Tag thus making a better experience for the Chapter members. This effort requires a team approach for us to be completely successful.

I'm reminded of a youthful experience in the community of Lindon where I grew up. In the late summer a community celebration would be held. Of great interest was the horse pulling contest. Many of the farmers had a prize horse which they thought could pull a heavy load. A type of sled was built and loaded with bags of sand. Each horse would pull the sled a specified distance. More bags of sand would be added until the best pulling horse was determined.

My grandfather had some super pulling horses used on his farm. A neighbor had a similar pride in his horses. One year someone suggested that my grandfather and his neighbor put their two horses together as a team and see how much they could pull. It was exciting as the time for the pull of these two horses arrived. A surprising thing happened! That day the community learned that when two horses were hitched together as a team they were able to pull more than three times what one horse could pull alone.

If we will join together as a team of RV'ers then we can have a great and an exciting Rally and a Fall Tag. We invite each of the Chapter members to join the "RV team" and let's see what we can do.

We look forward to welcoming you to the Rally as we celebrate "God Bless America" our theme for this year.

-Harold and Rosalie

Beehive Roamers

No Submission for this edition. We hope to hear from you next time!

Deer Sams

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Happy Hobos

The Happy Hobos Chapter is always creating a way to have fun together. There is no better way than to visit with one another than over a great meal. With the winter

months here, it is eating out and having our business meetings.

November—We went to Golden Correl. We talked about a camping trip to Wyoming.

December—Was our Christmas dinner and program. We had a delicious catered meal. We enjoyed music by Steve Meredith and Cecil Peterson.

January—We went to Chubby's for our luncheon. We are always looking for new ways to serve others in our community and help those in need. Some of our club members went south for the winter... yep you're right, Quartzite!

Submitted by Eileen Gonzales

Over The Hill Sams

November—During the darker, colder season the Cook's Night outings afforded the Over-the-Hill group a chance to continue our friendship as we shared good company and good food.

December—On December 3rd our Christmas party at Jeremiah's Restaurant began the season. Our new president, Lori Foote hosted an entertaining gift exchange. Pam Brimhall brought special chocolate treats for all.



The holiday season continued as the OTH's sponsored Sub-for-Santa to 3 families at The Lantern House, one of Ogden's homeless shelters.

On December 31st Larry Foote our friendly, sweet, kind-hearted jokester unexpectedly passed. His infectious personality and the good humor he spread will be sorely missed.

January—With the New Year, our chapter welcomed Allie and Glen Mattson as new members. We're excited to get out in our rigs and get to know the Mattson's. Javier's Authentic Mexican Food was the site of a cook's night out on January 2nd. The food was just as good, but the selection and amount almost limitless at our second excursion on January 16th to Chuck-A-Rama Buffet.

As January melds into February our blood is beginning to flow a little faster as we have dreams in our long winter's naps of our first outing in April to St. George.

Submitted by: John Sandberg





Peach City

November—We enjoyed a Thanksgiving Dinner under the direction of our hosts, Brad & Sandra Farnsworth. The turkey was prepared by the Farnsworth's and the rest of us brought assigned potluck. Twenty-two out of our 26 members attended.

President, Bob Anderson handed out a survey for us to check which activities we liked and which ones we didn't care for at the Utah RV Rally. A suggestion was made to have a Photo Booth.

The hosts for all meetings and campouts for 2019 were planned. Each couple drew a piece of paper and the month they drew is their responsibility to plan. This approach works well for our chapter.

New officers for 2019-2021 were announced and will be installed at the December meeting.

President: Arlene Hales
 Vice-President: Neil Poulsen
 Secretary: Ramona Davis
 Treasurer: Bob Anderson
 Wagonmaster: Brad Farnsworth
 Historian: Jeanne Hunsaker



December—Our Christmas party was held at the Tremonton Senior Center. Twenty-four of our 26 members attended. This Christmas dinner was catered by Steve Hales. We enjoyed Prime Rib roast, Dutch Oven potatoes, rolls, green salad and Dutch Oven apple cobbler with ice cream.



Bob Anderson administered the oath of office to Arlene Hales, Peach City Good Sams President for 2019-2021

Paul Hales administered the oath of office to Peach City Good Sams officers for 2019-2021

Bob & Cathi Anderson made a video of our activities during 2018. We enjoyed watching how much fun we had and all the places we explored.

We enjoyed a fun game to exchange (\$5 to \$10) gifts by reading a saying and following what it said. Thanks to Arlene Hales for making this event really fun.

January—First meeting of 2019 conducted by our new president, Arlene Hales held at the Tremonton Senior Center. Nineteen members attended.

Thank you to Bob and Cathi Anderson for being the hosts. We enjoyed a wonderful dinner consisting of Soups, rolls, Salads and deserts. The Tables were covered with winter blue table cloths and beautiful tree twigs flocked white like snow as decorations in the center.

Our chapter is hosting a Good Sam's campout, May 6-8, at the new campground (Aspen Grove) in Tremonton, UT. **All chapters are invited to camp with us.** If you have members that would like to come for a day and check it out, they can do that with no charge. We are looking forward to this activity and getting together with our Good Sam friends.

Each camper will be responsible for making his own reservations ASAP. When making reservations, indicate that you are with the Good Sam Group and let Arlene Hales know how many from your chapter will be attending.

Submitted By—Shirley Summers

Red Cliff Chiefs

No Submission for this edition. We hope to hear from you next time!

Squaw Peak Sams

November—The November dinner meeting was held at Chubby's in Pleasant Grove. Hosts were Rat and Joyce Snow substituting for a discontinued member. Tables were decorated in an autumn theme with white pumpkins.

New members from Sandy were welcomed: Denny and Coleen Stutzneggar. The 2017 scrapbook was presented to Jeanine Greenhalgh, past-president, by Linda Saxey and Fawn Christensen. Members decided that in the future the scrapbook would be replaced with a CD of the year's activities for each member. It was announced that the Rally there for 2019 will be "God Bless America." Our group accepted the decorating assignment for the Rally. Campouts for the summer were discussed and it was decided that the annual long campout would be held in Idaho. Chapters had been asked to provide a member to be on the state Staff. John and Linda Saxey accepted the assignment.

December— The meeting was held at Ruby River in Provo, hosted by Ray and Joyce Snow. Both the food and the service were excellent.

Annually the members donate to worthy recipients and this year donations were made to the Make-A-Wish Foundation, to the Ronald MacDonald House, and to Don and Jeanine Greenhalgh's great-grandson who recently had heart surgery.





Officers for 2019 were inducted: Allen Perry, president; Scott Spencer, Vice-President; Helen Ashton, Secretary; Debbie Christensen, Treasurer; Boy Bowman, Wagon Master; and Don Greenhalgh, Assistant Wagon Master.

January—Meeting was held at Jim's Family Restaurant in American Fork, hosted by Wally Eklund and Lorraine Poulson, assisted by Wally's daughter, Linda Gordon. The meeting was held in celebration of the new year and decorated with snowflakes.

Fawn Christensen gave a thought on "friendship." Helen Perry who recently had knee surgery, thanked the members for their visits and greeting cards.

Anniversaries

Scott and SharLee Spencer, 50 years in December

Allen and Helen Perry, 52 years in December

Neil and Donna Price, 57 years in January

Submitted by: Helen Ashton

Sundowner Sams

November—The most noteworthy thing we did in November was we put an entry in the Festival of Trees. This proved to be a challenge on one hand and a good felling on the other. The rules you have to play by are rather strict. But the final outcome is a great feeling of accomplishment! The trees all have a theme and ours was "The Mountains are calling and I must go". The theme was built around Joan Lee, due to her recent passing, as a tribute to her and her love for the mountains. This was a chapter project, headed by Jana Johansen, and delivered to a successful bidder at the show.

We have a few members that are under the weather and we wish them well.

December—We had our Christmas party at the Higgins home and had a good feed, passed gifts around back and forth, exchanged Christmas cards and had a good time. On a sad note, we lost another member due to cancer, Charlotte Beebe, her happy attitude and sunny smile, will surely be missed.

January— The new year is here with an abundance of snow! For our meeting we learned a few facts about Mongolia and we went to HuHot Mongolian Grill for an excellent dinner. We learned that 2018 is the year of the DOG and 2019 is the Year of the PIG. Found this to be very interesting of the culture.

On the 26th the chapter went to the Hardware Ranch and saw the herd of ELK that winter there. Next month DELTA and the Snow Geese!

50 years plus Anniversaries

Gary and Laura Johnson 57 years in November
 Don and Charlotte Beebe 53 years in November
 Tom and Ethel Jeffs 53 years in December

Submitted by Marvin Lee

Tooele Travelers

November—The 11th edition of the 2018 Tooele Travelers was held on Nov. 14, Sun Lok Yuen, 20 member attended.

December—The 12th annual Christmas edition was held at the Eagles, 24 members attended.

January—The 1st edition of 2019 was held at La Fountain, 24 members were present.

Submitted By—David Herrera

Utah Trail Dusters

October - What a beautiful month to go to Delta for the Fall Tag. The weather was beautiful even with the cold nights. Unfortunately, fewer of our friends were there. We had wonderful food, particularly the catered dinner. We even had cheese cake for dessert. Al and Linda Andrew and their board did a super job for the event. We enjoyed puzzles, games, an auto safety class, trips to a honey farm and to the Japanese relocation museum. All seemed to enjoy their time together, although, several of our members had to leave early because of important personal matters. Our Trail Duster's last potluck dinner was sparsely attended because several rigs had to leave.

November—Dinner was hosted by Warren and Sue Thornock and Al and Jean Ewell at the Orem Sizzler. We had a nice separate room to meet in and it was well attended. We thoroughly enjoy being there. The group decided to keep the same officers for another year.

December—This meeting has been traditionally at Al and Linda Andrew's beautiful home in Highland. Many attended. A couple of people were missing because of illness. Good food, good conversation, and the traditional money game and gift exchange were enjoyed by all attending. We were glad so many could come during such a busy family season.

January—The Utah Trail Dusters dinner was sponsored by ReMay and Val Rasmussen and Jack and Patricia Buckley at American Fork's Wallaby's. It was



well attended and everyone had a good time.

The minutes were read and approved. They asked Warren Thornock about his wife who was ill at home and asked him to remind her about her Salty Sam assignment. It was a rainy, wet evening.

Submitted by: Sue Thornock

Ute Salt Shakers

Dear Reader, I must apologize to the Ute Salt Shakers. They did submit a their adventures for the November Edition of the Newsletter and I completely missed it! I have included all their adventures in this edition. Happy Reading—Jana

July—We had a fun campout at Mountain Valley RV Resort in Heber, UT, where it was a little cooler than the Salt Lake valley. We had a pot luck dinner on Monday and a breakfast on Tuesday morning, followed by our chapter meeting. On Wednesday, we went to Memorial Hill where there is a beautiful view of the valley, the Artisan Cheese Factory and The Barn which had a lot of antiques and decorative items. That evening we had dinner at Canton City in Heber.

August—Our August campout took us to Rock Springs, WY. We enjoyed going to a museum in town and on the way back saw wild horses which had been rounded up recently. One evening we went to dinner at the Santa Fe Restaurant. Another day we took our lunches and went to Expedition Island where there is a beautiful shady park and a river walk. It was nice to just relax and visit in the park and some took a walk on the river walk.

September—In September we went to Green River, UT, for Melon Days. We did a potluck on Wednesday evening and a continental breakfast on Thursday morning. Thursday afternoon we went to the John Wesley Powell History Museum and that evening we went to dinner at the Tamarisk Restaurant. The rest of the weekend was basically on your own. There were a lot of things going on in the park on Friday and Saturday and of course melon stands all over town. Unfortunately, one of our members fell Saturday morning in the park and injured his shoulder.

Pam Wims, Ute Salt Shakers

Editor's Note: I did not receive Adventures for November, December, and January. We hope to hear from you next time!



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the Salty Sam News!**

**Please have adventures submitted for
February, March, and April
to me no later than
April 30, 2019**

FUTURE EVENTS!

**State Committee (Chapter Presidents), April 11-13, 2019
10:00 AM, Springville KOA**

**State Rally, June 5-8, 2019, Nephi Fairgrounds
Theme: "God Bless America"**

State Fall Tag, September 12-14, 2019, Delta Fairgrounds

State Committee, December 7, 2019 (place to be determined)