

CHEROKEE TRAIL SAM # 23
TRAIL NOTES
HOLIDAY TRAV-L-PARK
CHATTANOOGA, TN.
MARCH 12-13 2010

Sorry about the new look, but I am having trouble with my computer and it will not let me get into my regular set up. Hope to have it cleared up soon.

Is it time for winter to be over yet? With the way we have had snow this year, I am hoping that our first campout will not be a repeat of our very first campout as a chapter 15 years ago. Can you believe it? It was at Holiday Travel Park where we had our very first campout and the weekend started out beautiful but by Saturday morning, it was down to 11 degrees. We called it our "Freezearee". Water pumps froze up, water pipes froze and busted, but we did not let that stop us, several of us huddled together in our Wagon masters rig for breakfast and after it warmed up a little, got to work on repairing what we could on our rigs. You just don't stop real campers Right?

For those of you that were unable to attend the Sweetheart Lunch, we missed you. We had 25 to attend which was great since in the area South of Chattanooga where we live we had 2 ½ " of snow, Doug and Sandra had a little more then we did. She said that they had started out to come and had to turn back. I know that we had some trouble getting started our selves.

Among the 25 present, we had our new State Director and his wife, Ron and Loretta Masterson, and also our new ASD Lee & Linda McClure. They each shared with us some of the changes that they would like to bring to the Samborees. Our ASD said that he would like to work closely with our chapter as the same with the other chapters in East TN. and to give us any support that he and Linda can give.

Our room at the Red Barn was really to small, but we worked it out, six of our members eat at a table just outside of the room.

It was great to see Leamon and Alice Brown at the Lunch. She seems to be getting along good from her surgery. Let me go ahead and list the others that were at the meal. I have already told about our guest and the Brown's, but we also had Gary & Daisy Inman, Butch & Brenda Latham, Roland Quirk & Kathy Smith, Larry & Sharon Ramsey, Chuck, Leah Randall and her Mom, Geri, Marv & Linda Thomasson, David & Shirley Gasaway, CG & Francis Smith, and our newest members Ron & Connie Cranford. I will give you their info and the end of my letter.

As always the food was great, but the fellowship with our friends was even better. While waiting on our food to get there, David went ahead and held the meeting.

Before the business part of the meeting, he had Ron and Lee to say a few words. Ron had told how he had meet Cherokee Trail 9 or 10 years a go when we had a booth set up

at the RV show signing up people for the Good Sam International and also to get new members for our chapter.

The main part of our meeting was talking about our camping schedule. We had to change some of our outings, but this is normal when the Wagon Master goes to set up the dates with the campgrounds for the chapter and this year was no different. Please make note of the changes and I will also send out a new schedule.

For April and September, we will just switch these two around. We will go to Chester Frost in April and Spring Lake in September. As for June & July we had to change these two: June we will go to Black Bear Cove and July we voted to go to Spring City Boat & RV. In Spring City they are working on a new campground and they said that they should be ready to open it by June, so let's keep our fingers crossed that they do. Will keep an eye on it.

Our other piece of business was the Spring Samboree. Remember to get your \$5.00 club discount, you will need to get your form and check made out to Cherokee Trail to me by the first week in March. I have to have them turned into the State by March 15th. Also remember, getting them in on time we can also have the assurance that we can park together. Let's plan on having a good turn out.

Speaking of the Samboree, this year the theme is "Salute to the Military". If you served in the Military, they would like for you to bring a picture of your self in your uniform to put on a big board. Please put your name and address on the back so that you can be sure to get it back. Also they are asking, if you want to, to wear your uniform in the Saturday parade. Can you still get into yours? HA!HA! Wear it proudly,

Also get those \$2.00 bills in to get the Fund raiser hat ready. We forgot to talk about something to go into the goody bags. Let me know if you have an idea to go along with the theme.

Another thing that we talked about was attending an out of state samboree as a group. Marv gave us the list of the out of state Samborees. It was suggested that KY. And AL. would be two good ones to attend.

Before the close of the meeting, it was voted to accept Ron & Connie Cranford as our newest family members. Welcome aboard. I said that I would list their info. But I happen to think I have already included them on our newest roaster.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY:	No March Anniversary:
Phil Spencer 3/5	
Chuck Randal 3/27	
Tom Murphey 3/27	

SICK FOLKS:

Helen Copas: I had a report that Helen has been having back problems. Helen hope that you get to feeling better.

David Gasaway: David had to have an artier gram on Feb.18 to see if he would have to have surgery. Thanks for your prayers; he will not have to under go surgery at this time.

Remember get those Samboree forms in and also make your reservations for the March campout.

This is your newsletter reporter signing off for another month. Again please forgive the Newsletter outline this month. Hopefully to be back to the other by next month.

Shirley Gasaway

WAGON MASTER REPORT:

Hi all, glad to have seen such a good group for our Sweetheart Lunch, there were either 25 or 27 sweethearts there. I did call and make reservations for up to 20 couples, there was a small misunderstanding and they had us squeezed into a small room but we overcame the small problem, and it was fine.

We were glad to have meet Ron Masterson and his wife and the asst. and his wife. (we ran over to their motor home to see its problems afterwards).

We gained a new couple into our family, Ron and Connie Cranford, “welcome” to you.

Now it’s time to get your campers out and dust em off... check them for plumbing problems, (ok you can wait a couple weeks for that unless you are living in it) While you are waiting on warmer weather, pick up your phones and get your reservations in for MARCH 12-14 (Earlier or later up to you)

HOLIDAY TRAV-L-PARK

706-892-9766

Mack Smith Rd., East Ridge TN.

Please make reservations now, they are giving us last years rates at a discount.

30 AMP \$29.75 per night

50 AMP \$31.45 per night

DIRECTIONS: From the North, 75 South to Exit #1 East Ridge, go right, turn Left at first light, Mack Smith Road. (Long John Silvers/A&W) go about 1 mile on right (Signs) From South 75 North, East Ridge Exit #1 Go over pass follow above notes.

OK the pool won’t be open, so maybe a campfire by some ones rig would be nice....and there is always the club room

Hope to see everyone there for the first campout of the year.

June is Black Bear Cove in Benton TN Area. They are requesting us to have our reservations in to them no later then April 15th, so we can camp next to each other, you do have to put a deposit on it. Rates for 10 or more rigs is 30 AMP. \$28.80 50Amp \$32.40. AMENTITIES: Pavilion W/couple grills n/c. Pool, pool table, WIFI, laundry,

showers, cable, Electric, Sewer, camp store, Restaurant on site, mention camping there and receive 10% off meal. Again get reservations in by April 15th.!!!!!!!

1-866-438-4399

If you do not make a reservation, you may not get to camp near us.

Remember if you have any RV repairs, Roland will be there to get you fixed back up good as new.

Life's a Trip, go Rving.

Kathy & Roland
Wagonmasters 2010