

GOLDEN CIRCLE SAMS NEWSLETTER
DECEMBER 2009

Our last campout of the year was at Joy-O Campground in Jackson, Tennessee, Nov. 13-15. There were 10 rigs in attendance with 4 couples who drove in to spend the day. We enjoyed the beautiful weather, playing ladder golf and bean bags outside with a campfire at night.

We had fun and fellowship with a potluck dinner before our monthly meeting. During our meeting our new officers for 2010 were announced. Ideas were solicited for possible charitable projects we could do and skits we might perform as a chapter for the Spring Samboree. Any and all suggestions by the membership were invited and will be considered. We will be sharing our progress in our chapter meetings for the coming months.

Our chapter President, Dianne Bond, also announced that our Tennessee Good Sam chapters donated a total of \$2,685.00 for the Cancer Society for the Hope Lodge in Memphis, Tennessee. She is a tireless worker and supporter of the American Cancer Society, and it was through her efforts that this project originated. This was above and beyond the amount that was pledged. We would like to express our sincere thanks and appreciation for the generous donations by all chapters throughout the state.

We had 10 Golden Circle rigs at the Tennessee Lebanon Fall Samboree in October. The Golden Circle chapter performed two skits for the Thursday night entertainment that were fun and well received. Many thanks to all who participated. Our chapter has experienced phenomenal growth this past year after having dropped to only three or four members the year before. We have not only bounced back, but have put the name of Golden Circle out front again through our collective efforts and active participation in the Samborees this year.

After our Fall Samboree 4 rigs from Golden Circle Sams went in caravan to Mississippi Samboree, then 2 rigs went on from Mississippi to the Louisiana Samboree. Way to go, members!

Paul and Judi Newbert have agreed to serve as Assistant State Director for West Tennessee with our new State Director Ron Masterson. In addition, Paul and Judi attended 11 Samborees, two in Tennessee and 9 out of state. Nice, Huh? Doug and Jane Overton have agreed to serve as Wagon Master, and Bill and Molly Stewart have agreed to serve as Assistant Chaplain. This makes a total of three positions on our State Committee being held by members of the Golden Circle Chapter. Congratulations, folks. We couldn't be more proud!

Jim and Arlene Ernstes have donated a custom built coffee table designed for a motorhome. It will be raffled at our spring Samboree in May at Lebanon with proceeds going to charity. Jim, who is a talented craftsman, is also re-modeling our chapter sign, which displays the name of each of our members under the chapter logo shaped like the state of Tennessee. Our U. S, state, and Good Sam flags stand proudly at the top of the sign. The new design will be lighter and easier to transport.

New chapter officers for 2010 are: President - Dianne Bond
 Vice President - Don Howerton
 Secretary - Sue Stokely
 Chaplain - Bill Stewart
 Arlene Ernstes - Treasurer
 Betty Jones – Publicity

Looking ahead to next year we have created a chapter patch to celebrate the Golden Circle Sams 35th Anniversary next Spring. Two patches were given early to our founders, Frank & Verta Lee Oller. We are very glad we honored them early, as we lost Mr. Frank Oller earlier this year. Words can not express the great sense of loss we feel. I know each of us that knew Mr. Frank will remember the many great memories of our campouts and visits together.

Golden Circle Sams

Camping Schedule

March 12-14, 2010
 April 9-11, 2010
 **Optional April 22-25, 2010 (early bird 20-21)
 May 14-16, 2010 (early bird May 11-13)
 June 11-13, 2010
 July 9-11, 2010
 August 13-15, 2010
 September 10-12, 2010
 October 1-2, 2010 (early bird Sept. 28-30)
 November 12-14, 2010

Location

State meeting, Lebanon, TN or Joy-O RV Park
 Tom Sawyers, W. Memphis, AR
 Mississippi State Samboree
 Tennessee State Samboree, Lebanon, TN
 Pickwick COE campground
 Reelfoot State Park
 McFarland Park, Florence, AL
 Natchez Trace State Park
 TN Fall Samboree, Camp Jordon-Chattanooga, TN
 Joy-O RV Park

Dining Schedule

January 23, 2010
 February 27, 2010
 March 27, 2010
 April 24, 2010
 May 29, 2010
 June 26, 2010
 July 24, 2010
 August 28, 2010
 September 25, 2010
 October 23, 2010

Location

<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>
Perkins	11:30 a.m.
Old Town Spaghetti Store	11:30 a.m.
Catfish Galley	11:30 a.m.
Sparky's Pizzeria-off Exit 85	11:30 a.m.
Old Country Store	11:30 a.m.
Old Hickory Steakhouse	11:30 a.m.
China Pan-off Stonebridge/Vann Dr	11:30 a.m.
Snappy Tomato Pizza-South	11:30 a.m.
Catfish Galley	11:30 a.m.
O'Charley's	11:30 a.m.

*All dining at 11:30 a.m

Hope to see you all in the spring.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Jones, Publicity Chair