

NOTES FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

May 2010 – Maryland Good Sam - www.mdgoodsam.org



Hello
Everyone,

We're sitting here under the awning enjoy camping with the State Staff at Bay Shore Campground in Rock Hall, MD, thinking about the recent President's campout and all the fun the staff and everyone enjoyed. We are working on the final preparations for our upcoming Spring Samboree.

A great big Thank You to all the chapters who brought their Goody Bag, Door Prize and Chinese Auction donations.

We only have a little less than two weeks before we head to WV for the beginning of the Triboree. The following weekend, we will be in VA for the second part of the Triboree. We hope to see some of you and your members at both Samborees and the final one in Frederick for our Fortieth Anniversary. What an exciting weekend this will be for the MD Good Sam Club!

We have a lot going on during this Samboree; and if you do not have enough to keep you busy, then you need to become a member of the State staff and help us put on a wonderful Samboree.

Frank and Marie Watkins are having a craft for the Youth but are extending this to some Bid Kids also. There are a limited number of kits that they will have to sell, and you will receive an attachment to the Secretary's Minutes for more information. This will be a Hoot, and we hope a lot of our "Big Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts" will be participating. I cannot wait to see the different variations and the "Ready, Get Set, Roll"!

I also cannot wait to see what the Chapters come up with for the Rig and Theme tables decorating contests. This will be even more fun than "Celebrate the Holidays"! I can envision a tractor pull, an outhouse run, and lots of tricks from a lot of the Chapters. There may even be an artificial anniversary cake and party!

We have invited a special guest to the Samboree. Sambassador, Ed James will meet with first timers and also present a seminar on the "Hole in the Wall" camp.

He will also be available to answer questions regarding the Good Sam Club.

Don't forget to bring your poodle skirts, hulas, saddle oxfords, etc. for our 50-70's Las Vegas Revue. There will be lots of audience participation.

Per past Samboree feedback, we will be expanding the time to play our games (bean bag/corn hole). Also, there will be a little more time between certain events so everyone can have a short break.

The State Staff and I hope everyone is enjoying a great Spring filled with a lot of nice camping and enjoying life.

We look forward to seeing you soon. Get ready to join in the celebration!

Linda Hankins

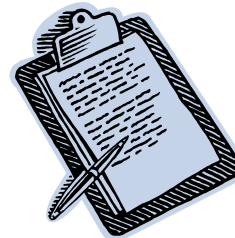
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State Committee Meeting

The next State Committee Meeting will be held at the Spring Samboree on Sunday, May 30, 2010 @ 4:30pm. Chapter Presidents or another elected official from each Chapter (w/authorization letter) need to attend. Remember there are four meetings a year, and each Chapter MUST be represented at THREE of the four meetings. If you've missed more than one meeting, you should contact your State Director.



The fourth meeting of 2010 will be held in October at the Maryland Fall Samboree (Frederick). Time and date TBA.

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Maryland Spring Samboree
May 28-31, 2010

(Early Bird - Thu., May 27)

“Celebrating 40
Years of Maryland
Good Sam Club”



Come join us in celebrating MD Good Sam Club's Fortieth Anniversary! Take a trip down memory lane and recapture those years gone by. Pull out those photos and past theme ideas for costumes/parade ideas.

As usual, there will be games & contests, a costumed theme parade, arts & crafts, an ice cream social, a pancake breakfast, Chinese auction and much more. There are also vendors, seminars and tours (i.e. Offray Ribbon Factory – limited to 12 and a fee of \$12.00 person).

Enjoy free entertainment on Thu, Sat and Sun evenings (i.e. Venue of the 50-70's) and planned activities for the children and teens (i.e. Pinewood Vehicle Race).

The Samboree registration forms can be accessed and printed via our website: www.mdgoodsam.org or contact Linda Hankins mdgoodsam@hotmail.com.

Good Sam Clean Up Day
(May 22-23, 2010)

Maryland Good Sam chapters will again participate in this national program. Clean-up bags will be provided at the Spring Samboree. Check your program schedule for the time and meeting location.



Maryland Fall Samboree –
October 29-31, 2010

(Early Bird - Thu., October 28)

“Gold Rush Era”



Our fall theme will feature a celebration of the famous Gold Rush Era. So, put on your thinking caps and plan to celebrate this historical event! More information forthcoming.

Good Sam Club Updates

www.goodsamclub.com

Good Sam Members Discount –
rvSearch.com

April 2010 On-Line Newsletter



This is a new benefit to Good Sam Club members. Those getting ready to sell their RVs can list it on line

for a discounted rate of \$99 (vs. \$149).
www.rvSearch.com

Camping with Children:

An A to Z Guide (by Paula Loehr)

March 2010 On-Line Newsletter



This is a must read! “Family camping presents its own challenges... Here's an alphabetical guide to the fundamentals of a comfortable camp-out with kids... compiled during 30+ years of multi-generational RVing.”

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Public Earth

March 2010 On-Line Newsletter



Visit a new website that provides RV park and campground information powered by the 2010 Trailer Life Directory.

www.publicearth.com

SamAlert Recalls

www.safercar.gov



2002-2009 – D Series MCI Motor Coaches

Luminator horizon LED side destination signs – connector board can corrode resulting in a short, possibly causing smoke and fire. Owners may contact Luminator @ 1-972-516-3033.

2007-2009 Roadtrek Class B Motorhomes built on Chrysler Sprinter van chassis. Brake line comes in close proximity to battery and can rub, damaging the coating on the brake line and exposing bare steel/battery acid drip. Can result in brake failure/possible crash.

2010 Fleetwood Motorhomes – Jamboree Sport/Tioga Ranger 25G Class C manufactured Apr 20-Dec 7, 2009.

The LPG supply line may come in contact w/spring assembly causing damage and possibly resulting in propane gas leak/fire.

Country Coach Magna Motorhomes equipped w/slide-out generators – Certain ball screw actuator brake holding components are defective. May not allow actuator to hold in load position w/power off, resulting in potential vehicle crash and/or pedestrian injury. May contact Country Coach 1-800-452-8015.

Good Sam Champions

www.GoodSamClub.com/Champions

Your friends can join the Club for \$19 for one year of Good Sam Club membership and receive three bonus months free. This is a total of 15 months of privileges.

MD State Staff Recognition:

In March 2010, State Director, Linda Hankins presented two individuals with appreciation awards for their past service as part of MD Good Sam State Staff.



Bill Roberts
(Past Treas./Electrician)



Kim Durham
(Past Registrar)



Election Year – MD Good Sam State Director

For your information, this is an election year for the position of Maryland State Director. Chapters will be provided with all the pertinent information and the deadlines, which Headquarters will be forwarding to our State Treasurer, Marie Shockney.

***DON'T SWEAT THE PETTY THINGS
AND
DON'T PET THE SWEATY THINGS!***

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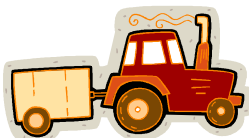
The 2010 Rally Update

As previously shared, the 11th annual Rally will be held at the Kentucky Exposition Center in Louisville, KY on July 22-25, 2010. Early bird dates are 20 & 21. This is the home of Bluegrass music, barbecue and the best horseracing in the world. Special entertainment includes Tanya Tucker and Bob Newhart. For information, visit www.therally.com or call 877-749-7122.

RV Centennial

May 2010 - Highways

The Good Sam Club is celebrating the RV industry's centennial (100 years of RVing). Rvers can earn 100 gallons of gas or diesel fuel by sharing their best memory (including photos). For more info, visit blog.rv.net/centennial-celebration.



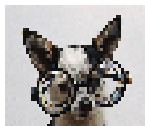
Carrier AirV Ceiling Unit – Safety Recall

April 2010 - Highways

Model #s 68RV00 - 10BA, 12CA, 10EA
Ceiling units w/heater assemblies
manufactured between May 2007 – July 2009. Possible defect resulting in fire.
Contact Carrier @ 1-877-584-7059.

Pet Sitter Service Finder

March 2010 - Highways



Some campgrounds and resorts do not welcome pets. Pet Owners wanting to find the best pet care (when unable to bring them along) can visit Pet Sitters International @ www.petsit.com/locate. It includes 8,000 independent professional pet-sitting businesses.

JUST FOR LAUGHS

Children's Science Exam Answers



Q: Name the four seasons.

A: Salt, pepper, mustard and vinegar.

Q: Explain one of the processes by which water can be made safe to drink.

A: Filtration makes water safe to drink because it removes large pollutants like grit, sand, dead sheep and canoeists.

Q: How is dew formed?

A: The sun shines down on the leaves and makes them perspire.

Q: How can you delay milk turning sour?

A: Keep it in the cow.

Q: What are steroids?

A: Things for keeping carpets still on the stairs.

Q: What happens to your body as you age?

A: When you get old, so do your bowels and you get intercontinental.

Q: What happens to a boy when he reaches puberty?

A: He says goodbye to his boyhood and looks forward to his adultery.

Q: What is the fibula?

A: A small lie.

Q: What does 'varicose' mean?

A: Nearby.

Q: What does the word 'benign' mean?

A: Benign is what you will be after eight.

Q: Give the meaning of the term 'Caesarian Section.'

A: The Caesarian Section is a district in Rome.

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From our Kitchen to Yours
“Strawberry and Feta Salad”



1 package (5 oz) mixed baby greens
¾ cup sliced fresh strawberries
½ cup crumbled feta cheese
3 Tbsp. sliced almonds, toasted
¼ cup balsamic vinaigrette dressing

Toss all ingredients except dressing in large bowl. Add dressing just before serving; mix lightly.

Makes four servings.

*WHAT DO YOU GET
WHEN YOU MIX PMS W/GPS?*

*A CRAZY WOMAN
WHO WILL FIND YOU!*

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