

Notes from the Director's Desk

December 2010 - Maryland Good Sam - www.mdgoodsam.org



Season's Greetings from our home to your home,

This year has been an even busier year for us than 2009. It is hard to believe we soon will be celebrating the New Year.

Again this year, we have been fortunate to travel as much as we have, considering all that has been going on. The April - President's & State Staff campout was a lot of fun and all of you did a fantastic job with the door prizes, goody bag and Chinese Auction items. There were several congrats on the number of door prizes that were given away. I hope this will continue and DJ Charlie will perform for everyone again. Next was the Tri-Boree and a lot of traveling the highways, but it was fun and always nice to visit the other states' Samborees. See friends and meet new ones too. A big thank you to all the chapters for your support and to those who volunteered to help us put on a great Samboree.

We were off to Louisville and found a lot of familiar MD faces. Everyone was so busy, we all just waved as we were passing. A few new RV purchases and lots of RV toys we just had to have. It was so nice to see so many Marylanders attending the Rally. Before heading back home we took time to explore Cave City, KY and Cooper's Rock, WV. We enjoyed Cooper's Rock area so much we took another day to enjoy the surrounding area and relax.

September, we were traveling the highways again to enjoy the Delaware Samboree and then to North Carolina. We saw some familiar Maryland faces at both Samborees. It is so good to see MD Good Sam members supporting our Reg. 6 States, and this is a great way to get more out-of-state members to visit our MD Samborees.

October was here, and we were gearing up for the Fall Samboree. I was very pleased with the amount of donations for the door prizes, cake walk, paddle auction and the Brown Bag items.

Thanks to you, we received more compliments on the amount of items we had given away. Great job Presidents, staff and members!! With your support and volunteering, we enjoyed another successful Samboree. Your support has been so important to the staff who work very hard to pull off the Samborees. The staff is a wonderful team of hard-working volunteers, and I have been very fortunate to have had them as staff. They are special to us, and we have enjoyed working with them. They are the "Greatest"!!!!

Since we have not camped in November for quite a while, we decided to camp with some DE and MD Good Sam members in Lancaster at Old Mill Stream. We hit the Green Dragon on Friday and enjoyed a nice Thanksgiving Dinner on Saturday; there was plenty and something for everyone. It was nice to relax, enjoy a chilly and fun-filled fall weekend with friends.

It is time for George and I to say, "See Ya somewhere along the highways and Happy Camping!" As of Dec. 31st, the State Staff and I will retire. No more emails or phone calls from me! All of us are looking forward to seeing you at the future Samborees without all the work, just relaxing and enjoying!!!

On Jan.1, 2011, Frank Watkins will take over the Directorship of MD Good Sam. Please join us in offering him our support and very best wishes. We know he is trying to pull his staff together, and he has some good ideas.

Please be patient and supportive. It takes the first two years to get everything worked out; and from there, the director works on building or improving the Samborees and then really starts to enjoy having fun. I have heard this from many directors and I can tell you it is so true. The mdgoodsam@hotmail.com will go to Frank on January 1, 2011; and the MD Good Sam Facebook account will be inactive as of January 1, 2011.

All of us on the State Staff hope you and your chapters have enjoyed a great camping season

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this year. May you be blessed with many more in 2011.

Happy Holidays & Best Wishes for a Prosperous & Healthy New Year to All,

*From your Director
And all of the MD Good Sam Staff*

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DIRECTIONS TO COMMUNITY HALL, JESSUP:

From the South:

Travel over Bay Bridge (US 50W)
Follow I-97N to Exit 7 (Rt. 32W)
Take Exit 6 (Rt. 175W).
Follow to Wigley Ave.

From the North:

Take US-50 W.
Merge onto I-97 N via EXIT 21 toward BALTO.
Merge onto MD-32 W via EXIT 7 toward MD-3 S/COLUMBIA/BOWIE.
Take the BALT/WASH PARKWAY NORTH exit toward BALTIMORE.
Merge onto MD-295 N.
Take B&W Parkway N to MD Rt 175
Turn SLIGHT RIGHT onto MD-175/
ANNAPOLIS RD/JESSUP RD.
Continue to follow MD175/JESSUP RD.
End at Jessup Rd & Wigley Ave.

From the North East:

Take I-95 S toward BALTIMORE.
Merge onto HARBOR TUNNEL TRWY/I-895 S via EXIT 62 on the LEFT toward ANNAPOLIS/
BAY BRIDGE (Portions toll).
Merge onto MD-295 S via EXIT 4 toward BWI AIRPORT.
Take the MD-175 W exit toward COLUMBIA/
JESSUP.
Stay STRAIGHT to go onto MD-175/
JESSUP RD.
End at Jessup Rd & Wigley Ave.

From the North West:

Take I-795 S.
Merge onto I-695 S/BALTIMORE BELTWAY
OUTER LOOP via EXIT 1B toward GLEN BURNIE.

Merge onto MD-295 S via EXIT 7A toward
WASHINGTON

Take the MD-175 W exit toward COLUMBIA/
JESSUP

Stay STRAIGHT; go onto MD-175/JESSUP RD
End at Jessup Rd & Wigley Ave.

From the West:

Take I-68 E/US-40 E toward MORGANTOWN.

Take the I-70 E/US-40 E/US-522 S exit-
EXIT 82AB- toward HAGARSTOWN/
HANCOCK/WINCHESTER.

Merge onto I-70 E via EXIT 82B on the LEFT toward
HAGERSTOWN.

Merge onto US-29 S/COLUMBIA PIKE via EXIT
87A toward COLUMBIA/ WASHINGTON.

Merge onto MD-175 E toward JESSUP.

End at Jessup Rd & Wigley Ave.

State Committee Meeting

On Sunday, February 6, 2011, our State Committee Meeting will be held 1:00-4:00 pm at the Community Hall in Jessup. Don't forget to bring a snack and a cold drink (coffee & hot tea will be served). The Chapter President or another elected official from each Chapter (with a letter of authorization) needs to be present. 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, please contact your State Director.



The four meetings held throughout the year:
February – Presidents Mtg (Jessup/Laurel)
April – Presidents Campout (Walkersville)
May – MD Spring Samboree (Frederick)
Oct – MD Fall Samboree (Frederick)

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The 2011 Rally Update

The 12th annual Rally will once again be held at in Redmond, OR on July 14-17, 2011. Early bird dates are 12 & 13. It is located on the eastern side of Oregon's majestic Cascade Range.

The Rally offers special rates for those who sign up. Pricing options and/or more information visit their web site at www.therally.com or call 877-749-7122.

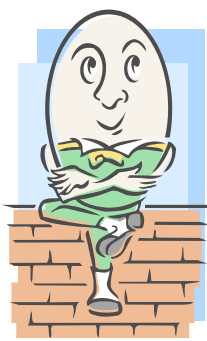
S. Maryland Wanderers (1/25/76) – 35 yrs
Blue Crab Fun Bunch (1/19/06) – 5 years
County Crusaders (5/27/06) – 5 years

Sixteen Steps to Build a Campfire:

(Courtesy of Steve Jones/Rookies)



1. Split dead limb into fragments and shave one fragment into slivers.
2. Bandage left thumb.
3. Chop other fragments into smaller fragments.
4. Bandage left foot.
5. Make structure of slivers (included those embedded in hand).
6. Light match.
7. Light match.
8. Repeat "a Scout is cheerful" and light match.
9. Apply match to slivers, add wood fragments, and blow gently into base of fire.
10. Apply burn ointment to nose.
11. When fire is burning, collect more wood.
12. Upon discovering that fire has gone out while out searching for more wood, soak wood from can labeled "kerosene."
13. Treat face and arms for second-degree burns.
14. Re-label can to read "gasoline."
15. When fire is burning well, add all remaining firewood.
16. When thunder storm has passed, repeat steps 1-15.



MD Spring Samboree

May 27-30, 2011

(Early Bird - Thu., May 26)

"Nursery Rhymes"

Please join us in celebrating our May Samboree. We can't wait to see what inventive ideas you come up with!

Review your childhood nursery rhymes for creative costumes/parade ideas.

As usual, there will be games & contests, a costumed theme parade, arts & crafts, an ice cream social, a breakfast, and much more. There are also vendors, seminars and tours.

Enjoy free entertainment on Thu, Sat and Sun evenings and planned activities for the children and teens.

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

2011 Chapter Anniversaries

Congratulations to the following Chapters, who will celebrate anniversaries in 2011:

Friendly MD Travelers (9/29/71) – 40 years
Pleasure Seekers (11/1/76) – 35 years
The Rookies (11/21/76) – 35 years

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Upcoming Dates 2011:

State Committee Meeting - Feb. 6

(Jessup, MD)

Presidents Campout - Apr. 8-10

(Walkersville, MD)

MD Spring Samboree - May 27-30

(Frederick Fairgrounds, MD)



recall 5090I-C, are now available at authorized Workhorse service centers or dealerships.

Excel 2010-2011 Owners –

Peterson industries is recalling certain model year 2010 & 2011 Excel Winslow, Limited, and Wild Cargo motor homes equipped with Suburban gas cook stoves with sealed burners. The units involved use aluminum tube to carry liquid propane gas from oven control valve to gas orifice, which supplies gas to burner. This can cause tube to break resulting in gas leak when oven burner attempts to light.

Good Sam's Facebook



Good Sam's Facebook fan page hit a milestone this summer. The Facebook page welcomed its 10,000th fan and more members are joining every day.

By becoming a fan, Good Sam members get updates and information about club activities, new benefits and RV-related news.

Some Good Sam chapters and state and provincial organizations use Facebook as a way to get the word out about their activities and share photos.

Simply log on to www.facebook.com or www.facebook.com/thegoodsamclub.

(Highways 10/2010)

Fleetwood 2010 Owners –

Fleetwood RV is recalling certain model year 2010 Bounder, Bounder Classic, Fiesta, Southwind and Terra class A motor homes manufactured from March 11, 2010 thru March 30, 2010. These motor homes were built on workhorse custom chassis w/General Motors' gasoline engines & equipped with Remy alternator. A low resistance electrical short in alternator's voltage regulator may occur, resulting in possible vehicle fire.

Good Sam's Smile & Save Partners Program

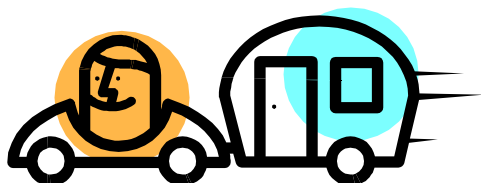
Good Sam's newest additions:

1800Flowers.com

Roadside Medical

RecSportWorld.com

UPS Store



SamAlert Recall Program

www.safecar.gov

Workhorse Announced Brake Recall Remedy – Workhorse Custom Chassis recently announced that the redesigned service brake caliper assemblies, which represent the final remedy for



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Just For Laughs

Have you ever wondered?

Why don't sheep shrink when it rains?

Can vegetarians eat animal crackers?

Is it true that cannibals don't eat clowns because they taste funny?

Would a fly without wings be called a 'walk'?

Why did kamikaze pilots wear helmets?

How do they get the deer to cross at that yellow deer-crossing road sign?

If the police arrest a mime, do they tell him he has the right to remain silent?

If man evolved from monkeys and apes, why do we still have monkeys and apes?

Isn't it a bit unnerving that doctors call what they do 'practice'?

Where do forest rangers go to 'get away from it all'?

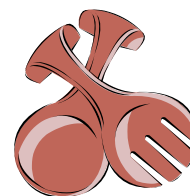
What do you do when you see an endangered animal eating an endangered plant?



From our Kitchen to Yours Turkey Salad with Cranberries & Pecans

(American Institute for Cancer Research)

"This colorful salad delivers crunch, flavor and a healthy serving of good nutrition."



Ingredients:

- 2 cups (8oz) diced cooked turkey breast
- 1 small Granny Smith apple (peeled/diced)
- 3 Tbsp dried cranberries (chopped)
- 1 can (11 oz) mandarin oranges (drained/cut into small sections)
- 2 Tbsp chopped pecans
- ¼ cup fat free plain yogurt
- 1 Tbsp. reduced fat mayo dressing
- 1 ½ tsp brown mustard
- ½ tsp salt
- Ground black pepper
- 8 Boston lettuce leaves

1. In mixing bowl, combine turkey, apple, cranberries and pecans. Add orange sections and set aside.
2. In small bowl, whisk together yogurt, mayo and mustard. Season to taste w/salt & pepper.
3. Drizzle dressing over turkey mixture while using a fork to gently mix in.
4. Arrange two lettuce leaves on each of four salad plates. Mound one quarter of salad on top of lettuce and serve immediately.

Accompany w/whole-grain crackers.

(Serves 4)

Calories	203	Carbs	20 g	Total
Fat	6 g	Protein	19 g	
Sat. Fat	1 g	Fiber	3 g	
Sodium	391 mg			

Chapters - Please share newsletter inclusions with Debbie Trice via email: camprice@comcast.net