

# Notes from the Director's Desk

August 2009 - Maryland Good Sam - [www.mdgoodsam.org](http://www.mdgoodsam.org)

## Hello Everyone,



George and I have been traveling a lot with Good Sam friends and trying to attend as many out-of-state Samborees as possible. As soon as we returned from the Alaska cruise, we loaded the motor home and drove to NJ for a fun and enjoyable weekend. They even let us help out during the Ice Cream Social - George gave out the jimmies & sprinkles and I did the messy but good toppings. After the Samboree we caravanned with the Larkin's (DE Dirs. & Zack), the Hipple's (past NJ Dirs.), our own Esthermay and the Reynolds family from DE to camp outside of Centre Hall, PA for 4 fun-filled days and then caravanned into the PA Samboree. We did help Nathan (PA Dir.) and his staff a little. MD won the most out-of-state units in PA - **YES!** We hope more MD Good Sam friends will travel with us in the future. We enjoyed both Samborees - saw lots of MD and familiar Good Sam faces, plus some Sambassadors. There may be a few pictures floating around on facebook. Each Samboree was different, and there is always something to learn.

Now back home and reality is setting in. I have sent emails to the Chapter Presidents regarding the 2010 Spring & Fall themes. The staff is hoping for quite a few and a challenge for them to decide which ones will be chosen. You still have time to get them in as quickly as possible. If you cannot contribute any themes for the Spring, you still have time to think about 2010 Fall. We are hoping to get more chapter involvement and make this fun for all the chapters. Remember, these are your Samborees; it is our job to pull them together and off for your enjoyment. So put on those "thinking hats," you still have time! Our Fall Theme is "Celebrate the Holidays" and the staff is anticipating some really creative theme parade costumes and tables.

Remember, the Table Decorating is open to all chapters and is a great way to participate in the theme weekend fun. Everyone should have holiday decorations to share for the theme

parade, the chapter table and the rig decorating contest. Have fun and show us your decorating talents! We are excited to see what you come up with. A hint: you should include info. on your chapter, your contact list, photo album and a camping schedule for the 2010 camping season. What a great way to advertise your chapter for prospective new members.

## Calling All Candidates!

As you may recall, Bill Roberts has been our interim Treasurer, filling the duration of George's two-year term which will end Dec. 31, 2009. It is necessary to elect a Treasurer for the two-year period of Jan 1, 2010 - Dec. 31, 2011. For your information, Bill having duly served as interim Treas. has decided not to be a candidate for Treasurer due to medical reasons. Therefore, we need candidates, having the skills and availability required to properly fill the obligations of Treasurer, to submit their resumes to me as quickly as possible. The Treasurer not only pays invoices, deposits funds received and balances the checkbook monthly, but also prepares a detailed monthly report for the Director, quarterly reports for the State Committee, a Profit & Loss report after the President & State Committee Campout, and the Spring and Fall Samborees. Anyone having any questions regarding this, please feel free to call me. We will be addressing the Treasurer position and holding the election process during the October State Committee meeting to be held during the Fall Samboree.

### A few reminders for the Fall Samboree:

Our Brown Bag Auction to benefit Dogs for the Deaf - Please bring some non-perishable items, unwanted gifts and any homemade goodies you may wish to contribute to raise funds.

Our annual Toys for Tots drive - Donate new and unwrapped gifts.

We are looking forward to seeing you there!

**Linda Hankins**

**MD State Director**

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## State Committee Meeting

The next State Committee Meeting will be held at the Fall Samboree on Sat., Oct 24 @ 8:00 am. 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 four meetings held throughout the year:  
February – Presidents Meeting (Jessup)  
April – Presidents Campout (Walkersville)  
May – MD Spring Samboree (Frederick)  
Oct – MD Fall Samboree (Frederick)

## Maryland Fall Samboree – October 23-25, 2009

(Early Bird - Thu., October 22)

“Celebrate the Holidays”



Our spring theme will feature a celebration of our annual holidays. Put on your thinking caps and plan to celebrate your favorite one.

As usual, there will be games & contests, a costumed theme parade, arts & crafts, a flea market, brown bag auction, catered dinner, and much more. There will also be plenty of vendors, seminars and tours, with ongoing hospitality. Enjoy free nightly entertainment and planned activities for the children and teens.

The Samboree registration forms can be accessed and submitted on-line via our website: [www.mdgoodsam.org](http://www.mdgoodsam.org) or contact Linda Hankins [mdgoodsam@hotmail.com](mailto:mdgoodsam@hotmail.com).

## Maryland Spring Samboree May 21-24, 2010

(Early Bird - Thu, May 20)

Hold these dates! More information is forthcoming regarding our spring theme.

## The 2010 Rally

The 11<sup>th</sup> annual Rally will take place - July 22-25, 2010 in Louisville, Kentucky (home of Bluegrass music, barbecue, and famous horseracing). This will be a great opportunity to explore the rich Southern culture of Kentucky and its scenic hillsides.



## Camping World- Prize Entries

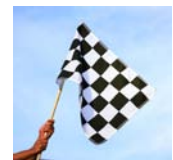
[www.campingworld.com/remakeover](http://www.campingworld.com/remakeover)

There is still time to enter for a chance to win an RV makeover (valued up to \$10,000). Attach a picture of your RV, along with the entry form and narrative. Deadline for submission is September 1.



[www.campingworld.com/tickets](http://www.campingworld.com/tickets)

Presidents Club members can now enter online to win 4 free NASCAR Camping World Truck Series Tickets. You can even select the race of your choice!



<Camping World.com/RV View/June 2009>

## Chapter News Highlights

Congrats to the **Southern MD Wanderers** for winning the Top Dog Award for 2009! I was honored to present to John Sandler, Pres., the award during our first Samboree in May. Congrats again, Southern MD Wanderers.

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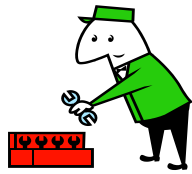
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Congrats to the **Oriole Ramblers!** I have been informed they were named a Chapter Growth winner for 2008/2009 and have received a \$50 check from The Good Sam Club after our May Samboree. Keep up the good work.

**The Eastern Shore Seagulls** are calling on all MD Good Sam Chapters to a challenge. The challenge is to purchase raffle tickets to help raise funds for a much needed lung transplant for Mr. Chuck Campbell. The raffle tickets are for a new Florida townhouse and a Mercedes convertible. I have emailed all Chapter Pres. For more info, go to [www.newlungsforchuck.com](http://www.newlungsforchuck.com)

## SamAlert Recalls

[www.safercar.gov](http://www.safercar.gov)



Fleetwood is recalling MY 2007-2008 Providence, Excursion, Expedition, Discovery and Boulder diesel motor homes. Battery cable is routed too close to sharp edge over driveshaft, possibly resulting in electrical short and fire.

Jayco is recalling 2009 Legacy Series 37RLSA and 36RLMS fifth wheel trailers. There may be a missing ground wire between the trailer frame and the 12-volt bus bar, possibly resulting in fire, injury or death. Contact Jayco at 1-800-8267.

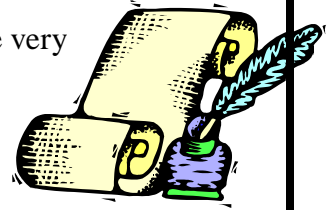
Winnebago is recalling 2,331 2002-2004 Brave and Itasca Sunrise 2005-2006 Winnebago Voyage, Adventurer, Itasca Sunrise and Suncruiser motor homes. The propane tank mounting bracket may have incomplete/improper weld. Tank can tip or fall, possibly releasing propane, resulting in fire, injury, vehicle/ property damage. Contact Winnebago at 800-537-1885.

Fleetwood is recalling 2001-2008 Class A motorhomes equipped with axles that include Bosch Zops or Zoht pin slide hydraulic disc brakes. If undetected, temperature increase at the wheel end can eventually lead to brake fluid boil and possible extended stopping distance increasing the risk of a crash. Contact Workhorse at 877-246-7731.

## Mayor, City of Frederick Presents Foot Hill Campers with Good Sam Proclamation

The Foothill Campers should be very proud of their recent efforts.

Karlene Garzone, Chapter President had aggressively encouraged everyone to get involved with Good Sam and the Foot Hill Campers, by volunteering in Good Sam Clean Up Day.



The City of Frederick agreed to declare May 16 and 17, 2009 as Good Sam Cleanup Day. Karlene received the following proclamation on May 13 from the Mayor.

*Good morning Ms. Garzone,*

*Ms Folden forwarded your request for a proclamation proclaiming May 16 & 17, 2009 as Good Sam Cleanup Days. I have prepared the proclamation for you and wanted to know if you were interested in setting up a time for the Mayor to present it to you? ...*

*You can bring a camera and someone will be glad to take a picture for you.*

*It is my pleasure to assist you on this project! Have a great day!*

*Susan S. Harding,  
Public Information Officer,  
Office Manager-Office of the Mayor*

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## State & Provincial Directors News & Views (Jun/Jul 2009 Ed.)



### Highways Goes Green -

Enter their Digital Edition Drawing:  
Click on the online-July issue at  
[www.goodsamclub.com/highways/digitaledition](http://www.goodsamclub.com/highways/digitaledition)  
and Click to enter to win a pair of  
DownTube FS folding bikes.

### Virtual Chapter Membership Milestone -

The Maine Good Sam Club Facebook  
virtual Chapter has reached a major  
milestone. The group membership has  
reached the 225 Member mark. More info  
posted: [www.MaineGoodSams.org](http://www.MaineGoodSams.org)

### Camping World - New Good Sam Renewal Benefits. Camping World

will provide a \$10 Camping World  
merchandise certificate for all Good  
Sam club renewing members. This  
offer will be promoted in all Good Sam  
membership communications and at the  
Camping World retail stores (\$29.95 for  
each renewal plus \$10 CW merchandise  
certificate). The certificate can be used in  
the 75 CW stores throughout the US, on-line  
as well as by phone.

### Are Your Chapters fans of Good Sam on Facebook? - Chapters are invited to join in

the conversations with the Good Sam Club  
fan page on Facebook. It's a perfect way to  
connect with others who are part of the RV  
community. You'll also get the latest news  
on exciting happening events in the Good  
Sam RV world. Members are posting  
comments about club news, RV tips, travel  
topics, upcoming events and rallies and

favorite camping spots. Got some  
newsworthy chapter news to share?  
This is a great way to spread the word to  
members interested in finding out more  
about the fun and value of chapter  
membership. Go to [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com) to  
become a member and link up with friends  
and chapters.

**Reminder** - All new Good Sam Club  
members who enroll with State & Provincial  
Directors will receive a certificate for a  
**FREE Night of Camping at any Good  
Sam Park**, courtesy of the Good Sam Club.  
That is like earning \$13 for joining Good  
Sam. Camping certificates will be sent  
directly to each new member. To redeem,  
simply send us the Good Sam Park receipt  
along with the completed certificate and we  
will mail a reimbursement check, up to  
\$25.00. This offer is valid through Dec. 31,  
2009.

**Petro Discontinued** - Good Sam Club has  
been notified by Travel Center of America  
(TA) that they will no longer be renewing  
the 2 cent gallon discount at their Petro  
Travel Centers when our contract expires  
July 31, 2009. Headquarters is working  
with TA to develop a new program directly  
with them, which will increase our coverage  
dramatically.

### Good Sam RVer of the Year for 2008 -

Richard Daniels, a Good Sam member from  
GA, has helped find homes for hundreds  
of stray animals across North America  
through Good Sam Club's online forums  
([www.goodsamclub.com/forums](http://www.goodsamclub.com/forums)). To read  
about Richard, check the July *Highways*  
magazine for more details. HQ will name  
the 2009 RVer of the Year in the January  
2010 issue of *Highways* magazine.

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## From our Kitchen to Yours "5 Minute Chocolate Cake"



An easy dessert to make in the microwave (in a mug) for one or two people to enjoy!

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### Ingredients:

- 4 tablespoons of flour
- 4 tablespoons sugar
- 2 tablespoons cocoa
- 1 egg
- 3 tablespoons milk
- 3 tablespoons oil
- 3 tablespoons choc. chips (optional)
- Small splash vanilla extract
- Large microwave safe coffee mug

### Instructions:

Add dry ingredients to mug, mix well.  
Add egg and mix well.  
Pour in milk and oil; mix well.  
Add choc. chips, vanilla and mix again.  
Put in mug; cook 3 minutes @ 1000 watts.  
Cake will rise over mug; don't be alarmed.  
Allow to cool a little and tip onto a plate.

<From the kitchen of Donna Crews>

## Nothing but the Whole Truth

I was in a car dealership a while ago, when a large motor home was towed into the garage. The front of the vehicle was in dire need of repair and the whole thing generally looked like an extra in "Twister."

I asked the manager what had happened. He told me that the driver had set the "cruise control" and then went in the back to make a sandwich.

<Source Unknown>



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