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Seems like Tom & I have so much to say but so little space to say it in. First we wish to each and every one of you that have supported the Ohio Good Sam in so many, many ways we thank you all from the bottom of our hearts. We are so happy for the wonderful turn out for the Safari Samboree and the great feedback we received from the Patriotic Ceremony and the zoo animals. The Youth Program got off to a good start and we were so proud of their support to the Flying Horse Farm in their efforts to share the camping experience with seriously ill kids. We had the privilege of awarding 7 more scholarships this year to help our member's grandchildren along their road to higher education. Also remind your members that there is a contest of the chapter that brings in the most tabs. We will have a time and place on the program to weigh them in at the "Memories Samboree", going to the Ronald McDonald house. Tom has not told us what the prize will be. There has been a new program set up for the current and past Queens and Kings to have them take part in our programs so you will be seeing more "royalty" at our events. The web site will include the "Guide Lines for Host Chapters" many of the presidents have requested this information. The annual secretaries meeting will take place in Wauseon also so plan to come and pick up your new rosters. For chapters looking for a new place to camp we would like to recommend Pleasant View Recreation Campground in Van Buren. We made a visit there earlier this month and we were treated royally. Remember all our forms are available at: [www.ohiogoodsam.com](http://www.ohiogoodsam.com) as well as the registrations and programs. The current program is usually posted about 10-14 days before the Samboree date.

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**Chapter 8-Highway Sams**-Our June campout at Buccaneer Campsites was a wet weekend. However, as usual, we had a good time. Our chapter had 6 rigs present at the Summer Samboree. We had the job of Security I with Chapter 3. All went well. We had Pot Luck on Friday with members of Chapter 3, as we continue to know each other better. We also had two couples join us. Our President became part of the entertainment on Friday. He sure seemed to enjoy himself. Caroline M. Ice, Secretary

**Chapter 11-Good Fellow Sams**-We began our camping season at Maumee Bay State Park, hosted by Bernie & Betty, and welcoming three couples as guests. Did our eating out at Golden Jade on Navarre Ave, breakfast at Hy Flash on Navarre and a great dinner at the Lodge at Maumee Bay. Also Chapter celebrated 50th anniversary for Jac and Phyllis with delicious cake and ice cream. June found us at Big Sandy, Whitehouse with Frank and Barb as hosts. Had Potluck on Friday and dinner at Whitehouse Inn on Sat. Whitehouse had citywide garage sales on Sat. in between some showers. Forrest and Faye and family were voted in as new members. Hoping for more new members from our guests in May. Looking forward to our July (Hobo Dinner) campout at Green Valley, Morenci, MI. Marv and Barb will be hosting. Phyllis Smith - Publicity/Vice Pres

**Chapter 23-Vacationland Sams**-Another great Samboree, thanks to Tom, Peggy, and Staff. Also, thanks to all the Chapters that helped. We enjoyed the entertainment, donuts, hot dogs, ice cream and safari animals. One of the best things was that we only had RAIN one time. It was great to see old friends (and I'm not referring to age) from across the states and it's always fun to meet new people and add more friends. This comes from the fenced in "animals" of Chapter 23. Thanks, Reporter, Nancy Jenkins

**Chapter 24-Seneca Sams**-What a great State Samboree we had. There were 28 rigs and lots of good help for the pancake breakfast. Thanks to each one of you for everything you did. We also did the garbage bags for the ditty bags at the campout in Chillicothe in June. Two new members were acquired at the Samboree and are looking forward to adding more couples. Many thanks to Mike Demp for the great entertainment on all three nights! Submitted by Sally Sowers, President.

**Chapter 28-GEM CITY SAMS-** Hope everyone has a safe, happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July. For those who are going to the rally in Zanesville, take your old flags to be disposed of reverently. Chapter 28 is in charge of Door Prizes. The next campout will be July 18-19-20 at Tomorrow's Stars Campground near Springfield. It is located on US 40 just off I-70 east at Exit 62. Turn right on 40 and the campground is on the left almost across from Beaver Valley Campground. This is the Family Campout and all the kids and grandkids are invited to camp. There is a small playground for the little ones and a nice pool for everyone. Bring goodies for hospitality on Fri. eve. Saturday we will have a cookout with meat and drinks furnished. You are asked to bring at least 2 covered dishes or enough to feed your family. The June campout was at Greene Co. Fairground. Those who attended were impressed with the facilities. On Fri. eve, we had a lot of good desserts and snacks. Saturday dawned and lo & behold there was a flea market setting up. There were many bargains and no fleas. Some watched a Youth Horse show. After dinner at Young's Jersey Dairy, we sat around the imaginary campfire and ate popcorn – compliments of Ed and Sandy and their new popcorn popper. At the meeting, the By-Laws committee presented By-Law changes to the membership. Discussion followed and a few changes from members were suggested. Changes will be sent to each member for review before the next meeting. SUNSHINE CORNER: Boy, did we have a lot of illness this past month. Charlie Salyers is in Heartland Nursing Home in Marysville and getting better every day after having abdominal surgery. Mollie is still having complications from her surgery. Tom VanOss was in and out and back in the hospital for a few days due to heart problems. Butch is feeling much better after medication changes. Jean & Louie are improving. Jerry Crawford was in & out of the hospital with breathing problems. Jim Douglas has pain from the by-pass surgery but is getting better every day; Pan Worley and John Helsingner have been under the weather. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Phyllis

**Chapter 35-Spiegel Grove Sams**-The June campout was held at Vacationland Travelers at Castalia. There was popcorn around the fire on Friday evening. The popcorn was very good but they ended up knocking a hole in the kettle they were using. We had a yardstick sale on Saturday morning, which was a lot of fun. The packages were all wrapped so we couldn't tell what we were bidding for. There was entertainment in the afternoon. We had a potluck Saturday evening. July 4<sup>th</sup> the campout will be at Vacationland Travelers. We are urged to bring red, white, and blue food for the potluck on Saturday evening. The Good Sam summer Samboree will be at Zanesville. Our chapter will be popping corn again. It will be July 10-13. The regular campout for July will be at the Vacationland Travelers July 18-20. The hosts will have snacks on Friday evening and a potluck Saturday evening. Arline Bower

**Chapter 39-Tecumseh 39' ers** -attended the Spring Samboree; we have decided to have our monthly camp-outs closer to our central area, due to the increase in fuel and campground fees. This has proven to increase our attendance. At our June camp-out, at the Tomorrow's Stars Campground, in Springfield, Ohio, we were awakened during the night by the sound of sirens. Early in the morning we learned there would be no Father's Day breakfast, as the clubhouse and office was apparently hit by lightning and caught fire. It burned to the ground. However, the campground remains open. In July our club welcomed the Connolly family as new members. Harold Flaucher, Secretary

**Chapter 40 - Good Sams and Samantha's** - We gather on the 4th Friday weekends from April to October for camp-outs. The recent campgrounds visited include West Milton, Ohio Christian Center, Cottonwood Lakes at Versailles, and Oak Crest Campground near Bellfontaine. Being a relatively small chapter, we take pride in having raised \$450 for Ronald McDonald House the past year at State Samborees chapter raffles. We donated a small item for the goody bags at Wauseon last fall. It was a small homemade device using wooden clothespin and short length of elastic tape. They are used to wrap that nasty long strap that hangs down from the awning of most rigs when the awning is unrolled. A member of the chapter has had one for several years, and the chapter took it upon themselves to create some to share with Samboree attendees in Wauseon last fall. We are creating another small goodie for the bag this fall, be sure to look for it. We have had 5-6 rigs at each State Samborees for the past 3 years. We may be small, but like all other small chapters, we really enjoy camping, and the fellowship involved. Submitted by Terry Thoreen, blogger.

**Chapter 43 – Meadowlark Sams:** Seven units attended the Spring Samboree in Urbana. Members enjoyed participating in Samgo and other events. The nightly entertainment was once again a treat. On Saturday, Barb, Karol, Mary and Sharon brought out their Derby Day Hats for a grand parade. They looked great but did not win. On a positive note, our raffle raised \$100 for the Scholarship Fund. Five units were able to attend the June campout at Poor Farmers in Fletcher, Ohio. Even with lots of rain the campsites were surprisingly dry. Friday was divided between playing the ever-popular games and visiting the flea market. A couple of members set up a table but sales were not good so they closed down. We enjoyed our usual carry-in dinner Friday night with great food and wonderful desserts. Following our meal we resumed the games before building a campfire. Saturday's rain held off long enough for our Breakfast-In-A-Bag event, which was delicious and enjoyed by all. Again, games were played until lunch, when some went to Cracker Barrel and some left for a graduation party. During our meeting, two new members were accepted into the Chapter. Again, we invite everyone to attend our Mystery Auction on Saturday, September 20th at Cowen Lake State Park, Wilmington, OH. Proceeds go to "Dogs for the Deaf" and the Scholarship Fund. Everyone is invited to participate! So come join us! Submitted by Chuck Worm  
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**Chapter 50 Fireside Sams** -Well, summer is here and we are on the go again. Some of us (9 couples) just returned from the summer Samboree at Zanesville. What a great Samboree it was! Our raffle was a great success as we work toward donations to our two favorite charities: Dogs for the Deaf and Ronald McDonald House. Thanks for your support. We are now making plans to attend the fall Samboree at Wauseon. Our club has grown with two more members. We welcome Dick and Joyce Jones of Lisbon, Ohio. Club members Gene Bayer, Larry Steiner, and Pat Weikart recent underwent surgery and they are progressing well. We have a full camping schedule for the rest of the season. We are looking forward to lots of good times and really great fellowship together. Happy camping and God bless. Patty Rose, Secretary

**Chapter 51 - Crooked River Sams** - We have added 4 new members since the first of the year and hope they join our extended family as a couple more "HAPPY CAMPERS". Our chapter enjoyed an outing to Town & Country Camp Resort in late May and everyone had a good time, as usual. Thirteen members plus Bert & Bill Salem's teen grandson attended the Summer Safari Samboree. Our next campout will be this Sunday to Baylor Beach Park, where we plan to attend the local performance of "The Trumpet in the Land". Submitted by Gail Watson, Secretary.

**CHAPTER 53 - CARNATION SAMS** - Does time fly or what? Hard to believe we are into July already. I guess when you are having fun the time goes quickly. We have just been to the Zanesville Samboree with ten units and had a wonderful time visiting our Good Sam members and meeting new ones. We met a couple from Pa. who is interested in our group, seems there are no chapters in that Pa. area. We are looking forward to our campout in August (8-10), which is our Grandparents Weekend. It is so much fun to have the younger people with us and watch them grow from one year to the next. They may just someday be a future Good Sam Member! Also in August we are having a get together at our President's home for a picnic with our retired members. It is always good to visit with them. See you at Wauseon! Secretary Liz McGree

**CHAPTER 59 CENTRAL OHIO GOOD SAMS:** We have had a great year thus far. In February we all met at MCL for good food and good company. In March the annual Soup, Chilli and Dessert dinner was as tasty as ever. April took the group to Wolfies Family Kampground in Zanesville, a favorite with the 59ers. A May Amish Country visit took us back to Evergreen Park RV Resort which is highly recommended. Great Amish cooking and lots of shopping are always enjoyed. June found us at Cardinal Center Campground in Marengo. The campground has benefited from a complete overhaul and is very pleasant place to camp with a new indoor pool, game room, a common room for meetings and meals, clean shower facilities and improvements in the sites. It is worth a try. July was spent back at Cedarlane Park in Port Clinton. If nothing else we have some great cooks, veteran campers, and great company no matter where we are. We would recommend most of the places we have visited--and revisited--in 2008. Chapter 59 has lost some old friends and gained some new this year and is currently at 30 units. Lissy Cooper, Secretary.

**Chapter 64-Southern Sams-** June found us at Lancaster for the Car Show/Flea Market, and then it was on to Salt Fork State park and Amish Country. There were 7 rigs and 1 staff at Zanesville, where we decorated the stage as 2 units worked on the volunteer parking committee while other drove the shuttle, welcomed rigs and security. All, hats off to the staff and volunteers had a great time. Camping plans include going to Dillon State Park following the Samboree for a few days and then to Plain City for the Steam Threshers Show. In August we'll be at the Carthage Gap Campground, the Lancaster Church Campground and then to Wauseon for the "Memories" Samboree in September.

Dates to remember are:

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| <u>Fall Memories Samboree</u>   | <u>Sept 12-14, 2008</u> | <u>Wauseon, Ohio</u>    |
| <u>Buckeye Courier Deadline</u> | <u>Jan 10, 2009</u>     |                         |
| <u>Spring Samboree</u>          | <u>May 8-10, 2009</u>   | <u>Coshocton, Ohio</u>  |
| <u>Buckeye Courier Deadline</u> | <u>May 15, 2009</u>     |                         |
| <u>Summer Samboree</u>          | <u>July 9-12, 2009</u>  | <u>Zanesville, Ohio</u> |
| <u>Buckeye Courier Deadline</u> | <u>July 15, 2009</u>    |                         |
| <u>Fall Samboree</u>            | <u>Sept 18-20, 2009</u> | <u>Wauseon, Ohio</u>    |

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