

# ***Provincial Chatter***

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**DIRECTOR'S CORNER**

Each year brings a new beginning for our Alberta Good Sam Family.

With camping season soon to arrive RV enthusiasts will be getting their rigs ready for highway travelling. The weather has been great so chapter campouts are in the near future. How exciting it is to go on the first campout of the year, campfires, roasting wieners and marshmallows and the great outdoors.

September 2011 Provincial Fall Meeting and Mini Samboree was held at Acme Community Hall. The facility was awesome, the caterer superb, entertainment kept our toes tapping. Great time was had by everyone in attendance. Thank you to the Provincial Executive for hosting and to all who helped in any way.

Our first planned event for 2012 is our Provincial Spring Meeting, April 21 at the Golden Circle Senior Centre, Red Deer AB. June 13 – 17, 2012 - Provincial Samboree, Tofield AB. September 6 – 9, 2012 - Provincial Fall Meeting and Mini Samboree, St Paul AB.

A Samboree is a gathering of Good Sam Chapters to enjoy the fellowship of camping and working together.

Marino and I attended the Arizona State Samboree in Yuma Arizona. Registration was February 29 and the closing ceremony and banquet on Saturday March 3, 2012. We carried our Alberta flag in the Parade of flags on opening night. Art and Sonia Sainsbury carried the flag for Calgary Stampede City Sams. Thank you to all the chapter members for your support. March 18, 2012 we are attending the Good Sam Rally in Phoenix Arizona. This will be the first Rally we have attended. Lots of seminars, tours and meetings are planned along with great entertainment. We will have a chapter booth to promote our Alberta Good Sam Chapters. Each Provincial/State Director will share the booth during the week.

We look forward to spending some time with our Good Sam Family. Every year we make new friends and enjoy renewing acquaintances. Marino and I look forward to having you join us at our planned events. It is very rewarding to make lifelong friends in your community. You can make a difference. Thank you Good Sam Family.

Respectfully submitted by

Jean Rapuano  
Provincial Director

## PROVINCIAL CHATTER

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### **EDITOR'S COMMENTS**

Just a few notes to those submitting Chapter news articles or any other item:

- Typed reports are best. For those who don't type, handwritten reports are welcome, however they must be legible so I can type them up correctly for our readers.
- **E-mail** your articles to: **brendad1@shaw.ca**
- **Or mail to: Brenda Doucet**  
**7819 - 141 Ave NW**  
**Edmonton, AB T5C 2N4**  
**(780.475.2412)**
- If your Chapter is planning a special event and you want it advertised, please contact the editor.
- Thanks to the Chapters that have submitted articles, but as soon as this newsletter goes to print I will be looking for info for the next one! So ... keep the news coming (photos as well if you can).

*Brenda*

## **IMPORTANT 2012 DATES**

**April 21**      **Spring Meeting, Red Deer AB**  
**June 13-17**   **Provincial Samboree, Tofield AB**  
**Sept 6-9**      **Provincial Fall Meeting & Mini Samboree, St. Paul AB**

## **WEBSITE**

Please note that our webmaster is Lorraine Barnhouse. If you have any website submissions or would like to see something on the website, please contact Lorraine at:

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**VISIT OUR PROVINCIAL WEBSITE AT**

[www.rvalberta.ca](http://www.rvalberta.ca)



## IN MEMORIAM

Jun 27, 2011	<b>Bob Humphreys</b>	Pincher Mountaineers
Aug 5, 2011	<b>Gordon Casey</b>	Pincher Mountaineers
Aug 16, 2011	<b>Murray Schick</b>	Rocky Mountain Good Sams
Aug 31, 2011	<b>Peter Kuchtyn</b>	Stampede City Sams
Sept 5, 2011	<b>Rolf Wiedwald</b>	Chinook Good Sams
Sept 17, 2011	<b>Sue Kitagawa</b>	Pincher Mountaineers
Oct 10, 2011	<b>Ronald Gordon Thirlwell</b>	Stampede City Sams
Oct 20, 2011	<b>Gilbert Giem</b>	Waskasoo Roamers
Oct 25, 2011	<b>Edward Minchau</b>	Peace Hills Good Sams
Jan 2, 2012	<b>Betty Jean Killaly</b>	Peace Hills Good Sams
Jan 3, 2012	<b>Cliff Boss</b>	Peace Hills Good Sams
Jan 6, 2011	<b>Elmer Garner</b>	Chinook Good Sams
Feb 20, 2012	<b>Alice L Robinson</b>	Gas City Good Sams
Mar 8, 2012	<b>Illse Tarasuk</b>	Edmonton Good Sam Rovers

*Those we love  
Don't go away,  
They walk beside us  
Every day.  
Unseen, unheard,  
But always near  
Still loved, still missed  
And very dear.*



## The Dash of Your Life

I read of a man who stood to speak at the funeral of a friend.  
He referred to the dates on his tombstone from the beginning to the end.  
He noted that first came his date of birth and spoke the following date with tears.  
But he said what mattered most of all was the dash between those years.  
For that dash represents all the time that he spent alive on earth.  
And now only those who loved him know what that little line is worth ....

## EDITOR'S NOTE RE: IN MEMORIAM & PROVINCIAL HISTORY

Please submit your IN MEMORIAM names to Agnes in a timely manner. She will then forward them to the Editor so that they may be included in the newsletters.

**Alberta 2011 Mini Samboree  
Sept 8-11, Acme AB  
Games Winners**



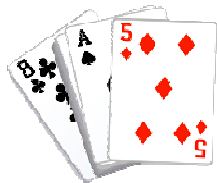
**Golf Winners**

Blanche Frame, Emil Nelson, Bernie Monroe, Vic Fehr, Rodger Thomas

**Bean Bag Toss Winners**

1st Place - Anna Gonzi, Ken Weimer

2nd Place - Bob Harrison, Martha Sites



**Crib Winners**

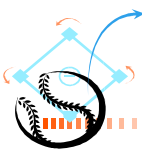
Ladies 1st Place - Paulette Overland

Ladies 2nd Place - Edna Humeniuk

Mens 1st Place - Bernie Monroe

Mens 2nd Place - Derek Harris

**Bean Bag Baseball Winners**



1st Place - Martha Sites, Bill Sites, William Wood, May Johnson,  
Paulette Overland, Kathy Shulba, Ken Shulba, Ben Voss

2nd Place - Nick DeHoog, Mary Schaap, Carl VanHoek, Bernie Monroe,  
Vern Alvis, Alana Alvis, Virginia Smith, Lorne Smith

**Bocce Ball Winners**

1st Place - Gerald Stimson, Ernie Gonzi, Anna Fabrion, Penny Abbott

2nd Place - Joffre Ouimet, Bob Clapp, Evelyn Pigeon, Gwen Stimson

**A big Thank You to all the organizers and helpers  
for all their hard work and efforts required  
to run these games in such a timely, efficient manner.**

**EDITOR'S NOTE RE: SAMBOREE GAMES WINNERS**

We cannot print the names of game winners from the Samborees if the full names are not submitted to Agnes who forwards them to the Editor. Thank you.

## 5<sup>th</sup> Meridian Sams – Stony Plain

Since our inception as an RV club with Good Sam, our membership has been quite stable in number with 10 rigs. Interest has been shown by another three who will possibly be joining this spring. Our club is quite vibrant and cohesive. Everyone gets along very well with almost full attendance at all meetings. We meet every 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month at the Stony Plain Library.

Our club has recently adopted a social aspect of get-togethers for lunch. In October, we gathered at the River Cree Resort & Casino (picture shown below) for a wonderful lunch with all in attendance. The food was great with a tremendous selection. On November 21<sup>st</sup>, we attended a luncheon fund raiser for the “Light Up Your Life Society”, which raises funds for palliative care in our community. These funds provide medical equipment and care services for patients in need within our community.

Each year for the past couple of years, our club has made a charitable donation to a recognized charity in the community. Past recipients have been the Parkland Food Bank and the Light Up Your Life Campaign. This year we have chosen to assist the Good Samaritan Society. This organization is just opening a new facility in Stony Plain for extended care patients.

During the 2011 camping season, our club was represented at Provincial Samborees in Saskatchewan and Alberta as well as the invitationals in Ferintosh and Usona. Some of our members enjoyed a trip around north-western Alberta, travelling to Hinton, Grande Cache, Grande Prairie, Fairview, Peace River, High Prairie, Slave Lake, and back home via Westlock. One couple decided to continue north to Manning, High Level, Fort Vermilion, La Crete, and then head south to return home.

In 2012, our club will be quite involved in carrying out assigned tasks at the Alberta Samboree in June at Tofield. Our season campout schedule will be finalized in January. Some discussion has been centered on another 4-5 day tour – this time to the area east of Edmonton through Gibbons, Redwater, Smoky Lake, Andrew, Vegreville, Lamont, and Adrossan. Sounds like another fun time! Hopefully some local events can be scheduled in as well.



## BRIDGETOWNER GOOD SAMS HELP FOOD BANK (Article copied from the Lethbridge Herald)



Photo submitted by Interfaith Food Bank

Bridgetowner Good Sams recently donated funds from an auction they held to fundraise for Interfaith Food Bank. Pictured are, from left, Colleen Vredegoor, Interfaith Food Bank donor relations, with Fonda Hanna and Lorne Smith of Bridgetowner Good Sams. The Bridgetowner Good Sams Chapter in Lethbridge has been contributing to the community since 1978, setting forth high standards of safety, courtesy and friendliness in all recreational vehicle pursuits.

## PARKLAND JAYS CLEAN-UP SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24th, 2011



Annually, Parkland Jays RV Club cleans up litter on the south side of the Yellowhead from Rge Rd 12 to Hwy 779. We were blessed with a warm, sunny fall day for the cleanup. An outdoor Chapter meeting plus a wiener roast & socializing was enjoyed by all.

## CALGARY WILD ROSE



Wild Rose is the second oldest Chapter in Calgary and we are going strong. Wild Rose started 2011 on a sad note with the passing of two members. After that it was full steam ahead. Our Wagon Master Donna made sure we had plenty to do with 10 outings, 5 Chapter meetings and the Alberta Provincial Samboree 2011. The addition of 5 more rigs brings Wild Rose up to 23 rigs. We have had an awesome summer, camping and meeting with old friends and making new ones. Our new members are young, so great new ideas will keep our Chapter around for many more years to come. It is always hard to get new members but for some reason Wild Rose has found a way of doing that. We welcome our new members and appreciate their company in our Chapter. New blood is needed to make sure a Chapter will continue on for years to come.

This is my last summer as President and it has been an awesome 4 years. I feel that we have done a good job of bringing in new people and that Wild Rose will grow and become better and better with each year. So with that in mind I say to all RV'ers out there, join a Good Sam Chapter and start having fun. Our season has come to an end for this year but we will get together and struggle through the winter months until we can fire up the RV's and head out again next season. Shown above is a picture of our last camp out.

See you all in 2012.

Wild Rose President,  
Andre Call

## SUNNY SOUTH SAMS

Sunny South Sams, Chapter of Good Sam RV Club, Lethbridge Alberta has 67 members and in past years we have donated gifts to the Salvation Army as part of our Christmas giving. This year instead we decided that "Adopt A Family for Christmas" was a worthy cause.

In discussion with Interfaith Food bank we adopted two families, one was a family of 4 consisting of Mother, son age 4, twins age 3, (boy & girl) and another family of 5 consisting of Mother, daughter age 15, daughter age 12, daughter age 10, daughter age 4.

Chapter members donated \$10.00 each for a total of \$520.00 for this cause and with this we were able to purchase food hampers for both families including everything for Christmas Dinner (turkey, dressing, potatoes, veggies, dessert) along with plenty of extra food for the Holiday Season. We also purchased gifts for both moms and all the children to have a great Christmas. We boxed everything and took it to the Interfaith Food Bank who were very grateful to receive this. We as a Chapter had a very warm feeling of giving back to our community at Christmas. We would recommend giving like this to everyone as it certainly puts you in the Christmas Spirit.



Submitted by: Barb Colbeck, President



***This is an unusual Paragraph.*** I'm curious as to just how quickly you can find out what is so unusual about it. It looks so ordinary and plain that you would think nothing was wrong with it. In fact, nothing is wrong with it. It is highly unusual though. Study it and think about it, but you still may not find anything odd. But if you work at it a bit, you might find out. Try to do so without any coaching!

....To find out what is so unusual about this paragraph, look on page 11



## Usona Invitational - August 11 - 14, 2011

In June of 2010 Usona curling rink was booked and the planning began. I have been told USONA stands for "United States Of North America". Peace Hills and Ponoka Sams met on August 10th at the curling rink to decorate and prepare for our guests. It was a beehive of activity. Our Provincial Director, Jean and Marino Rapuano arrived that evening and pitched in where they saw a need. Thanks a lot!

August 11- By 10:00 am our parking committee was busy parking the first of 61 rigs that were registered. It was a pleasant day with lots of visiting. A fine pot luck started a nice evening. The weekend was to see lots of competition in bean bag toss, bean bag baseball, bocce and horse shoes. Many participated in the bingo evening. The theme for the weekend was "Hill Billy". Pins were chosen to fit the theme, small whisky jugs, they seemed to be a hit.



August 12- Games, visiting, happy hour took up the afternoon. Peace Hills and Ponoka served up beef on a bun, salad and ice cream. We got many compliments on the beef. It was another super day, the weather is cooperating for us.



August 13- It is Saturday and we are looking forward to a banquet catered by Terracotta from Wetaskiwin. It was a good meal although we ran out of corn on the cob. This was followed by entertainment by "Pigeon Valley Trio plus One". A lot were dressed in their "Hill Billy Best". Jean Rapuano chose a team to judge best costumes, a tough job indeed.

August 14- Church service was organized by Pastor Wilf Johnson and Merle Stover. This was followed by a bountiful continental breakfast. A good end to a wonderful campout. Peace Hills and Ponoka Sams hope everyone who attended the weekend with us had a good time. Always a few small glitches but hope they were minor and did not affect your enjoyment. We held a Food Bank Fundraiser and thank all who participated.

Submitted by: Walter Bassani, Peace Hills

## PONOKA SAMS



Our Ponoka Good Sam Club President Bernard Lentz (left) is presenting a cheque to the President of the Ponoka Splash Park committee, Barry Neath. This worthwhile project is set to open in 2012 and will benefit the youth in our community.

An older, tired-looking dog wandered into my yard. I could tell from his collar and well-fed belly that he had a home and was well taken care of. He calmly came over to me, I gave him a few pats on his head. He then followed me into my house, slowly walked down the hall, curled up in the corner and fell asleep. An hour later, he went to the door, and I let him out.



The next day he was back, greeted me in my yard, walked inside and resumed his spot in the hall and again slept for about an hour. This continued off and on for several weeks.

Curious, one day I pinned a note to his collar: 'I would like to find out who the owner of this wonderful sweet dog is and ask if you are aware that almost every afternoon your dog comes to my house for a nap.'

The next day he arrived for his nap, with a different note pinned to his collar: 'He lives in a home with a non-stop chatting wife, 6 children, 2 under the age of 3 - he's trying to catch up on his sleep. Can I come with him tomorrow?'

### **MY SPELL CHEQUER**

Eye have a spelling chequer  
It came with my pea sea  
It plainly marques four my revue  
Miss steaks eye kin knot sea.  
Eye strike a key and tipe a word  
And weight four it two say  
Weather eye am wrong oar write  
It shows me strait a weigh.  
As soon as a mist ache is maid  
It nose bee fore two long  
and eye can put the error rite.  
Its rare lea ever wrong.  
Eye have run this poem threw it  
I am shore your pleased two no  
Its letter perfect awl the weigh  
My chequer tolled me sew.

### **NOT MY JOB!**

There is a story told about four people named Somebody, Everybody, Anybody and Nobody. There was one important job to be done. Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it, but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry about it because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought Anybody could do it. Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it.

It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done!

### **Peanut Butter Brownie Mix**

Ideal to take along in the camper for quick home-made brownies.

#### Ingredients:

- 1 cup packed brown sugar
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/3 cup baking cocoa
- 1 cup peanut butter chips
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/2 tsp baking powder
- 1/4 tsp salt
- 1/2 cup semisweet chocolate chips
- 1/2 cup chopped walnuts (optional)

#### Additional Ingredients:

- 2 eggs
- 1/2 cup butter, melted
- 1 tsp pure vanilla extract

#### Directions:

- In a 1-qt glass jar, layer the first nine ingredients in order listed, packing well between each layer. Cover tightly. Store in a cool dry place for up to 6 months.
- To prepare brownies: In a bowl, combine the eggs, butter, vanilla and the dry brownie mix. Spread into a greased 8-in square baking dish. Bake at 350° for 25-30 minutes or until set (do not overbake).
- Cool. Cut into squares. Yield: 16 brownies.

***This is an unusual paragraph (from page 8)***

**The letter e, which is the most common letter used in the English language, does not appear even once in the paragraph. (Go back and check it out!)**



# Tofield Welcomes You to the Bird Capital of Alberta

## ALBERTA PROVINCIAL SAMBOREE 2012

Fair Grounds, Tofield, Alberta

June 13 - 17, 2012

Hosted by Parkland Jays Good Sams and Alberta Northern Chapters



### REGISTRATION FORM

1. Parking is limited to 250 rigs. Dry camping, so make sure your water tanks are full and gray & black water tanks are empty.
2. No entry to the Samboree prior to 9:00 am June 13. If you wish to park together, come together.
3. Please bring 2 dozen cookies or fruit/veggies to share at Hospitality.
4. Generator Hours: 7:00 am to 9:00 am; 11:00 am to 1:00 pm; and 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm.
5. Limited electric outlets will be available to the handicapped with a medical condition (ie. Require oxygen)
6. A campground is available adjacent to the Samboree grounds for anyone wishing to use it, at an additional cost. Sewer dump at the campground.
7. Ladies Tea will be a 'Red Hat' theme - so bring your own or beg, borrow or steal a Red Hat to wear for this event. Anyone who wants to wear the full 'Red Hat' attire - feel free to do so.
8. Registrations received prior to January 1, 2012 will be eligible for a free registration draw.
9. Receipts will be in your Registration Package.  
\*\* No refunds after May 1, 2012 except for compassionate reasons. \$10 cancellation fee applies\*\*
10. Make Canadian Funds cheque/money order payable to: **Alberta Good Sam Tofield Samboree.**

Mail to Registrar: Brenda & Ed Doucet, 7819 - 141 Ave NW, Edmonton, AB T5C 2N4  
Phone: 780.475.2412. E-mail: brenad1@shaw.ca

Good Sam Member Names: \_\_\_\_\_ Guest: \_\_\_\_\_

Member's Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

Prov/State \_\_\_\_\_ Postal/Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Good Sam # \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Golf, Jun 14th? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

Are you a first timer at a Samboree? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No. How many Samborees attended? \_\_\_\_\_

Handicap Parking? Must display sticker \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

Require power for medical reasons? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

1 Rig (two people)	\$120.00	\$
1 Rig (one person)	\$95.00	\$
Additional person	\$45.00	\$
Power (medical reasons only)	\$20.00	\$
Golf - With cart	\$30.00	\$
Golf - Walking	\$20.00	\$
Craft Table Rental	\$10.00	\$
Total Payment Enclosed		\$

We, the undersigned, accept full responsibility for our unit and all persons in our unit while attending the Alberta Samboree and hold the Alberta Good Sam Organization and its designated officials blameless for any claims for personal injury or damage to any camping or driving unit.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_