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DIRECTOR'S CORNER

With the sun shining and temperature at +30C it is hard to think of the Spring meeting in April and getting ready to leave for home. This has been the best winter weather in Yuma Arizona for the past few years. The agriculture here is an awesome sight to behold, field workers from Mexico working at dawn before it gets too hot in the afternoon to pick the vegetables and pack for shipping. It is amazing to watch how this process works to get produce to our stores.

We were able to attend the Arizona State Samboree in Yuma Arizona, March 5-8. The attendance was down from last year but those of us who attended had a fun time playing games, good entertainment and lots of wonderful friends who joined together for the Ice Cream Social and Happy Hour. Our thanks to Linda & Bob Luna, Arizona State Directors.

There have been many changes in the Good Sam Club. We are looking for more Growth and Growth events for chapters and chapter members. We will promote

our website to help draw Good Sam Club members who do not belong to a chapter to join us at our Samboree and Fall Meeting / Mini Samboree. Together we can spread the word regarding our Alberta Good Sam through the Local Media and our Tourist Centres. Update your chapter brochures and pass them out at camp-outs. We know how much fun we have camping together so let's spread the word to our friends and neighbours.

Alberta Provincial SOPs and Chapter SOPs have been completed and approved. Thank you to all Provincial Board members, Chapter Presidents and Chapter members for an awesome job of completion.

Marino and I wish to welcome our new Chapter Presidents and returning Chapter Presidents. Thank you for the opportunity to work with you and your Chapter's members.

Respectfully submitted by
Jean & Marino Rapuano
Provincial Directors

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YOUR NEWSLETTER

EDITOR'S COMMENTS

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

- Typed reports are best. For those who don't type, handwritten reports are welcome, however they must be legible so they can be typed up correctly.
- If you have photos to be included, do not embed them in Word documents, send them as JPEG images.
- **E-mail** your articles to: **brendad1@shaw.ca**
- **Or mail to:** **Brenda Doucet**
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- Keep the news coming ~ I don't plan to chase you for articles. Bottom line: No articles - No Chatter.

Brenda

IMPORTANT 2014 DATES

April 26 Spring Meeting, Golden Circle Senior Centre, Red Deer AB

June 18-22 AB Provincial Samboree, Arena, Carstairs AB

Sept 11-14 AB Fall Meeting & Mini Samboree, Community Hall, Carstairs AB

WEBSITE

Don't forget**Wilma Hunter** is our webmaster.

If you have any website submissions or would like to see something on the website, please contact Wilma at:

abgsweb@gmail.com

VISIT OUR NEW PROVINCIAL WEBSITE AT www.rvalberta.ca



IN MEMORIAM

Bridgetowner Good Sams	John Woolf	Oct 1, 2013
Provincial Legislative Representative/ Edmonton Good Sam Rovers	Joe Humeniuk	Jan. 4, 2014
Brooks Dino Trail-ers	Don Weisbeck	Jan. 17, 2014
Waskasoo Roamers	Shirley Ambrose	Mar 19, 2014



A Fallen Limb

A limb has fallen from the family tree
I hear a voice that whispers "Grieve not for me".
Remember the best times, the laughter, the songs
The good I lived while I was strong.
Continue my heritage, I'm counting on you
Keep on smiling, the sun will shine through.
My mind is at ease, my soul is at rest
Remembering all how I was truly blessed.
Continue traditions, no matter how small
Go on with your lives, don't stare at the wall.
I miss you all dearly, so keep up your chin
Until that fine day we're together again.

Editor's Note re: IN MEMORIAM

Please submit all your IN MEMORIAM names to Agnes Bushey, our Historian. Agnes needs these names for the history books. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

5th Meridian Sams

The Stony Plain Chapter had a rather quiet summer in 2013 compared to the 2012 season. As our group has grown by 6 rigs, we are looking forward to more summer campouts in 2014, organized by Kris Bremec, our new Wagonmaster.

Congratulations are in order to three of our member couples who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 2013: Left to right in photo:

Carol & Mike Namchuk, Jan 5th;
Sylvia & Gordon Baron, April 26th; and
Eleanor & Richard Unterschultz, July 31st.

They are an inspiration to all who know them!



At Christmas, our Chapter normally makes a cash donation to a charity that supports the Stony Plain area. This year, our group did something different. We donated time to the Parkland Food Bank. Our members put in a total of 63.5 hours over three days. Based on Alberta's minimum wage of \$9.95/hour, that is over \$625 worth of time donated! We all found it such a fulfilling, satisfying experience that we volunteered for another afternoon in

November and again in December. Thank you to Carol & Mike Namchuk for the suggestion. The Namchuks have been volunteering at the Food Bank for the past 14 years.

This fall, Gordon Baron, President for the past four years, stepped down. Pat Bremec volunteered to take on the position. Our Chapter meets at Ecole Meridian Heights School in Stony Plain at 7:00 pm on the third Tuesday of each month (September – April, excluding December). Anyone interested in joining us can call Pat 780-963-6976, or Membership Director, Ruth Olsen 780-963-3730, for more information.

Submitted by Pat Bremec
President, 5th Meridian Sams

GAMES WINNERS

ALBERTA PROVINCIAL FALL MEETING 2013

Bean Bag Toss Winners

1st Place - Andre Meunier, George Dikeman

2nd Place - Len Kaplan, Fern Gagnon

Bean Bag Baseball Winners

1st Place - Lenora Connelly, Don Weisbeck, Dolly Hagstrom, Shirley Soyland, Wilma Hunter, Henri Unvericht, Charlene Weimer, Ann Kaplan, Bev Berry.

2nd Place - Donna Wolvers, Walter Basani, John Crabtree, Gwen Stimson, Glenda Darr, Gwen Wilson, Dale Venn, David Walters, Rena Walters.



Crib Winners

Ladies 1st Place - Paulette Overland

Ladies 2nd Place - Ann Kaplan

Mens 1st Place - Gordon Fuller

Mens 2nd Place - Francis Bosse

Golf Winners

Winning Team

Emil Nelson, Margaret Spady, Fred Spady

Closest to the Pin

Men: Clayton Sailer

Women: Dollie Hagstrom

Longest Putt

Men: Bill Irvin

Women: Pat Delano

Longest Drive

Men: Mel Shultz

Women: Margaret Spady

Most Honest Golfers

Andre Meunier, Claudette Meunier, Doug Haines, Joan Dutton



**A big Thank You to all the organizers and helpers
for all their hard work
in setting up and running these games.**

GOOD SAM PLEDGE

As a member of the Good Sam Club I pledge to give aid to others in need, respect nature and the environment, give back to the community and those less fortunate, treat others with dignity and respect, to wear a smile (like Good Sam and Good Samantha), and to promote the pledge of the Good Sam Club to others.

Parkland Jays, Spruce Grove, Alberta

It looks like winter will be coming to an end at last. It has been long for a lot of us who have stayed here. However, the members of Parkland Jays Chapter have been busy with our winter activities. We have had our executive meetings every month and our regular meetings as well. We try to keep the regular meetings short so we have time for activities after. We play whist, bingo and other games as well as just having a good visit with our friends. Of course lunch is also a big part of the after-meeting agenda.

A number of our members go south in the winter and we try to keep in contact with them as they journey to their destinations. Some stay in one place most of the time but we have some members who like to travel throughout the states. We wish them all a safe journey home.

Our summer looks like a busy one for camp-outs. Our Wagonmaster has been busy lining up campsites for us and it looks like we pretty well have something every two weeks during the summer. As well, there are a group of us that are planning a trip to the Yukon and Alaska during the month of July. We are all looking forward to our first campout at Ferintosh and renewing old friendships there.

We are still at 44 rigs in our Chapter but we have had a few enquiries and welcome anyone who is interested in joining us.

We'll see you on the road.

Submitted by
Bob Harrison,
President, Parkland Jays



Photo above:
Relaxing after a hard day's work
at the Haying in the 30's annual
event in support of cancer
victims, Mallaig AB, August 2013



Photo on the left:
Pot Luck supper at one of our
campouts with a Hawaiian
theme, June 2013. The weather
didn't cooperate enough for us to
display our fancy Hawaiian
dresses.



Dino Trail-ers, Brooks, Alberta

Well Spring seems to be awakening here in the South-East part of our Province. It sure seems that this has been a longer and more severe winter than over the past years. Maybe as we age it just seems to take more out of us and we don't cope as well.

Those that chose, or were able, to travel South for the winter months have enjoyed mild and warm weather. We hope all have enjoyed your travels and have had an excellent RV'ing experience. As for our chapter, we had five couples who have spent most of the winter in Arizona, and some others took advantage of one or two week trips or even cruising.

At the Fall Mini Samboree, in Acme, we had 4 rigs attend of which one couple had just joined our chapter the week before. Everyone spoke highly of the event and enjoyed meeting new, or getting reacquainted with, fellow Good Samers as well as the festivities. The next week-end was our chapter's year end campout at Bow City Campground. This was well attended with 15 rigs. Our annual general meeting was held on the Saturday and the current executive were re-elected for another term.

Our Christmas party was held at the local Prairie Pioneers Hall on Saturday December 7th. This was a pot luck format and, as always, no one went away hungry. Pauline Eaton and her crew put on a goofy fashion show to everyone's delight. During the winter we hold a monthly coffee/breakfast get together at our local Legion with approximately 25 members attending.

Our Wagon Master has been busy during the winter months nailing down campgrounds and dates for this coming year's chapter campouts. He has been investigating different campgrounds around our area, to try and give some variance. Also with the steady increase of our membership we are fast outgrowing the facilities at Bow City park.

We took on a 5 km highway cleanup project on a main entrance roadway West of Brooks. Last September was our first of a 3 year contract. We had a fantastic turnout. This is a picture of our decked out crew.



We continue to experience steady growth of chapter members. Currently we have 26 rigs with 51 members and five potential couples who are considering joining. All this growth has come from members promoting the chapter with their friends and neighbors.

In closing, it is with heavy hearts that we advise we have lost one of our members. Don and Linda Weisbeck joined our chapter just one week before the Acme Samboree and were getting very involved with our group. Then suddenly on January 17th Don passed away. Linda continues to be an active member, and our thoughts are with their family.

Submitted by Lee Hunter
President, Dino Trail-ers

Calgary Wild Rose Chapter 35th Anniversary Party

The members of Calgary Wild Rose Chapter celebrated 35 years since its forming as an official chapter of the Good Sam Club back in April 1978.

The birthday party took place during our first campout on May 4, 2013 at Black Diamond. The afternoon began with our AGM and Chapter Spring Meeting followed by cake and ice cream. We were honored to have Charter members Louis & Laurel Dubois and Duane & Lynda Pilson to share their adventures of being a part of the chapter over the years. Other members reminisced and told stories of great camping weekends and friendships that have formed as a result of being part of Wild Rose. We look forward to many more years to come!



On the left:
Half of the circle of friends
attending the birthday
party.

On the right:
The other half of the
circle of friends
enjoying the
birthday party.



Submitted by:
Michele Noordhof
President, Calgary Wild Rose

Sunny South Sams, Lethbridge, Alberta

A big hello to all RV'ers anxious to start the 2014 Camping Season. The Sunny South Sams welcome any new camping enthusiasts at our monthly meetings held at The Gardens located at West Highlands (just past the west Safeway).

Our engaging chapter members have been working on publishing a Cookbook made from recipes from all our members. Linda Bodkin and Gerry Green are at this minute working to compile our treasure of recipes. It will be an exciting adventure to your taste buds and we encourage everyone to purchase our First Cookbook. Copies are available through any chapter member.

Our chapter members voted to do charity work for a local Woods Homes facility in 2014. Our members continually work on helping our community.


Our Chapter is looking forward to doing some camping between May and September with our first campout at the Picture Butte Tractor Museum. A few of our members (Byron & Heather Kunsman, Fred & Verna Alder, Marino and Jean Rapuano, Ken and Louisa LaPierre) have taken advantage of the sunshine in Yuma, Arizona. Larry & Ida Ehnes also went on a Panama Canal cruise. Other members (Ron & Linda Bodkin, Jerry & Bobbie Green, Dave & Barb Colbeck) were enjoying the sun rays farther west in California. Unintentionally missed are trips by other members within the chapter.

Travelling or not, Sunny South Sam members enjoy monthly breakfasts at the local senior's facility. This facility is available to all seniors where they can exercise, play games or just have coffee, read a good book or research something on the internet. Don't forget our chapter explores southern Alberta for camping facilities to enjoy on a monthly basis where we get together for games, good food and plenty of entertainment. Our first meeting is April 16, 7:00 pm at The Gardens and invite everyone to attend.

Sunny South Sams encourage anyone to join us for a lot of fun activities and great friendship.

Submitted by:
Heather Kunsman

Keep Your Brain Working ~ What statements do think these stand for? Answers on p. 11

As much As much	A HE HE JAM	Border - Mile - <u>Mile</u>	SORMOREROW ANTHANGER
1.Ans=	2.Ans=	3.Ans=	4.Ans=
L E T	BLONDE 	GET IT GET IT GET IT GET IT	MORE MORE MORE MORE MORE
5.Ans=	6.Ans=	7.Ans=	8.Ans=

An Ode of English Plurals

We'll begin with a box, and the plural is boxes,
But the plural of ox becomes oxen, not oxes.

One fowl is a goose, but two are called geese,
Yet the plural of moose should never be meese.
You may find a lone mouse or a nest full of mice,
Yet the plural of house is houses, not hice.

If the plural of man is always called men,
Why shouldn't the plural of pan be called pen?

If I speak of my foot and show you my feet,
And I give you a boot, would a pair be called beet?

If one is a tooth and a whole set are teeth,
Why shouldn't the plural of booth be called beeth?
Then one may be that, and three would be those,
Yet hat in the plural would never be hose,
And the plural of cat is cats, not cose.

We speak of a brother and also of brethren,
But though we say mother, we never say methren.
Then the masculine pronouns are he, his and him,
But imagine the feminine: she, shis and shim!
Let's face it - English is a crazy language.

There is no egg in eggplant nor ham in hamburger;
neither apple nor pine in pineapple.

English muffins weren't invented in England.

We take English for granted, but if we explore its paradoxes,
we find that quicksand can work slowly, boxing rings are square,
and a guinea pig is neither from Guinea nor is it a pig.

And why is it that writers write but fingers don't fing,
grocers don't groce and hammers don't ham?

If you have a bunch of odds and ends and
get rid of all but one of them, what do you call it?

If teachers taught, why didn't preachers praught?

If a vegetarian eats vegetables, what does a humanitarian eat?

Sometimes I think all the folks who grew up speaking English
should be committed to an asylum for the verbally insane.

We ship by truck but send cargo by ship.

We have noses that run and feet that smell.

We park in a driveway and drive in a parkway.

And how can a slim chance and a fat chance be the same,
while a wise man and a wise guy are opposites?

You have to marvel at the unique lunacy of a language
in which your house can burn up as it burns down,
in which you fill in a form by filling it out, and
in which an alarm goes off by going on.

And in closing, if Father is Pop, how come Mother's not Mop?



Answers to **Keep Your Brain Working ~ What statements do these stand for?** (from p. 9)

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|---------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Twice as much | 5. A big let-down |
| 2. He's in a jam | 6. Fair and square |
| 3. Two miles from the border | 7. Forget it |
| 4. More in sorrow than in anger | 8. Room for one more |

This two-letter word in English has more meanings than any other two-letter word, and that word is **'UP'**. It is listed in the dictionary as an [adv], [prep], [adj], [n] or [v].

It's easy to understand UP, meaning toward the sky or at the top of the list, but when we awaken in the morning, why do we wake UP?

At a meeting, why does a topic come UP? Why do we speak UP, and why are the officers UP for election and why is it UP to the secretary to write UP a report?

We call UP our friends, brighten UP a room, polish UP the silver, warm UP the leftovers and clean UP the kitchen. We lock UP the house and fix UP the old car.

People stir UP trouble, pick UP tickets, work UP an appetite, and think UP excuses.

To be dressed is one thing but to be dressed UP is special.

And this UP is confusing: A drain must be opened UP because it is stopped UP.

We open UP a store in the morning but we close UP at night. We seem to be pretty mixed UP about UP!

To be knowledgeable about the proper uses of UP, look UP the word UP in the dictionary. In a desk-sized dictionary, it takes UP almost 1/4 of the page and can add UP to about thirty definitions.

If you are UP to it, you might try building UP a list of the many ways UP is used. It will take UP a lot of your time, but if you don't give UP, you may wind UP with a hundred or more.

When it threatens to rain, we say it is clouding UP. When the sun comes out we say it is clearing UP. When it rains, it soaks UP the earth. When it does not rain for awhile, things dry UP.

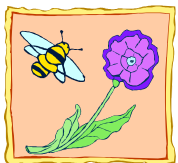
One could go on & on, but I'll wrap it UP, for now.....my time is UP !

Oh....one more thing: What is the first thing you do in the morning & the last thing you do at night?

U
P!

Did that one crack you UP?

Now I'll shut UP!



Thought for the Day:

Be who you are and say what you feel

Because those that matter ... don't mind ...

And those that mind ... don't matter!





Good Sam Club

ALBERTA PROVINCIAL SAMBOREE

MEMORIAL ARENA, CARSTAIRS, ALBERTA

JUNE 18 – 22, 2014

THEME: A TRIBUTE TO THE FIREFIGHTERS

HOSTED BY THE CALGARY CHAPTERS



1. Dry camping, so make sure your water tank is full and black/grey holding tanks are empty.
2. No entry to the Samboree prior to 9:00 am on June 18th, 2014. If you wish to park together, arrive together.
3. Please bring 2 dozen cookies per rig or a fruit/veggie tray to share at Hospitality.
4. Generator Hours are as follows: 7:00 am to 10:00 pm. No unattended generators allowed.
5. Limited power for medical condition(s) only.
6. Pet(s) must be on a leash. Please pick up after your pet(s). No pet(s) in the building (except service animals).
7. No smoking in the building.
8. Early bird draw for a weekend of free camping for all registrations received before February 28th, 2014.
9. **Registration received after May 31, 2014 will be \$150.00 per rig (2 persons).**
10. Receipts will be in your registration package.
11. One gift per chapter for the Lucky Draw, value approximately \$30.00.

****NO REFUNDS AFTER MAY 31, 2014 except for compassionate reasons. \$10.00 cancellation fee applies****

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Good Sam Member Name: _____ Partner: _____

Members' Address: _____ City: _____ Prov/State _____

Postal/Zip Code: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

Good Sam # _____ Chapter Name _____

Are you a first timer at this Samboree? ____ YES ____ NO How many Samborees attended? _____

Are you golfing? (THURSDAY Jun19th) ____ YES ____ NO Number of persons 1 or 2 (please circle)

Handicapped parking required? ____ YES ____ NO Require power for medical reasons? ____ YES ____ NO

RATES

Prior to May 31, 2014

After June 1, 2014

1 Rig (two people)	\$120.00	\$150.00	\$ _____
1 Rig (one person)	\$ 95.00	\$110.00	\$ _____
Additional person	\$ 45.00	\$ 55.00	\$ _____
Power (Medical only)	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ _____
Craft table	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00	\$ _____

Payment enclosed \$ _____

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

Applicant Signature: _____

Date: _____