



**Idaho Good Sam
State Organization
Newsletter**
NOVEMBER 2018



Better late than never: Last month I told you about the wonderful dinners we had at the Fall Round Up. The Dutch-oven dinner cooked by the Military Chapter, the Idaho Good Sam Potato Bar prepared by the High Desert Travelers of Mountain Home and the unique Banquet catered in from Boise from the Olive Garden. I inadvertently left out the delicious Pancake Supper prepared and served by the Time To Travel Chapter! Worse yet, when questioned about my omission, I drew a blank – what did I forget? It really didn't take much prodding to turn a light bulb on. Nothing was left out of the perfect and memorable "Breakfast for Supper." Apparently, I am not alone in enjoying a morning feast in the evening. It was well attended and much appreciated. Thank you, Time To Travel Chapter, we all hope it was as much a successful Chapter fundraiser for you as it was a successful and fulfilling dinner for us.

HOPEFULLY all of our Chapters are aware of our "Growth Fund" that we have discussed at the state meetings and in the Newsletters. Online at idahogoodsam.org under Documents is an application for up to \$150 per year to assist your chapter in attracting new members. This annual assist runs from the date you receive your check to the following year, i.e., if you receive a check on May 1st, you are eligible to apply to receive another check on May 2nd of the following year. The application, online, is easy to fill out, takes only a few minutes, and instructions are included. When formulating the idea for this program, many ideas were reviewed for qualification in gaining new members. One that wasn't thought of and turns out to be a great idea (thought up by the Happy Samers Chapter) is for each member who brings in a new member who joins and is a member for a year, both the original member and the new member get their Chapter dues paid for the following year. How's that for an idea! Let's see what other ideas you can come up with in your Chapter. Share them with us.

Pete and I wish all of you a Happy Thanksgiving. May your blessings be many!

SAVE THE DATES:

June 11-16, 2019 Samboree/Rally at the Nez Pearce County Fairgrounds in Lewiston. Ron McFadden will be the Assistant Director in charge of the planning and the theme is "Take the Lewis & Clark Trail to Idaho's Inland Seaport". There are so many things to do and see in Lewiston in addition to a great location and what will be a great event. Plan to attend and stay a few days extra to partake of the local offerings such as fishing the confluence of the Snake and Clear Water rivers, trips up Hells Canyon, the Hangar – an actual former airplane hangar, now an antique extravaganza, two casinos, the Nez Pearce Indian Museum, a replica of the original Idaho Capitol building, and so many other offerings. Hells Gate State Park is also located in

Lewiston and is a beautiful park on the Snake River with electric and water hookups, walking paths, and lots of trees for shade. Don't miss this one!

The 2019 Fall Round Up is in the planning stage in early September at the Fairgrounds in Jerome with Assistant Directors Gayle and Sue Chipman assisted by Assistant Directors John and Eldona Lounsbury. The preliminary theme is "Thriller"!

CHAPTER NEWS:

Chapter Presidents: Don't pass up this opportunity to share your Chapter highlights and adventures with the rest of our members. Send in your stories! In talking to different Chapters, I have learned that many of our Chapters are not aware that they can reserve a vendor space, for free, at our annual Samboree/Rally for a Chapter fund raiser. Some very good past examples have been the tables at which you buy tickets for raffle items, bid on auction items or purchase sale items which have included popcorn or baked goodies – even root beer floats when the weather is hot. Another example is a Chapter breakfast, lunch or dinner. Does your chapter like to cook? We've had some amazing Dutch oven dinners and pancake suppers sponsored by Chapters for their fund-raising efforts. Get innovative and share your talents with the rest of us. Proceed by contacting the Assistant Director who is planning the event and letting him/her know of your interest for approval and agenda scheduling.

Remember: State dues of \$4 per active rig and door prize donations are due by October 31st. An active rig is defined as members who have an RV to camp with your group, are single or a couple plus dependents. It does not include members who no longer have an RV or simply attend meeting but not campouts.

Please submit your chapter check no later than November 10th to: Phil Cronk, Treasurer at 41 S. Bonner, Nampa ID 83651. Questions? Email Phil at pandmcronk@cablone.net

CHAPLIN CHAT:

Last Sunday I preached a sermon on how quickly we get lost counting all of our problems and forget about all of our blessings. We have become so conditioned to focus on all the negative around us that the positive things become neglected or totally ignored. Our memory verse for this month at our church is from 1st Thessalonians 5:18, to give thanks in all circumstances. Our gratitude changes our attitude, not our situation or circumstances. The next time you discover your ox is in the ditch, be thankful you have an ox.

Seeking to serve, Pastor Dave



THE 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, and to wear a smile (like Good Sam and Good Samantha's) and promote the pledge of the Good Sam Club to others.

NOVEMBER HOLIDAYS:

4th Daylight Savings ends

6th Election Day



10th Marine Corps Birthday



11th Veterans Day (Observed Monday the 12th)

22nd Thanksgiving



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WISDON FOR THE AGES:

I'm finally old enough to do whatever I want... But I'm too tired to actually do it!

I know you've been lying awake at night wondering why baby diapers have brand names such as "Luvs," "Huggies," and "Pampers," while undergarments for old people are called "Depends." When Babies fill their pants, people are still gonna Luv'em, Hug'em, and Pamper'em. But, when old people fill their pants, whether someone cares enough to help them "Depends" on if they're in the Will or not.

Snowmen fall from Heaven - unassembled.

And Last...

There were five people on a plane that was about to crash, a President, a Lawyer, a young teenage boy, a Priest and a pretty blonde. The pilot informed them that there were only four parachutes. The President spoke up and said, "I run a country so I should get a parachute," he jumped off with one. The pretty blonde said, "I am so pretty, I should get one too," she jumped off with one. The Lawyer said, "I help people solve problems, I should get one too," he jumped off with one. There were two people left and only one parachute. The Priest said to the boy, "Here you take the last parachute and go because you will live longer than me." But, the boy said, "No, it's all right because two parachutes are left, the pretty blonde took my backpack."

-Joyce