



Idaho Good Sam State Organization
Newsletter
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My personal thank you goes out to all of you who have contacted me and wished me well or prayed for me as I recovered from a stroke on May 20th. I was on a campout with my chapter, the Capitol Gypsies, when I ended up in the hospital. I was fortunate to be with friends who are perfect examples of the Good Sam Pledge in action. I took one for the team by experiencing a drug called the “clot buster”. It did the trick and other than being a little more tired than I am used to, I am scarily back to normal. While I did everything wrong, walking away from our group because I was sure this “happening” would go away, I was fortunate enough to have a chapter member, who is a retired nurse, take over and ignore my head negatively shaking NO that I wasn’t going to the hospital. I was home two days later, and my chapter members took care of getting my rig and Ebony home. This is what we’re all about, isn’t it?

I am so sad when I hear of Chapter members squabbling among themselves to prove a point. It not only isn’t the Good Sam way, it doesn’t accomplish anything except to divide the members and drive some of them away. I’ve long operated on the theory that if it isn’t going to matter in five years, it’s not that important now. Make sure that you are the kind of person you want as a Chapter member. You never know when you may need your friends in the future!

Now that I’ve admitted that I “took one for the team”, I’m wondering if the team is going to help out with the payments on my newly purchased life flight helicopter!

The “clot buster” drug that was administered to me which dissolved the blood clot deep in my brain (yes, I now have proof that I have one) was explained to me as a synthetic form of Vampire bat venom, Yikes! Stands to reason that if a Vampire bat bites you, it injects venom that thins the blood, so it can drink without you clotting up and preventing it from having its dinner. So.... Be very careful if you see me out walking around at night at the Samboree! I have been extra thirsty. See you there.

UPCOMING STATE EVENTS: Don’t forget to bring a pantry item to be distributed to someone in the community.

SAMBOREE/RALLY June 5-2018: MAKING MEMORIES!

Put Blackfoot, Idaho on your GPS for **June 5-June 10, 2018**. The Idaho Good Sam Samboree is at the Eastern Idaho State Fairgrounds. Help us make more memories. Great entertainment, seminars and vendors. Most of all getting together for the friendships we have enjoyed, and new ones. You have only a few days left to register online at idahogoodsam.org or you can sign up at the door.

FALL ROUND UP 2018: KAMP KOOKAMONGA!

September 13-17, 2018 will be at the Elmore County Fairgrounds in Glenn's Ferry. Plenty of power, good company, and great fun. The activities will include a drone course, seminars, games, good food, entertainment, business meetings and the election of a new Director. Many plans are in the making. Go to idahogoodsam.org to preregister or call Cathie Mickelsen at (208) 830-4331 for more information.

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!

THE CAPITOL GYPSIES. Kathy Maglecic, President: went to Farewell Bend State Park in Oregon for their May campout. With 14 rigs attending, they acted out and solved a fun western murder mystery, complete with costumes. It was organized by Ann and Bill Adaska. They also enjoyed a very informative tour of the Oregon Trail and the Huntington On The Snake River Sternwheeler. Bill caught the biggest fish and Joyce led a "hands-on" first aid class. They enjoyed banana splits, a BBQ and a taco bar. Thanks to Ann and Bill for a great campout.



The Capitol Gypsies also worked with Good Sam May Cleanup Day by up debris and pruning roses at gathered at the Travel America truck



the Idaho State Parks Department for the planting flowers, raking pine needles, picking Discovery Park. After the cleanup, they stop for lunch.

CHAPLIN CHAT:

Dear Everyone: The time has come for all of us to motor to Blackfoot. Felicia and I will be missing you all and praying for success of the events and activities. I pray that Hailey is able to be present at your meeting, she is the young lady so seriously injured in the car accident a couple of years back. As many of you know, Joyce Barcus is recovering from her episode and won't have us there to help carry the load. Many of you will need to step up and help graciously carry the load. I have talked with several of you about health issues for others in our chapters, please continue to check on one another.

On a personal note, I could use a little prayer as I drive a 26-foot U-Haul to Kentucky by myself this Sunday for a fellow veteran. I also will be taking my national exam for EMT on June 20th.

May we always be mindful to thank God daily for our little blessings.

Seeking to serve, Pastor Dave

June Holidays:

- ✓ 6th D Day
- ✓ 14th Army Birthday
- ✓ 14th Flag Day
- ✓ 17th Father's Day
- ✓ 21st Summer Solstice



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**HAPPY
FATHER'S
DAY!**



**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.**

Joyce

SMILES:

A couple went to the hospital to have their baby delivered.

Upon their arrival, the doctor said that the hospital was testing an amazing new high-tech machine that would transfer a portion of the mother's labor pain to the baby's father. He asked if they were interested. Both said they were very much in favor of it.

The doctor set the pain transfer to 10% for starters, explaining that even 10% was probably more pain than the father had ever experienced before. But as the labor progressed, the husband felt fine and asked the doctor to go ahead and kick it up a notch.

The doctor then adjusted the machine to 20% pain transfer. The husband was still feeling fine. The doctor then checked the husband's blood pressure and was amazed at how well he was doing. At this point they decided to try for 50%. The husband continued to feel quite well.

Since the pain transfer was obviously helping the wife considerably, the husband encouraged the doctor to transfer ALL the pain to him.

The wife delivered a healthy baby with virtually no pain and the husband continued to experience no pain. She and her husband were ecstatic.

When they got home they found the mailman dead on the porch.