

Good Sam CHAPTER CHAT

3rd Quarter 2015



Good Sam Cleanup Days Turns 20!

Good Sam chapters from across North America celebrated the 20th anniversary of Good Sam Cleanup days by spending the weekend of May 16 & 17 picking up trash. They worked on the sides of roads, in public campgrounds, around lakes and just about anywhere that needed a little spring cleaning. The Capitol Gypsies of Boise, Idaho, selected at random from chapters that filled

10 or more bags during Cleanup Days, won \$25 Camping World merchandise certificates for each member family.

It's never too soon to start planning for next year's Cleanup Days. Cleanup Days 2016 will take place May 20-23, 2016. Check www.GoodSamClub.com/volunteering for more information.

Spotlight on Chapter Volunteering:

On Saturday, May 8, 2015 the Cranberry Country Cruisers of Tomah, WI helped the local American Legion Auxiliary distribute poppies and collect funds to support American Veterans. Ventriloquist Cheryl Keene along with Chapter president Bonnie Owen and her husband Randi, worked tirelessly at the local Wal-Mart to raise funds for their charity. Goober T. Squirrel (pictured here with Cheryl) was a big hit with the kids!

If you have a story about how your chapter gives back please submit it to your state director—you never know when the spotlight will be on YOU!



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Coming Soon

TG Sheppard at the Red Barn Convention Center
September 5, 2015
Winchester, OH

Classic Car Show & Sock Hop Weekend
September 11 – 13, 2015
Cape May, NJ

Southern New England Family Fest
September 18 – 20, 2015
Foxboro, MA

The Great Prosser Balloon Rally 2015
September 25 – 27, 2015
Prosser, WA

Norsk Hostfest
September 29 – Oct 3, 2015
Minot, ND

Sun Valley Jazz & Music Festival
October 14 – 18, 2015
Sun Valley, ID

Beer & Wine at the Vines
November 6 – 8, 2015
Paso Robles, CA

More information & events at
GoodSamClub.com/Events

Special Good Sam Club Member Announcement!

New RV Park and Campground Review

We are rolling out our new RV Park and Campground reviews section on GoodSamClub.com in order to let you share information about their park stays—from favorite campsites and amenities to things to do in the area. You can now write about your RV camping experience AND give a one-to-five star rating. Once the review is approved it will appear on the park's information page which is accessible through www.GoodSamClub.com. You can also choose to publish your review on Facebook!

We know our chapter members are some of the most active RVers out there!

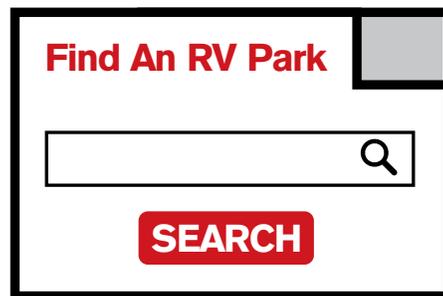
We know you know campgrounds and we welcome you to be among the first to share your experiences and write a review on the Good Sam Club Website. Good Sam goes to great lengths to evaluate and rate 8,000 privately owned RV parks and campgrounds across North America. Now it's your turn.

By posting your feedback, you're helping other members make decisions about where to stay AND helping parks make improvements! Spread the word and let your friends and family know how they can help also! Go ahead—Check it out. It's EASY!

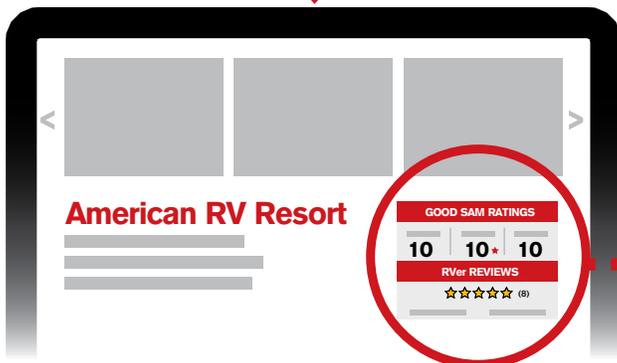


Sign in on goodsamclub.com

Click on the **Plan a Trip** tab



Search for RV Parks



Go to the park's **information** page



Click on **Reviews** and start sharing



Hearts of Gold

Who will be Good Sam's next RVer of the Year?

Since 2008, the Good Sam Club's RVer of the Year award has recognized one altruistic member or member couple for exceptional volunteer service. This year's candidates, profiled below, all go the extra mile to make the world a better place. Voting runs

from August 15 through September 15 at goodsamclub.com/vote, and Good Sam members can cast one vote per family membership. Vote for your favorite, then be sure to look for the winner in October's CyberSam e-newsletter.



Susan & Larry Fannon

Ziploc bags, M&Ms and smiles are the tools of the trade for pastors Larry and Susan Fannon. In 2013, the Good Sam Club members retired and took a giant leap of faith. They sold their house and moved into their 1993 Gulf Steam motorhome full time, dubbing themselves RVOBUSA for Roaming Vehicle of Blessing United States of America.

Serving in homeless shelters and women's shelters, as well as on streets, beaches and even campgrounds, they distribute "hope-filled" bags to the needy. These bags are packed with a water bottle, granola bars, applesauce, a spoon, a pair of socks, toothpaste, a toothbrush, shampoo, a comb, a washcloth, soap and a handwritten card with a message of hope. When the couple visits truck stops, they distribute M&Ms to truck drivers and thank them for their hard work.

Married for 22 years, the Fannons have a blended family of three children and six grandchildren, and chronicle their adventures on Facebook.

France & Bill Moriarty

Thirteen years ago, Good Sam Life members Bill and France Moriarty sold their busy construction business, house, cabin on the lake and beach condo to hit the road with Habitat for Humanity RV Care-A-Vanners. Since then, they've helped build more than 560 homes for the nonprofit organization.

After lending a hand following Hurricane Katrina, the Joplin tornado and Superstorm Sandy, the Moriartys helped develop Habitat for Humanity's Disaster Response program, which offers disaster-relief training, mobilizes volunteers when tragedy strikes and provides relief long after the media loses interest.

Over the years, the couple upgraded their fifth-wheel with a 5-kilowatt generator, a 60-gallon water tank and a rack with enough tools for a crew of 15 that allows them to work for days or weeks in disaster-stricken areas. Married in 1987, the Moriartys are now designing an even better equipped fifth-wheel to carry them into the future.

Diana & Ron Sewell

Ron and Diana Sewell don't use their fifth-wheel trailer just for camping. Instead, they spend a good portion of their RV time organizing the volunteer activities of their Good Sam Club chapter, the Over the Hill Sams, which works tirelessly to give back in their Ogden, Utah, community.

Ron and Diana have helped their chapter make thousands of fleece blankets, school kits and hygiene kits to donate to the less fortunate. Diana makes and distributes cancer kits for patients at the local hospital. The couple also works for Utah Food Service, preparing plates to be served at community events, and cleans up roadways and campsite fire pits at North Fork Park so others can enjoy the great outdoors.

The Sewells began RVing in 1971, starting with a 6.5-foot camper, and now enjoy more space in their 35-foot Jayco Eagle. They have been married for 47 years and have four children and 13 grandchildren.



50th Anniversary Celebration

This is YOUR time to shine!

The Good Sam Club will mark its 50th anniversary in 2016, as will Camping World, and plans are underway to celebrate this milestone in the history of camping and RVing. Both the Good Sam Club and Camping World made their debuts back in 1966, as the freedom and flexibility of RV travel began to capture the imaginations of North Americans.

To commemorate these dual 50th anniversary milestones next year, we're working on some special projects that will not only recount the half-century histories of the Good Sam Club and Camping World but that will also convey your collective passion for the RV lifestyle. We're also looking to longtime RV enthusiasts to join with us as we plan this twin anniversary celebration by sharing your RV and camping stories, snapshots, and memorabilia from the Swinging Sixties.

Email your 1960s memories—or those of your parents or grandparents if the '60s were

before your time—in 100 words or less, along with scans of your vintage camping photos, to 50years@goodsamclub.com no later than October 31. If we publish your recollection and related photo, you will receive a \$25 Camping World merchandise certificate.

Our chapter members across the country have a wealth of information and fascinating memorabilia that will be great fun to share with other members. So if you have vintage items in your collection that you would like to share (old patches, vests, chapter flags, etc.), email a picture to your state director and show us the item. If we are able to use it in our celebration, we'll contact you to make arrangements.

Now thumb through your photo albums and scrapbooks, visit your attic or basement and start looking for those mementos of camping trips gone by! We can hardly wait to see what treasures you have in store to share with your fellow members next year!