

THE WAGON TONGUE

“HAWAIIAN LUAU” RALLY A SUCCESS

We had a good attendance for our 2018 Rally. The Rally boasted 106 Rigs. The days were filled with many activities and games.

We want to thank everyone who attended and all the individuals and chapters that helped. Without all the help and participation by everyone our Rally could not be a success!

“COUNTY FAIR” IS THE NEW THEME FOR THE 2019 RALLY

This is a great theme for the 2019 Rally. So all of us should be thinking of great Stage Decorations, Costumes, Rig Decorations and ways to promote the Rally so we can really show our pride and have a record attendance.

So, put on your “thinking caps” and set your mode to “County Fair”. See you in Amana June 20-23, 2019



Iowa Good Sams

MESSAGE FROM OUR STATE DIRECTORS



Happy Fall ya all!!!

First of all we want to thank you all for attending our spring rally and for all the help that was given to make it such a success. We think it went well for our "first"

however we are always open to new ideas! Plans are already in motion for next years rally and I have heard plans of a pie baking contest, blue ribbons and a county fair queen! We have been so busy since June, camping and attending family functions and of course that remodeling thing is still happening at our house, which really helps to build communication skills between you and your partner, in fact ours are so good we are taking the winter off and starting again in the spring! I would like to thank the state staff for everything they do without them we would be nothing! If you would like to be more involved contact any of the staff or myself we would be glad to have you join us. For those traveling for the winter we wish you safe travels and for those staying we hope you have a very mild winter! Be kind to one another and help wherever you can you may a new friend and make their day brighter. See you next year at the County Fair in Amana!
Your friends,

Cheryl and Dale Miller
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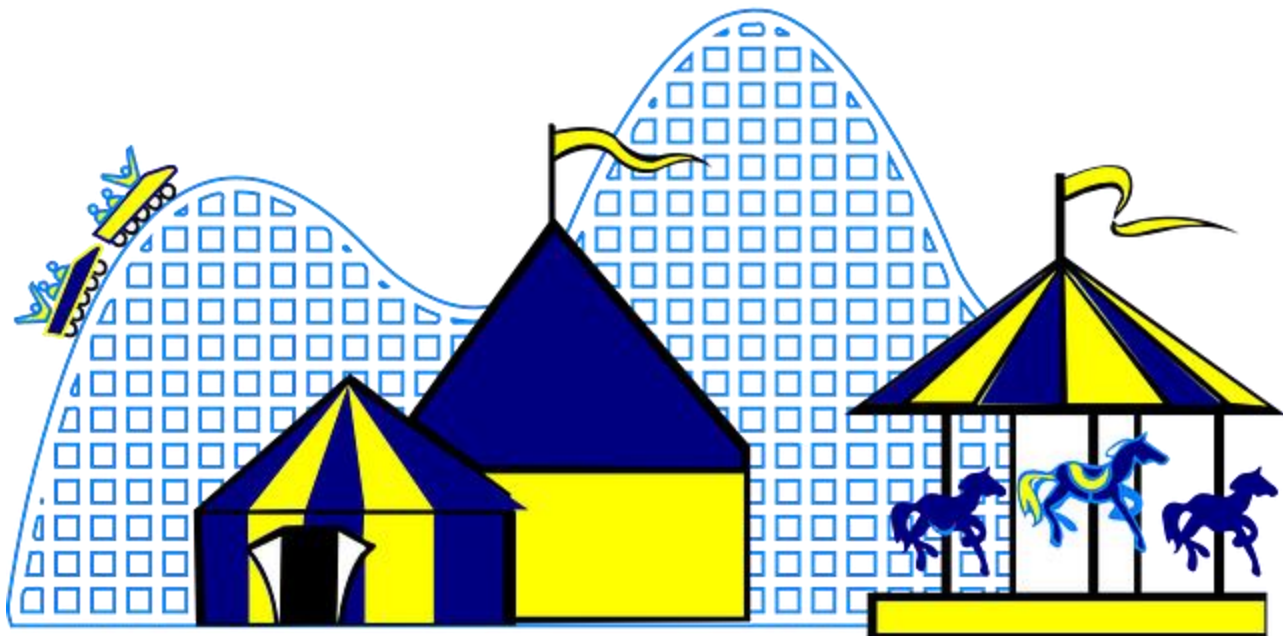
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GAME WINNERS 2018 IOWA STATE RALLY

Turtle Races:

1st Tim Caven
2nd Craig Hobler

Bean Bag Baseball:

1st Red Devils 22	2nd Royal Blues 17	2nd Firecrackers 17
Mel Van Peurseem	Gary Kramer	Art Van Ottenloo
Judy Hansen	Mary Kramer	Norma Forest
Mick Vande Brak	Virginia Hare	Ken Hare
Lavonne Bries	Linda Helt	John Boogerd
Sharon Pope	George Abbas	Arnetta Van Peurseem
Tom Nielsen	Colin Bender	Norm Heim
Charles Euly	Gary Ronsfeldt	Lorene Hynes
Bob Porath	Larry Hansen	

Card Games:

Euchre:

1st Carla Kedrowski 43
2nd Virginia Hare 36

500:

1st Don Bries 2580
2nd Duane Brandt 1940

Skipbo:

1st Virginia Hare 215
2nd Carla Kedrowski 190
2nd Dave Kedrowski 190

Cribbage:

1st Jim Johnson 388
2nd Sharon Pope 370

Men

Women

Bean Bag Toss:

1st Richard Reed 49	1st Virginia Hare 28
2nd George Abbas 48	2nd Pat La Fary 25

Ladders:

1st Larry Hansen 50	1st Eileen Serbousek 34
2nd John Boogerd 46	2nd Linda Helt 32

Washer Toss: Cancelled due to rain

Bull Toss:

1st George Abbas 12	1st Delores Brandt 10
2nd John Neyens 11	2nd Linda Helt 5

2018 State Raffle Winners

1. \$100 Cash - Gary Ronfeldt, Schaller, IA
2. Crockpot Casserole Slow Cooker - Connie Johnson, Newton IA
3. Black & Decker Lithium String Trimmer - Beth Dohse, Council Bluffs, IA
4. Inflatable Empire Chair - LaVonne Bries, Dubuque, IA
5. Reflective American Fireglass - Dan Graber, Burlington, IA
6. Hershey's Single Serve Ice Cream Machine - John Scheuer, Pattersonville, NY

2018 RIG DECORATION WINNERS

Daytime winners were

1st Group Big River

1st Individual Gary and Norma
Olmstead

Night time

1st 4 fs
2nd Big River



Two Rivers Sams

It was good getting together in May at Amana after winter. We toured the Amana's and toured the Basket Broom place. We had to have our pictures taken on the great big chair. We also went to the Copper Store. They had all kinds of beautiful lawn ornaments. We toured the Barn Museum. June took us to Lazy Acres in Urbana. We went to a field to see hops grown. It grows up on strings. July was supposed to be at Jakeway. It was too wet and they had part of the park taped off. So instead, we just went out for supper at Stove House in Central City. August took us to Sleep Hollow in Oxford. We visited a prettiest farm in Iowa, at Williamsburg. We got to walk around and see all of their pretty flowers. The host's grand-daughter and great-grand-daughter joined us. Her great-grand-daughter is a Brownie and had a butterfly project. She brought her display to the campground, it was mild-week to butterfly. She told us all about it. This was very interesting. We could take milkweed weeds or worms home with us. We had a campfire every night. September will be at Manchester fairgrounds. Friday we will go to Peosta to tour the Abby and the casket factory. Saturday we will be celebrating the club's 30 years. We invited past members to join us for soup, sandwiches, cake and ice-cream. October will be at Manchester fairgrounds as well. Then winter ends the camping season other than those that go south. Safe travels and have a good winter! See you in the spring!

CHAPTER REPORTS FROM 2018

Cedar Sams Snow Birds,

They are back! We are on our way camping and having great potlucks. We have enjoyed the rally in June and our hot dog sales went very well this year. We donated \$250 to the Cedar Rapids Ronald McDonald's House and a \$250 donation to Definitely Dogs USA in Cedar Rapids. Camping is coming to an end for this year and we are looking forward to next season.

Cedar Sams

CHAPTER REPORTS FROM 2018, cont.

WAPELLO TRAVELIN' SAM

Wapello Travelin' Sams has been having a fun and interesting year so far with the usual yard games and card games.

In May we were at Indian Lake in Farmington. The weather was very nice, so the shelter was not utilized as much as usual. Last year while there, we were under a tornado warning and had to take shelter in the park host's house for a while. We made our usual trip to the small but very nice greenhouse to buy vegetable plants and flowers.

In June we were at Lake Rathbun. We went on tour of Kness Manufacturing in Albia. They make pest control products and have customers both inside and outside of the United States. We were each given a mouse trap, which has already been successful at our house. Also, in June, we had 10 units that attended the Iowa State Rally in Amana. Our club was in charge of stage decorations and we heard a lot of positive comments.

July found us at Belva Deer Campground just east of Sigourney. Our club hosts for this campout found a shrimp farm there and arranged for us to take a tour. This is quite a complicated operation and there doesn't seem to be many experts in the field, so they are learning as they go. Their most recent problem is dealing with the nitrates in the water. They get their shrimp from Florida and they are flown to Des Moines. The shrimp are only the size of an eyelash to start with. They did give us some frozen shrimp with heads and all and one of our members. Is planning to find out how to clean them and may surprise us with a shrimp dish at one of our pot lucks.

August was suppose to be at Lake Seguma, but they won't hold spots for our group unless reserved ahead of time. This much be a change in policy because last year they did. As a result, our wagon master has made arrangement to try a new campground in Green Top Missouri so we are looking forward to somewhere new.

September 8th will be our annual yard sale where we attempt to make enough money to give \$200.00 to each of our three charities. The week after the yard sale, we will be in Ottumwa and arrangements have been made to go on two tours in the little town of Agency, which is 5 miles east of Ottumwa. We will tour Mrs. Bonser's Egg Noodles business and also Chef Wapello's grave site.

October should find us in Marr Park in Ainsworth to finish out our camping season.

We are a group that enjoys our fellowship together each month and there are always lively discussions around the campfire. We hope every club has had an enjoyable camping season this year!

Rena Hanes

Secretary/Treasurer Wapello Travelin' Sams



Washer City Sams

Washer City Sams is centrally located in Newton, IA. In 2018, we had a total of 13 rigs with a total of 21 members to start the year out and have one confirmed new rig and member with the prospect of more to come. April was our very first campout located at KOA Campground in Newton, IA. May was at Thomas Mitchell Park near Mitchellville, IA. Attending and camping at the Amana Rally was considered our campout for June in which Washer City Sams was presented a certificate for 20 years since the chapter started on August 22, 1998. In July, our destination was Little Wall Lake near Jewell, IA. August campout was held at Marion County Park in Knoxville, IA in which John & Barb Taylor provided cake and ice cream to help celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on August 23rd. Our September campout will be located at Howell Station below the Red Rock Dam with our last campout for October to be at Hickory Grove near Nevada, IA, weather permitting. During the winter months of November thru March, our group meets at a local restaurant or church for a meal and our monthly meeting. All events/gatherings are the fourth weekend with a few exceptions.

Since our group is small enough, we do not have fundraisers or garage sales.

We do have a jar called "Happy Dollars" in which one can donate any amount for whatever you are happy about and is collected once a month.

This money in turn is donated to "Beds for Kids", "Retrieving Freedom", "Fund for lighting Newton's courthouse at Christmas time", "Hospice" and "Ronald McDonald House" just to name a few. When available members and time permits, our chapter volunteers for ringing bells for Salvation Army at Christmas time, Special Olympics and Dance in the Kitchen. We have numerous quilters in our chapter and have quilted Christmas stockings for the Veteran's Home in Marshalltown and the list goes on.

This year, Connie Johnson, President, was diagnosed with triple negative breast cancer on the right side. She has had five months of chemo treatments, surgery and is now getting ready to start radiation treatments which will be done around the last week in October or the beginning of November 2018. It is with great appreciation that Vice President, Sharolyn Wheatcraft, has stepped up to the plate and filled in for this year for Connie has she not been physically able to attend the campouts. The appreciation also extends to the entire Washer City Sams members who filled in where needed.

Another great year of camping with very caring friends with many more years to come!



2018 CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS Clubs

Charities	4-F's Sams*	Big River Sams	Wapello Travelin Sams	Cedar Sams	Washer City
Retrieving Freedom	\$675.50		\$200.00		
Ronald McDonald	\$300.00		\$200.00	\$150.00	
Special Olympics	\$309.00				
American Caner					
Make a Wish					
Wounded Warriors		\$125.00			
Albrecht Acres					
NEIA Food Bank	\$309.00				
Hope Lodge	\$300.00				
Vets Freedom Center					
KOA Kare Kamp					
Beds For Kids					\$50.00
Neighbors Helping Neighbors					\$50.00
Newton Court House Christmas Lights					\$50.00
Deafinitely Dogs				\$150.00	
St Judes Hospital			\$200.00		
Transitions DMC		\$100.00			
Honor Flight of Quad Cities		\$100.00			

*4-F's donation to Retrieving Freedom was done in memory of Virgil Fasse, former member

