NorCal Tel-A-Sam: Spring/Summer, 2022



Have a Good Trip.

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Director Mike Ward

FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

Hello friends and fellow RVers,

We have finally started to get some good spring weather but along with it comes the allergy season. The blossoms are beautiful but can wreak havoc on your sinuses so please take care of yourselves as you venture out traveling here and there.

We had a fantastic turnout for our first NorCal Round-up April 28 thru May 1st at Casa de Fruta. We had 35 rigs representing 7 chapters with 65 persons in attendance. Our first gathering was the Happy Hour event which took place Friday afternoon at 4:30.Everyone brought an appetizer along with their favorite beverage. There were games to play and lots of socializing with other chapters. Everyone had a wonderful time and enjoyed the stress-free environment.

Saturday evening brought on the staff hosted BBQ of hamburgers and hotdogs. There were lots of side dishes brought by the members of each chapter and of course lots of yummy desserts. One thing is for sure- when you get a group of RVers together there is never a shortage of food. My thanks to all who brought dishes and desserts.

During each event raffle prizes were handed out and every rig got a prize. No one went home empty handed. A very special congratulations to our GRAND PRIZE winner Kathy Snyder from the Durham Travel Nuts. She won a 3 night stay at Casa de Fruta RV Park, paid for in full by NorCal for our next Round-up event April 27-30, 2023.

I was very proud of our NorCal staff as they worked their butts off to make this event happen for the members of NorCal. I am blessed to be surrounded by these amazing caring hard working people. I want to thank all those who attended and helped to make this event a success. Like I have always said, "It takes a village "



I ask that as we head out in our rigs to experience and explore this great country of ours that we do so safely and remember to always practice good RV etiquette. Always be considerate of others. You don't know what kind of day they have been having, so practice a little patience and try to be polite, kind and courteous.

Thanks again to all of you. it's an honor to be your NorCal Director.

Respectfully yours: Mike Ward.

Norcal Good Sam State Director



Good Sam Round Up: April 28-May 1, 2022

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2022 NorCal Spring Round Up

Nearly 60 campers enjoyed a terrific weekend of fun, games, food, music, socializing and prizes at Casa de Fruta RV Park in Hollister, CA., the weekend of April 28-May 1, 2022. This was NorCal Good Sam's second Round Up, with Mike and Gina Ward spearheading the NorCal staff in organizing an easy-going, relaxing time for everyone. This was the perfect venue for meeting new friends and re-connecting with old ones!

Doug Kreitz, the historian/photographer for NorCal, had the opportunity to video record several chapter presidents. These will be posted on the NorCal Good Sam website. He would love to be able to interview every chapter president, so potential members would be able to connect a video with a specific chapter.

On Friday night, happy hour with lots of wonderful appetizers prepared by all the campers, was enjoyed with music, games, socializing, door prizes, and of course, the afore mentioned appetizers!

One of the major hits of the evening was the game of Giant Genga, with several campers participating. It was amazing how high that tower was before it came crashing down to earth! Lots of fun and laughter for everyone!

Mike and Gina ended the festivities on Saturday with a hot dog/hamburger bar-b-que for everyone. The rest of the campers brought sides and desserts to share. Absolutely no one went to their rig hungry! The end of the evening saw another round of door prizes given away. By the end of the night, every rig present had won a prize, large or small. Kathy Snyder from Durham Travel Nuts won the major prize of the event when her ticket was pulled for the "Golden Ticket". The Golden Ticket is for the spring Round Up in 2023 and is good for 3 nights of camping at Casa de Fruta. It's valued at \$150.00.

Mike and Gina are to be congratulated on organizing and heading such a fantastic event. They hope to have an even larger number of rigs attend the next one.

Plan ahead everyone, and plan on attending the Spring Round Up in 2023!

HAPPY HOUR FOOD ... FOOD ... AND MORE FOOD!



Annual Round Up (continued)



Lots of games Played!





And then there was Saturday...

We're ready for our close ups, Mr. DeMille.





Grillin' an' chillin' time!

Special "Golden Ticket" winner Kathy Snyder of Durham Travel Nuts!

She won a 3 night stay at our next spring's Round Up at Casa de Fruta.

Congratulations, Kathy!







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NORTHERN CALIFORNIA GOOD SAM ASSOCIATION

(Minutes, April 23, 2022)

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STATE COMMITTEE MEETING

VIA ZOOM 4-23-2022

The NCGS State Committee meeting was called to order by Director Mike Ward at 3:07 pm on April 23, 2022.

After the meeting was opened we had the invocation prayer by Dave Tomlinson, NorCal Chaplain and then the Pledge of Allegiance lead by Mike Murray.

The following NorCal State Staff was present. Mike Ward, NorCal State Director, Wally Luihn, NorCal State Assistant Director, Sharon Murray, NorCal State Editor/Tel-A-Sam, Dave Tomlinson NorCal Chaplain, Shirley Harms, NorCal Charity

Roll Call was then carried out with (6) Chapters being represented at the meeting. Those Chapters present were Gold Nugget Sams, Lazy Daisy Sams, Lucky Ones, San Jose Blackjacks, Tuleburg Sams and the Durham Good Sams.

Minutes were presented as published. Motion was made to accept the minutes as presented by Lisa Lewis and Seconded by Shirley Harms. Motion was approved and motion was carried.

Treasurer's Report was presented as published. Motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented by Mike Murray and Seconded by Scott Linenbroker. Motion was approved and motion was carried.

Announcements:

NorCal State Offices Filled

Mike Murray – NorCal Head of Security (Sheriff)

Dave Tomlinson – NorCal Chaplain

Audrey Johnson – NorCal Web Master/Secretary

Doug Kreitz - NorCal Photographer/Historian



NORTHERN CALIFORNIA GOOD SAM ASSOCIATION

(Minutes, Continued)

Mike Ward stated that Audrey has done a lot of work on the NorCal Website and has made it more user friendly. He is asking that each Chapter notify Audrey of any changes in officers or other pertinent information.

NorCal Round-up April 28-May 1st, 2022

When checking in at Casa De Fruta each rig will receive an envelope with 2 tickets in it to be used for raffle prizes and drawings, so be sure to hang onto those tickets. Approximately 40 rigs from NorCal will be attending.

Friday Night there will be a Happy Hour at 4:30 at the Outdoor Pavilion with raffle drawings. Please bring an appetizer to share. Also bring your own beverage.

Saturday Night there will be a BBQ hosted by the State Staff. Hamburgers and Hot Dogs with all the fixin's will be provided along with utensils, plates, etc. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share and your own beverage.

The only wood fires allowed at Casa De Fruta are to be in the fire pits at the end of each row. Propane fires are allowed.

Unfinished Business:

The NorCal Travel Trailer that had been stored at Casa De Fruta for almost 2 years needed to be moved. It was moved to Dave Tomlinson's Sons' property in March.

Chapter of the Year Award is on pause/hold – due to Covid. They hope to start up again next year.

Shirley Harms Reported that the total of \$11,098 was reported. A brief discussion followed regarding the fact that the Chapters are allowed to use members personal monies and volunteer hours not just monies and hours specifically from the club. They talked about the Good Sam Pledge, and it stated that we all are to help others whether that be in donating time or money. Those that donate their time can use the figure of \$15 per hour when calculating a Charity Report to Shirley.

Sharon Murray requested that she receive all articles for the Spring Issue of Tel-A-Sam be received no later than May 15th. Please email your article to <u>norcaltelasam@gmail.com</u>

A brief discussion was held regarding Prayers at Outings whether before a meal or a meeting. Mike Ward just asked that they remain generic or non-sectarian. Chapters are welcome to just ask for a moment of silence. We have a diverse membership and we do not want to offend anyone.

New Business:

NorCal Rally for 2023 – April 27-30 – Casa De Fruta - SHOULD HAPPEN!!



NORTHERN CALIFORNIA GOOD SAM ASSOCIATION

(Minutes, Continued)

We will carry forward the theme "A Salute to America the Beautiful" as well as the Veteran Wall. Elvis and the Caterer have been rolled over to next year. The Application to Register should be out by the next State Meeting in October.

The next NorCal Staff Meeting will be held Sunday October 29, 3-5 pm on Zoom.

Drawing:

Every Chapter that was represented today at the meeting had their chapter name placed in the drawing for a \$30 Amazon Gift Card....and the winner was the Lucky Ones.

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn was made by Dave Klasser and seconded by Edith Evans, the motion was approved and carried at approximately 4:30 pm.

Let me know if you need any corrections to these minutes.

Respectfully Submitted by

Doris Shryne, Durham Good Sams

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NORCAL STAFF MEETING

CASA DE FRUTA, CALIFORNIA

04-30-22

A motion was made to donate \$400 to Bethel Baptist Church in Morgan Hill to be used as they see fit to help the homeless.

Motion made to accept as amended: Motion: Wally Luihn Second: Mike Murray Vote: Approved

Motion carried

Respectfully submitted

Audrey Johnson, Secretary



San Jose Blackjacks



The Blackjacks Chapter has held campouts monthly since the last report. In fact, our campouts are already scheduled into 2023! Often, the Wagon Masters hosting a campout have a theme-often a holiday in that month or reflecting a planned event. For example, a campout in San Juan Bautista included a "Vertigo" movie night and a tour of the Spanish mission featured in the film. Recently, the Wagon Masters hosted a delightful tour of the historical Air Museum near San Martin. We also try to help others. Our Christmas campout always includes wrapping presents and food donations for a family we adopt.

We have had one family resign due to moving for an out-of-state job and another family join. We actively encourage new members—and visitors and guests are always invited to help themselves first at our delicious Saturday morning brunches and Saturday potluck dinners! If you are interested in visiting us, please contact Jeff Sheldon at jeffsmatco@aol.com.

Check out our upcoming camp outs on the next page.



San Jose Blackjacks Campouts - 2022

| Dates (1 | 'hu-Sun) | RV Park | Address |
|------------|------------|---------------------------|--|
| 1/6/2022 | 1/9/2022 | Flag City RV Resort | 6120 W Banner St, Lodi, CA 95242 |
| 2/3/2022 | 2/6/2022 | Gilroy Garlic USA RV Park | 650 Holloway Rd, Gilroy, CA 95020 |
| 3/10/2022 | 3/13/2022 | Jackson Rancheria RV Park | 12222 New York Ranch Rd, Jackson, CA 95642 |
| 3/31/2022 | 4/3/2022 | Bodega Bay RV Resort | 2001 Hwy 1, Bodega Bay, CA 94923 |
| 4/28/2022 | 5/1/2022 | Casa de Fruta RV Park | 10031 Pacheco Pass Hwy, Hollister, CA 95023 |
| 6/2/2022 | 6/5/2022 | Angels Camp RV Resort | 3069 Hwy 49 South, Angels Camp, CA 95222 |
| 7/7/2022 | 7/10/2022 | Smithwoods RV Park | 4770 Highway 9, Felton, CA 95018 |
| 8/4/2022 | 8/7/2022 | Casa de Fruta RV Park | 10031 Pacheco Pass Hwy, Hollister, CA 95023 |
| 9/8/2022 | 9/11/2022 | The Yanks RV Resort | 40399 Livingston Rd, Greenfield, CA 93927 |
| 10/13/2022 | 10/16/2022 | Wine Country RV Park | 2500 Airport Rd, Paso Robles, CA 93446 |
| 11/3/2022 | 11/6/2022 | Sugar Barge RV Resort | 1440 Sugar Barge Rd, Bethel Island, CA 94511 |
| 12/1/2022 | 12/4/2022 | Betabel RV Park | 9664 Betabel Rd, San Juan Bautista, CA 95045 |









Durham Good Sams

Let's catch everyone up since our last Article. We have had a really good year and things look like they are going to continue throughout the rest of the year.

In early April we went to Vineyard RV Park in Vacaville and had a great time. We all stopped on the way to the campground at Granzellas for breakfast which is always fun. We toured the Jelly Belly Factory, and then went to Dinner at Texas Roadhouse. And our Trail Boss for the outing, Doug Martens with the help of Ed Ryon, cooked our group a wonderful Prime Rib Dinner. Of course, the weekend wouldn't be complete unless the women got to go shopping at the outlets.

We just got home from the NorCal Roundup at Casa De Fruta in Hollister (April 27-May 1) which was great. We have to say thank you so much to NorCal Director, Mike and Gina Ward and all the NorCal staff that contributed to making it so much fun. Our Chapter had 7 rigs attend. It was great to meet so many new people. Our President, Don Leforce and his wife Carol were the Trail Bosses for this outing, and they kept us busy when we weren't with the whole group. We of course went to Garlic World, also to San Juan Bautista to see the Mission. We explored all the shops at Casa De Fruta which are too many to list. On Friday Night NorCal put on a great happy hour at the Pavilion and then had a drawing and gave out wonderful raffle prizes. At the Happy Hour our members Kathy and George Snyder had the first ticket called and that was pretty cool. On Saturday Night NorCal put on a great Barbeque with all the trimmings and afterwards again gave out raffle prizes. At the end of the evening, they drew one ticket for the grand prize and the winners were none other than Kathy and George Snyder again. What were the odds of that? Their prize was free camping next year at the NorCal Roundup which will again be held at Casa De Fruta. Very Cool.

Let me just say that we met a lot of really nice folks. Please know that this is an open invitation for anyone that would like to come join us on an outing or join our chapter please give us a call. We are a pretty fun group of people.

Submitted by

Doris Shryne



Jelly Belly Factory



Granzella's Restaurant



Durham Good Sams (cont'd)

More fun in pictures !

Ready for dinner at Casa de Fruta



Golden Ticket Winner Kathy Snyder!



More dinner fun!



Kathy and Director Mike Ward





LUCKY ONES WE ARE NOT JUST AN RV CLUB WE ARE A FAMILY

Welcome to the Lucky Ones.

November saw the election of the officers for the Lucky Ones RV Family for 2022 at the River Run RV Resort in Bakersfield, CA., (Scott Linenbroker, President, Nancy Alley, Vice President, Audrey Johnson, Secretary and Carolyn Branch, Treasurer) who were to be installed at the December campout at The Lakes, Chowchilla, but the meeting was cancelled due to scheduling difficulties with most of elected officers.

In December we all enjoyed a wonderful holiday meal and a special visit from Santa Claus while we stayed in Chowchilla, CA.

We started the year off (January) with a fun campout at the River Run RV Park in Bakersfield, CA. There, we said goodbye to our Past President, Ron Stenson, and Treasurer, Linda Swanson, as we were finally able to install our 2022 board. From there many of our members left to go to places such as Laughlin, NV., Lake Havasu City, AZ., for the Balloon Festival, and Quartzsite, AZ. Take a look at all the fun we had on the next page.

The Lucky Ones had an unofficial get together at the Three Rivers RV Park, a lovely park just outside of Visalia, near Lake Kaweah. Most of the sites were alongside the iconic babbling brook.

At the end of April many of the members attended the NorCal (almost) Rally at Casa de Fruta. Lots of eating, visiting and imbibing all around.

So far, we have grown the club since December with an increase of new members with 8 rigs. Welcome aboard!

May sees us convening the club at the Gilroy Garlic USA RV Park for our next campout. Seen the agenda –look's like a wonderful time to be had by all. Same for the June campout at Yank's RV Park in Salinas, CA., the salad capital of the USA. YUMMY!



| Camping Month/ Year | Location | |
|------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|
| June-22 | Yanks RV Resort | |
| July-22 | *Betabel RV Park (San Juan Bautista) | |
| August-22 | Pacific Dunes Ranch (Oceano) | |
| September-22 | *Jackson Rancheria RV Park (Jackson) | |
| October-22 | Orange Grove RV Park (Bakersfield) | |
| November-22 | River Run RV Park (Bakersfield) | |
| December-22 | River Run RV Park (Bakersfield) | |

As you can see, we have a full and fun camping schedule this year and welcome any who wish to join us.

Respectfully, Scott Linenbroker Lucky Ones President









February 2022

The Tuleburgs had a small group at the 49er RV Park in Columbia, Ca. Gold Country, Feb 3rd to Feb 6th.

We celebrated Valentine's Day by playing games and had a nice time getting to know our friends more. It was on old rustic club house but nice warm and cozy, just what you would want while camping in the winter.

March 2022

The Tuleburgs were in full swing at Feather Falls RV in Orville, Ca. Our trip was March 10th to 13th, but we celebrated early for St Patty's day and, yes, received some good stares but also talked with people walking or slowly driving by. We got to share about our group, gave them a flyer and business card. It really was a fun time. Someone grilled sausages. With our group there is always a lot of food to go around and to share. Some decorated their sites with green lights. We did a "Bar Crawl" from camper to camper. There were yummy green drinks, not sure of the names but they tasted or looked great. There was some dancing and corn hole is always a must with our group, when you have people that love competition. One of our games was suck the skittles using a straw then drop in a cup for 1 minute to see who gets the most. Lots of laughter watching this being done. Dinner was corned beef and cabbage and always a potluck. We really enjoy our themes which seem to bring more of us together. We were a parking lot away from the Feather Falls casino and Brewery, so we all met up for dinner Friday night, 17 of us. I can say a fun time was shared by all who went.







Tuleburg Sams (Cont'd)

April 2022

The Tuleburgs headed to Vineyard RV Park in Vacaville, Ca. This was April 21st to the 24th. We parked around the clubhouse which was really nice. Walk out of your rig and a few feet away you are under the wine grape arbor and then into the club house. We had an Italian night theme so there was lots of food for our potluck with salad and bread. We were treated with homemade waffles Saturday morning and waffle cones in the evening to make your own ice cream sundae. What a nice and rare treat that was. For a craft we made cork hot plates. Our host made kits for us to put them together. They turned out great and, of course, we shared wine while enjoying our activity.



What could be better than RV camping with a bunch of friends?







Chapter Chatter

GOLD NUGGET SAMS AND SUNRISE SAMS



Mother's Day found the members of Gold Nugget Sams and Sunrise Sams descending on the Jackson Rancheria RV Park and Casino. The camp out began with a Mother's Day dinner at the Lone Wolf Restaurant in the casino for several early arrival campers. Then Monday began with windy, rainy conditions, which sent many of us indoors for most of the day. Even though it remained windy and cold for the rest of the week, our hosts, Bernie, and Darlene Null set up a cozy tent -like area around their rig, complete with a campfire to keep everyone sheltered

from the wind and nice and warm. The camp out ended with a remarkably interesting, entertaining visit to the Vinciguerra Ravioli Factory to meet with Jim Vinciguerra, the owner and ravioli maker. He explained and showed his hundred-year-old method of making the various ravioli flavors that his company is known for. Visitors had a chance to purchase samples of the ravioli and sauce before we left for lunch at Mel and Faye's Restaurant. Bernie and Darlene were wonderful hosts, and everyone had a great time!

Staying leeward of the rain and wind.

Field Trip to the ravioli factory!





EI DORADO SAMS TELESAM NEWS

Hi Everyone,

We in the El Dorado Sams have had a great return to camping this spring. Our first campout was to Jackson Rancheria. The weather was perfect, so outdoor visiting was a huge hit. As was dog walking and non dog walking! The casino was also a fun hang out. One of our members hit a small jackpot and we were thrilled for her.

Our chapter is growing! In March we welcomed two new couples into the chapter. In May we will welcome two more couples. And, we have several couples joining us in the next couple of months. That brings our total number of rigs to date to 27.

Our second outing was to Vacaville at the Vineyard. We had a small group this time. It was fun, as we all had the opportunity to get to know each other a little better. One eve we gathered around the fire and roasted marshmallows. If you haven't tried the ones with the chocolate inside, you are really missing a treat. Our Hand and Foot players have decided to remind everyone to bring a cushion for saving the fanny during those long games. One afternoon a bunch of us went into Vacaville to Fenton's Creamery for lunch. Some of us had lunch AND an ice cream delight and some of us had only the ice cream delight. They make their own ice cream. Everything they serve is delish. If you have never been there, try it! For our eve dinner out, we went to the Black Bear and one can never go away hungry from that restaurant!

At this outing we placed our new "realtor box" with our newly designed info sheet in front of the clubhouse for all passerby to see. We had a contest to design the info sheet and the winner was Donna S. She won the \$50.00 prize and immediately sent the money to the World Kitchen Orgination for Ukraine. Like I've said before, our members are so charitable. THEY ARE THE BEST!

Our campout this month will be at Duck Island, Rio Vista on the Delta. Our Fisherpersons are looking forward to breaking out the ol' poles for some good fishing. Our chapter has not been to this park and we are looking forward to a new adventure. We do know, that the wind blows and blows and blows some more.

The following page is a list of our future campouts. You are all welcome to join us anytime.





El Dorado Sams (Cont'd)

| June 19-23 | Heritage RV, Corning | 2023 |
|-----------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| July 17-21 | Benbow Inn RV, Benbow | TBA: Valentine Party |
| August 14-18 | Olema RV, Olema | March 19-23: Jackson Rancheria |
| September 18-22 | Almond Tree RV, Chico | April 16-20: NORCAL RALLY |
| October 23-26 | Betabell RV, San Juan Bautista | |
| Nov 15 | Thanksgiving Feast and Auction | |
| December 6 | Holiday Party | |

More dates listed at a later date. Happy Trail, Rosemary Heier, President













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