



# Northern California TEL-A-SAM

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## From the Director's Desk

From the Directors Desk,

Well, we have prayed for water and it seems as though we prayed too hard. We are getting all the rain that we need and then some, and unfortunately, way too much rain and runoff for many areas here in Northern California. It has already caused some of our chapters to cancel their planned outings for February and March, which is adding to cabin fever. Of course, we reach out to our brothers and sisters who are now experiencing flooding issues. We pray that each of you are okay and not in harm's way.

Bonne and I, earlier this month, attended the Tuleburg Sams 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration as a chapter of NorCal. I congratulate them on this milestone, and challenge them to reach 50 years. I have to add that they know how to put on a party, and we appreciated their hospitality.

Our efforts are now focused on the upcoming Rally, scheduled for April 27<sup>th</sup> through the 30<sup>th</sup>, at the Lodi Grape Festival fairgrounds, in Lodi, Ca.. As you know this year's theme is, "The Land of Oz". Darci Luihn has asked that each chapter that is in attendance to decorate a standard size floor tile, in this year's theme, as a center-piece for the dinner banquet. If you plan on having a large group and will need more than one table, then she asks that chapter's decorate a tile for each table. Only one decorated tile per chapter will be judged in the decorating contest. This was successful last year, with a lot of decorating talent out there.

We are initiating more changes for this year's Rally. Workers and vendors that will arrive on Wednesday or before, will enter the main gate as usual. However, those attendees that

arrive on Thursday through Saturday will enter the grounds at the South Gate on Lockeford Street, which will be manned by the parking crew, and will be easily visible upon your arrival. This should alleviate congestion that was experienced by using the main gate.

We are attempting to get new and better signage that will give directions to where each event will be held. A map will also be provided as an attachment to your program.

Every effort will be made to eliminate any over-lap of seminars and other popular events. This was an area of concern that was identified in an after-hour critique of last year's Rally.

I am asking that volunteer workers come to the Chardonnay Hall, by the registration table, on Wednesday, at 3:30 pm. The leader of each designated work area will have those volunteers gather with him/her, and work with the leader for a work schedule. This will eliminate the confusion that was experienced last year in scheduling.

Cricket Weight, Commercial chairperson, has been working hard at securing more vendors with new products for your shopping pleasure. Come and see what she has lined up.

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## Director's Letter cont'd...



Wayne and Bonne Wall

Walt Luihn, Sponsor chairperson, has been very active in securing sponsorships from businesses to support our event. This is a new endeavor in an attempt to generate more funds to apply to an improved Rally. If you know of any businesses, or want to solicit a business, to advertise during our Rally, please call Walt and he will provide our guidelines. If we can get 6 or more businesses to advertise and be a sponsor at \$150.00 per sponsorship, it will add about \$900.00 to our budget. Walt can be reached at: 209-

A new chairperson, Ms. Vicky Wolfe, has graciously volunteered to head the Ladies, "Emerald City", luncheon. I am sure she will have culinary delights for your pleasure. This change was brought about by a very lengthy illness to the former chair, Ms. Edie Rosario. Edie has been hospitalized since July 1<sup>st</sup> of 2016. She is improving and may come home soon. Please keep her in your prayers and thoughts.

Remember, the Rally is for you and your enjoyment. Plan on making the Rally a chapter outing, participate, and revel in the fun. Also, please sign-up to be a volunteer worker. The more people that sign-up, then the less time that each worker will spend. Also, I am guaranteeing power and water to the first 150 rigs that register, on a first come, first serve basis, and all rigs are being planned to be parked within the fence this year. If, however, your chapter wants to park together in the "back forty" and

dry-camp, then this is an option for your chapter. Because we are offering power and water means that some chapters may not be able to park as a group together due to space restrictions. Every effort will be made to accommodate the groups.

Shifting gears, the Good Sam organization has made a significant change. They have decided to eliminate our Regional Directors, and in their place there will but one National Director for all of the Good Sam regions. This change should not impact our chapters, however, it will make my operations more difficult by not having a Regional Director to rely upon for any issues that may arise. We need to take a wait and see stance to ascertain how this will play out and if there will be any repercussions to the chapters.

I have more upsetting news. As you know we have secured a very capable, knowledgeable, and innovative Tel-A-Sam Editor in Cary McCutchen. The bad news for Nor-Cal is that she will be leaving us in May, as she has accepted a sizable promotion that requires a move to Texas. I am in hopes that Cary will be able to handle our 2<sup>nd</sup> issue of the T-A-S, after the Rally, and maybe do the 3<sup>rd</sup> issue from afar. This will give us time to bring a new State Editor on-board. Also, not to be left-out, is her husband Bob, who until now, has been our energetic Equipment manager. We will be advertising for a re-placement to his position as well. When you

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## Director's Letter cont'd...

see Cary and Bob at the Rally, please stop by and wish them well. They surely will be missed.

Bonne and I hope that this T-A-S finds each of you well and happy, and we look forward to seeing all of you at our NorCal Rally.

Happy Trails,

**Wayne**  
**NorCal State Director**

P.S. Since writing the above letter I have learned that La Mesa RV will be with us at the Rally. They are bringing 20, yes 2 – 0, twenty rigs for you to be enticed to move into a brand new rig. Be sure to get to the Rally to see these new RV's. La Mesa also will be a major sponsor this year besides bringing all those rigs.

We have a surprise entertainer for you this year. It seems as though having music for our attendees was not received very well, so we are going in a new direction. I think that you all will be pleasantly surprised.

Just a reminder, we have had about 135+ rigs the last two years at the Rally. I say that because many of those were parked in the 'back forty' lot, dry camping. Well, we are going to have power and water available for at least 150 rigs, and they will all be parked within the fence line. So if having power and water was an issue for not attending the Rally in the past, then that was then and this now, so come on out and join in the fun and festivities.



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# Northern California Good Sams Association State Committee Meeting

Lodi, CA

Minutes from January 7, 2017

The NCGS State Committee meeting was called to order by Director, Wayne Wall at 10:01 a.m.

The meeting was opened with a call for the Colors This was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance lead by Director Wayne Wall.

An invocation was given by Marilee Ginoulis.

Past NCGS Director, Ken Ginoulis then formally reinstated our present NCGS Director, Wayne Wall, as our 2017 NCGS Director.

Wayne thanked Ken for picking up the donuts for the meeting.

Roll Call was then carried out with 12 Chapters being represented at this NCGS State Committee Meeting for this January 07, 2017 meeting.

Wayne then introduced his Staff.

There were no special guests to introduce. Director Wayne Wall thanked all the chapter presidents/representatives for attending.

Minutes of the last SCM were accepted as published; motion made, seconded, and passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Reported by Director Wayne.

A bill was submitted by Cricket Weight. A call for question was made. Motion made by Jack Kersten, seconded by Homer Hoglund and carried.

The subject of the large copier purchased during Bill Baker's directorship was brought up again. Wayne stated it was still in Bill's garage and is available for anyone who would like to have it.

## **Correspondence:**

There was no correspondence reported.

Director Wayne asked for volunteers for our two vacant Assistant State Director positions.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Tel-A-Sam:** Cary McCutchen, our Editor for the TAS stated the cut-off date for articles to be turned in for publication of the next TAS is **02/24/2017**. Any articles of information regarding the Rally, i.e. Craft Show, Carnival or other Rally activities should be turned in on time to be published in the next TAS. The TAS email address is: "norcaltelasam@gmail.com."

## **Charities:**

Darci Luihn is now our Charities Chair as this position aligns with the Chapter of the Year chair duties. All volunteer hours of members of any chapter for a charitable cause, (i.e. volunteering time at the school, a church, your city, local hospitals, etc.) are to be reported to Darci.

Marilee Ginoulis again reminded members to bring any outer-wear coats, jackets, etc., they no longer use, to any SCM or the Rally and are tallied for points to the chapter donating items. These are points garnered for Chapter of the year on the donations. These are donated to the Salvation Army and are very much appreciated. Marilee reiterated those who have these outer-wear items may also take them to their local Salvation Army facility and state it is from the NCGS and obtain a receipt for tracking purposes.

Chapter Attendance Awards were brought up to date. **Chapters receiving Attendance Awards for the year 2015 were:** Apple Dumpling Gang, Camillia City Sams, Camp Far West, El Dorado Sams, Free & Easy Sams, Gold Nugget Sams, Good Sam Mateans, Honey Do Sams, Lazy Daisy Sams, Lodi Senior Bells, Lucky Ones, Redwood Good Sams and Tuleburg Sams.

## **Chapter Attendance Awards for 2016**

**were:** Apple Dumpling Gang, Camp Far West, El Dorado Sams, Gold Nugget Sams, Good Sam Mateans, Honey Do Sams, Lazy Daisy Sams, Lodi Senior Bells, Lucky Ones,

Sacramento Rubber Bums, Tuleburg Sams, and Valley Cruisers.

## **WEB SIITE:**

Ron Brown, Webmaster, explained why the NCGS website has been off for a period of time due to his moving and the logistics of technology, etc. He stated Bob McCutchen will be his back-up person. Ron stated the programs he has in place are his personal programs (regarding licensure, etc.) and has purchased them to set up the website. He explained the procedure for obtaining or purchasing the program software. Discussion regarding procedures for purchasing software, uploading and general constraints for licensure of programs took place.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

The issue of "Chapter of the Year" was again discussed. It has been decided to reinstate this program and the rules were presented by Darci and are printed in each President's Packet for their chapters. This includes the rules for earning points, additional Chapter Rewards, and Chapter of the Year Tie Breaker. Discussion regarding rules for Chapters gaining new members (such as a GS member transfers to another Chapter because of a dechartering of their chapter) took place. A motion was made for any member new to a different chapter would be considered a new member, by George Hatfield, seconded by Homer Hoglund and carried.

The issue of a different venue was again discussed. A change at this time would be cost prohibitive. Because our attendance has been low over the past few years, Wayne stated there are enough sites within the fenced area (not the "back 40") for all attendees wishing to have electric and water hook ups. The area of concern was if chapters wished to be in a group, they would have to come in as a group and brought in the "back 40" gait to be staged for parking.

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## Northern California Good Sams Association State Committee Meeting cont'd...

It has been decided to change the routine of entering the Festival Grounds. All workers will come through the West Gate and all others will enter through the East Gate ("back 40") and be staged for parking sites. A question of what amperage of power (30 or 50 amp) was available. Wayne stated most sites are 50 amp.

Discussion was held regarding getting sponsors to off-set some of our costs. Consideration of sponsors for donating costs for golf carts or for the Ice Cream Social in exchange for advertisements of their business. to Contact Walt Luihn for any suggestions of sponsors.

If any chapters or member knows of a possible vendor at our Rally, please contact our new Vendor Chair, Cricket Weight.

Ken Ginoulis spoke on the values of chapter participation in our Rally Carnival. Activities are fun and all proceeds gained from their booth would belong to their chapter. Activities could be games such as ball toss, cake walk, etc. and foods (i.e. pies, tacos, hot dogs, etc.) Any chapter interested in participating is to call Marilee Ginoulis at (209) 333-1302.

It was suggested by Bill Stigman, the commercial vendors should close before the Carnival begins at 5 pm.

Wayne again reminded the Chapters to please send in their chapter campout schedule to him as well as to their Assistant Director of their areas if they have not yet done so.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Wayne sadly announced the dechartering of several chapters due to various reasons. These are: Honey Do Chapter, Lodi Senior Bells, Redwood GS, Big Valley GS, Diablo Bounders, GS Camping Buddies.

Wayne discussed the issues of losing the chapters which includes low membership, and the lack of volunteers for positions in their chapters. He stated that there were no rules regarding the formation or having a chapter officer but helpful would be to have a trail boss and a treasurer.

Hopefully this information would be taken into consideration if a chapter is struggling to stay active.

There will be tiles available for decorating a "Land of Oz" contest and to be used for table decoration for the chapters. Any chapter interested should contact Darci Luihn or Wayne Wall.

### **25/25/50 Raffle Winners:**

- 1) Paul Baldwin (Sacramento Rubber Bums)
- 2) Ron Brown (Golden Empire)

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:46 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,  
June Shimozaki, Secretary*





## Lazy Daisy Sams (*El Sobrante, CA*)

The Lazy Daisy Sams have had a busy few months. I was not able to attend our Chapter outings toward the end of the year so I want to give a big thank you to Homer and Barbara for supplying the information below.

October found eleven rigs at Duck Island, Kopyy and Dave Cowan were Trail Bosses. There was a very competitive fishing derby. Bob Lillard won for the most fish caught and donated part of his winnings to our charity. Some creative folks painted ceramic figurines while everyone enjoyed the good food and a fun game of Left Right Center. We welcomed fun guests Diana and Howard Eskins and look forward to seeing them again soon. Our hosts did a great job of decorating the club house for this outing.

Our November outing to 49er Village RV Resort in Plymouth had to be cancelled because of low turnout due to illnesses and broken rigs. The Resort was not very understanding of our situation and charged us a penalty for canceling. We highly recommend that everyone check cancellation policies before reserving parks.

December, a mid-week outing, took us to French Camp RV Resort. Even though our turnout was again low (5 rigs), the management was very accommodating. We were still able to use the club house and did not get penalized. Thank you French Camp. Activities included making Turkeys with walnuts, a craft left over from November. We had an Ugly Ornament exchange which is always fun. The "Pickle" ornament showed up again and was returned to be passed on next time. One of our favorite games Left Right Center finished off the evening.

Last but not least, the January outing was planned for the NORCAL State Committee Meeting in Lodi. Plans were made but again life circumstances as well as bad weather caused things to change. Two rigs, the Hoglund's and the Cowan's, represented our chapter and made a stormy weekend fun by going out to Pietro Italian Restaurant and McQuires Pub. When the NORCAL potluck was cancelled, due to low turnout, they made their own potluck. Yes, SMC had low attendance also due to weather!

We would like to send our condolences to Yvonne Collins who lost her husband Ken on February 1, 2017. We will miss Ken greatly....he always had funny stories and jokes to tell at every outing.

Our Chapter is always open to new members. If you are interested in going to monthly outings with friendly people, good food and fun activities, we would like to invite you to join us at an outing, If you are interested, please call Homer & Barbara at (510) 223-8847 or Bob & Janice at (925) 551-8315.

Safe Travels.....

Written by Homer and Barbara Hoglund

Submitted by Nancy Peters, Publicity Secretary



## Tuleburg Sams (*Stockton, CA*)

In December, some members of the Tuleburg Sams chapter participated in what is turning out to be an annual event: the distribution of handmade items to community members who would benefit from the gifts. All during the year, members of the chapter during outings and in their own homes join to create items to give away as Christmas gifts. This year the items included handmade quilts, hats, scarves, and bracelets in both adult and children's sizes. This year the recipients were the youngsters at the Mary Graham Children's Center and the women and their families at the Women's Shelter Youth and Family Services. Many of the quilts and hats were made by Darci Luihn and Paulette Kersten, who participated in the gift distribution. Donna Haight, Charities Coordinator, also participated in taking the items to the agencies selected this year. More than twenty-five quilts, thirty-eight hats, scarves and many beaded-bracelets were given to representatives from the two agencies so that they could provide the gifts to those in their care. We received warm receptions from the staff and sincere gratitude for the generosity shown by our chapter. We are already beginning to plan for our gift distribution next year!



NOTE: Because of their generous donations of handmade quilts, hats and other items, our very own Tuleburg Sams were featured in an article in the Stockton Record eEdition on Feb. 11, 2017.

In the last quarter of the year the chapter travelled to three locations for our last outings of 2016. In October we went to Heritage RV Park in Corning, where members enjoyed visiting the local areas of interest, including The Olive Pit, the Lucero Olive Oil Company, and the New Clairvaux Abbey and Vineyard. Although members did not dress in costumes this year, we had a lot of fun together and shared delicious food. Our Wagonmaster, Tom Zarzana, suffered an injury as he was getting ready to leave, necessitating a visit to an area hospital. After spending another night at the park, he and Trina were able to travel home the next day.

In November, we celebrated Thanksgiving at the French Camp RV Park, where we enjoyed a wonderful feast of turkeys, ham, and all the side dishes and desserts. As a special treat, Walt and Darci Luihn provided a treasure chest, secured by a coded lock. Possible codes were provided to members to try their luck. The person with the winning code was the Luihns' daughter-in-law, Kelly Luihn. Everyone enjoyed this exciting activity!

In December we travelled to Duck Island RV Park, across the Sacramento River from Rio Vista. We enjoyed some fun craft activities, a cookie exchange featuring delicious cookies made by our members, a wonderful dinner, and Christmas music. Saturday evening culminated with our traditional White Elephant Gift Exchange, with a lot of activity by members "stealing" and trading items. We were grateful to have a nice clubhouse to gather in since the weekend proved to be quite rainy and windy.

Tuleburg Sam members are looking forward to another wonderful year of activities, including our 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration upcoming in February 2017.

Submitted by, Donna Haight



# Tuleburg Sams celebrates their 40th Anniversary

This quarter focused on a large celebration of the 40th Anniversary of the Tuleburg Sams Chapter, which occurred at Flag City RV Park in Lodi in February. More than fifty current and past members attended the party, with the usual happy hour appetizers and potluck replaced by catering so that the members could just focus on the celebration. One of our members, Bill Rosko, designed and had produced a special 40th anniversary patch for all members to place on their chapter vests. The design of the patch was re-created in a large delicious cake which was served following the meal. The party also included our charitable activities, with members contributing the materials to create Valentine gift baskets brimming with candy, toys, and stuffed animals which were later distributed to two Stockton charities, the Child Abuse Prevention Council and the Women's Center Youth and Family Services.



We also had a special guest visit us during the evening—an aged Elvis Presley (portrayed by Walt Luihn) who entered with a walker and sang such hits as “I’m All Shook Up.” We also played some guessing games with prizes which required members to guess the price of common household products in 1977—the year the chapter was founded. Photograph albums containing pictures taken during the years were available for members to review during the weekend, with many of the most recent albums organized by Helen Lender, club treasurer.

We also had special guests Wayne and Bonnie Wall attend our anniversary outing. A chronological listing of all the officers through the years provided emphasis of the hard work and dedication of many past members, with some names appearing repetitively. Clearly the club has flourished as long as it has because of the efforts of these members who have been willing to give the extra time to ensuring the club's success.



In March, the members convened at the Feather Falls RV Park, with a theme of Spring Baseball. Many members wore baseball attire of their favorite teams, with “wearing of the green” also prominent on St. Patrick's Day. The members enjoyed visiting the nearby casino and many traveled to the Oroville Dam to view the current status of this important reservoir, given February's action and near disaster. The RV park staff served up a wonderful pancake breakfast for all members on Saturday morning. Saturday evening members enjoyed a hot dog dinner with chili and all the trimmings in honor of baseball. Everyone had a great time on this first visit by the chapter at this park!

Submitted by, Donna Haight





# Gold Nugget Sams (*Tuolumne County, CA*)

## 2017 GOLD NUGGET SAMS Campout schedule

- JANUARY—NOR CAL STATE MEETING, LODI FAIRGROUNDS (ALL MEMBERS WELCOME)
- FEBRUARY— OPEN
- MARCH—FEATHER FALLS, OROVILLE
- APRIL—VINEYARD RV PARK & NOR CAL RALLY, LODI FAIRGROUNDS
- MAY—HERITAGE RV PARKCORNING
- JUNE—RIVERPOINT RV PARK, STOCKTON
- JULY—JACKSON RANCHERIA RV, JACKSON
- AUGUST - OPEN
- SEPTEMBER—MORRO BAY & NOR CAL STATE MEETING, LODI FAIRGROUNDS (ALL MEMBERS WELCOME)
- OCTOBER—FRENCH CAMP
- NOVEMBER—DUCK ISLAND
- DECEMBER—CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON (PLACE TBD)

### JANUARY 2017

Gold Nugget Sams chapter representatives just returned from the January 2017 Nor Cal state meeting held in Lodi California at the grape festivals fairgrounds. Although it was very cold, windy and rainy, we were able to gather lots of information on changes within Good Sam and Nor Cal along with planning for the upcoming rally in April and what new changes will be going on at the rally. There was some minor procedures passed along that are very informational to chapter members. Along with the meetings we were able to socialize with members of other chapters and their presidents. Gold Nugget Sams chapter will continue to work on sewing projects including a large quilt to be raffled off at the rally for our charity program. We also had a couple join us as guests to see and hear what goes on within Good Sam, Nor Cal and our chapter. Feedback from them was positive so we are expecting to see more of them in the future.

### FEBRUARY 2017

As the 2017 camping season approaches, Gold Nugget Sams chapter is ready and willing to fulfill a year of outings for its members starting in March at Feather Falls KOA followed by Vineyards, the Nor Cal Rally, Heritage RV, River point RV, Jackson Rancheria, Morro Bay, French Camp, Duck Island (for Thanksgiving) and end up the season with our annual Christmas Luncheon in December. Our hosts and Wagon mistress have put forth a strong agenda at each campout checking out the areas

for sightseeing at the campouts along with preparing the food menus, setting up activities and ensuring the members have everything they need to have a great time. We will have games, see the sights, enjoy some golfing, crafts and do lots of socializing.

As always, we will be conducting our recycling efforts for charity and continue with quilting. We are currently into new members recruitment process and would like to welcome our newest members, James and Kathy Guiles from Rocklin. We are very proud in Gold Nugget Sams chapter to have just celebrated our 40th year anniversary this past January.

Happy Rving to everyone.

Submitted by Walt Weight, President



## San Jose Blackjacks (*Hughson, CA*)

Our San Jose Blackjacks are celebrating quite an accomplishment. They have (6) couples in their chapter who have been married over "50" years !!!



Your love, dedication and commitment to one another  
is truly an inspiration to all who know you.

Congratulations !!!



## Sacramento Rubber Bums (*Sacramento, CA*)

The SRB RV Outting for November 2016 was hosted by Paul and Eileen Morin at Duck Island, Rio Vista, Calif. This was a "55 or older" park. Never heard of such a park before. It was beautiful and right on the Sacramento River. They did a great job and the weather was mostly co-operative. We did end up getting a little rain but did get to have a camp fire at least one night while we were there. We elected new officers at the quarterly meeting. We also enjoyed a hot dog feed put on by the Morin's and of course our Saturday night potluck is always good.

December 2016 outting was hosted by Dave and Carole Haynes (first time hosting) who did a great job as well. We stayed at Heritage RV Park in Corning, Calif. Some of us went bowling on Thursday and of course the weekend involved a rousing game of "Farkle" (a dice game) back at the clubhouse. Saturday late afternoon the power went out so we "Farkled in the Dark" by using our flashlights on our cell phones. Dave and Carole made some pretty tasty bisquits and gravy one morning and then of course another Saturday night potluck. The tables were nicely decorated for Christmas. Well, it's onward and upward we go into the New Year 2017! Hopefully it will bring happiness and a lot of fun outtings to all!

Louise M Wilson  
Publicity Committee  
Sacramento Rubber Bums

We would really enjoy hearing about your Chapter outings.

Please email all write-ups to: [norcaltelasam@gmail.com](mailto:norcaltelasam@gmail.com)



# 2017 Calendar

Northern California and Regional Activities

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## APRIL 2017:

- ⇒ April 5-8, 2017
  - Arizona State Good Sam Rally in Casa Grande, AZ— “Back to the 50’s”
  - For more information: [www.arizonagoodsam.org](http://www.arizonagoodsam.org)
- ⇒ April 12—15, 2017
  - Nevada Good Sam Rally in Pahrump, NV—”Welcome to HOLLYWOOD Southern Nevada Style”
  - Contact Cyndi Barney-Smith @ 775-513-1429
- ⇒ April 20-22, 2017
  - SoCal GoodSam Rally in Hemet, CA—”Salute the Veteran”
  - For more information: [www.socalgoodsam.org](http://www.socalgoodsam.org)
- ⇒ **April 27—30, 2017**
  - **2017 Northern California State Rally theme, “THE LAND OF OZ” will be at the Lodi Grape Festival Grounds, Lodi, CA**

## MAY 2017:

- ⇒ May 12-14, 2017
  - Grand Canyon Caverns Western Weekend
  - Call 928-422-4565, ext. 2 for reservations

## JUNE 2017:

- ⇒ June 7-10, 2017
  - Utah Good Sam Rally in Nephi, Utah—”A Great Moment in History”
  - Contact Janice Taylor @ 435-623-0491

## SEPTEMBER 2017:

- ⇒ September 13-17, 2017
  - New Mexico Good Sam Rally at Angelfire Resort
  - Contact Jan Gauna @ 505-296-0799
- ⇒ September 27—October 1, 2017
  - Colorado Good Sam Rally in Pueblo, CO—”River Boat”
  - Contact JR Hall @ 719-331-9434

# **Nor Cal State Rally 2017**

April 27—30

## The LAND of OZ



Join us for a magical weekend as we visit The LAND of OZ !!!

Here are just a few of the fun activities and events to plan for ...

Come show off your crafting talents at our **Rally Craft Show**.

We have many talented people who do woodworking , ironworks, metal-work ,glass, quilting, sewing, knitting, crocheted items and decorative items. There are also some amazing paintings and drawings.

Come show off your labors of love for all to see.

Sign up sheets will be available at the Reservation Table.

Don't forget our **Craft Sale** the following morning.



Decorate/create a Hobby Horse for our “Witches and Wizards” race.

A representative of each Chapter will race to the finish line.

By broom or by wand, this is an event you don't want to miss.

Be creative and put on your best  
“Land of Oz” attire for our  
**Themed Parade**  
and don't forget the always  
popular **Pet Parade**.





Do any of you have used puzzles, table games or even videos? How many used books do you have laying around that you have already read multiple times?

Donate them to the NorCal Good Sam library.

*Table will be located in the registration building..*

**The Valley Cruisers will be selling their "Famous Breakfast Burritos"**

8 a.m. -10 a.m. (Thurs, Fri and Sat) in the Registration Building

**Only \$3.00 each!**

Get there early, they sell out VERY QUICKLY !!!



***We are looking forward to seeing everyone  
at the Rally later this month.***

We have some great seminars planned which will provide you with tips and information for when you are RV'ng or at home.

Shop our vendor booths and enjoy the daily lunch Bar-B-Que for purchase.

There will be a Ladies "Emerald City" Luncheon.

We will have a catered sit down dinner with decorations of magical "Land of Oz" themed centerpiece tiles created by our Chapters.



**Entertainment, a carnival and much more !!!**

**Bocce Ball Tournament, card game tournaments, Bean Bag Baseball  
and the popular Blind Drivers contest.**

Make sure to fill out your 2017 Northern California State Rally Registration Form and mail along with your payment before April 19th, 2017.

**VOLUNTEER'S are always needed.** Just volunteering a few hours of your time will make a huge difference in the success of our Rally.

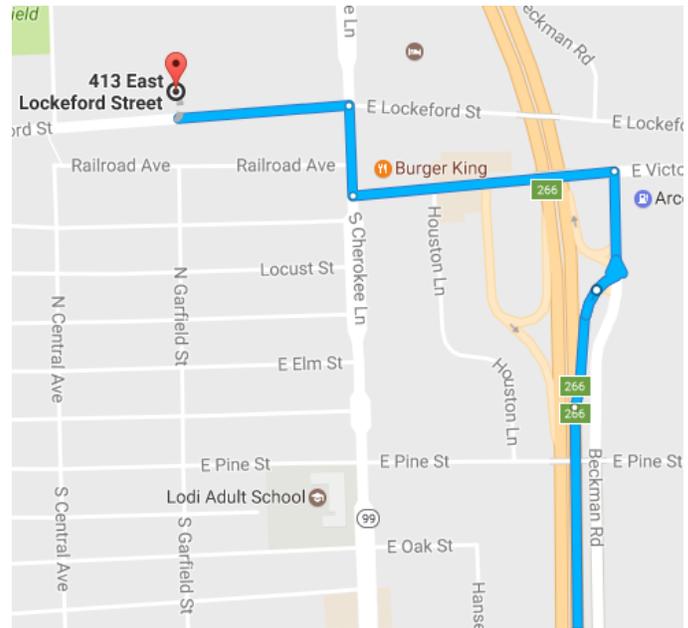


**Directions to the NorCal State Rally**

Lodi Grape Festival Grounds  
413 E. Lockeford Street, Lodi, CA 95240

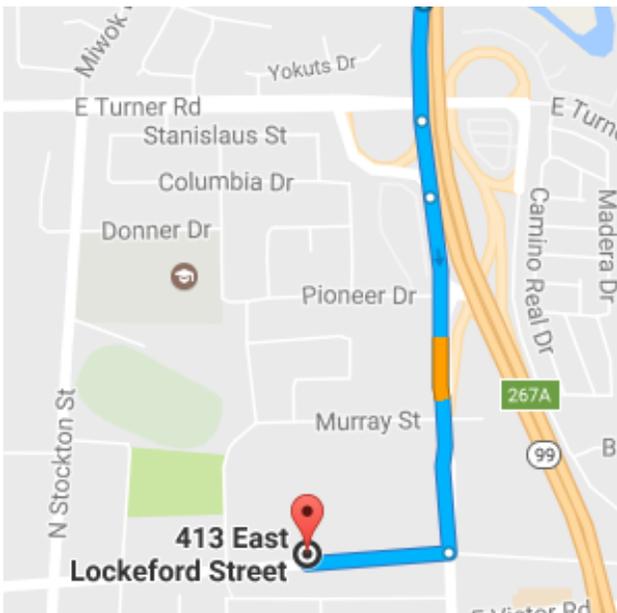
**NORTHBOUND:**

- Hwy 99 North to Exit 266 for CA-12 East toward Central Lodi/San Andreas.
- From exit ramp, turn left on Beckman Rd.
- Turn left on E. Victor Rd/Hwy 12.
- Turn right on N. Cherokee Lane then in approx. 500 ft., turn left on Lockeford.
- Entrance is on right just before the Grape Festival building.



**SOUTHBOUND:**

- Highway 99 South to Exit 267A for Turner Rd. towards Lodi (keep left to take the Cherokee Lane ramp toward Festival Grounds/Central District).
- Keep right to take the Cherokee Lane ramp.
- Stay straight to go onto N. Cherokee Ln.
- Take the 2nd right onto E. Lockeford St.
- Entrance is on right just before the Grape Festival building.





**2017 GOOD SAM CLUB  
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA STATE RALLY**  
THIS YEARS THEME - 'LAND OF OZ'

**When: APRIL 27 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2017**

**Where: LODI GRAPE FESTIVAL GROUNDS, LODI, CA.**

- ACTIVITIES:** Arts & Crafts Show & Sale, Commercial Sales, Seminars, Entertainment, New RV's, Theme Parade, Pet Parade, Games, Carnival & More!!!
- FACILITIES:** Power & Water included for 1<sup>st</sup> 150 rigs, including staff, workers, and special needs attendees.  
Sewer station is available on the grounds.
- PARKING:** Rigs will be parked on a first come, first served basis. Arrangements can be made for chapter parking. Chapter parking will be limited to space available. No rigs will be parked after 4:00 pm. Late arrivals park in the holding area until 7:30 am on the next day.
- REGISTRATION:** Wednesday, (Workers Arrive) - 9:00 am to 4:00 pm,  
Thursday & Friday - 9:00 am to 3:00 pm
- COMMERCIAL SALES:** Contact: Cricket Weight, at: [weweight@surewest.net](mailto:weweight@surewest.net) or 916-548-3141
- CHAPTER RAFFLES:** Contact: Maryann Schmidt, 209-667-2060

**VOLUNTEER WORKERS:** Volunteers are welcomed and needed!!! If you want to help, and become a worker, please indicate that on the back of this registration form. There are additional charges for extra camping days, (see below). Worker confirmation letters will be mailed after April 13, 2017.

(Please complete the Following)

Name #1: \_\_\_\_\_ Name #2: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_ 1<sup>st</sup> Time Attendee? Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a Good Sam Member? Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter Name: \_\_\_\_\_

State/Region Officer: Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_ Indicate State/Region: \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_

**(Registration must be postmarked by April 19, 2017, to be processed on time.)**

Rally registration: 2 People per rig, Thurs., Fri., & Sat. Nights.....	\$105.00	_____	(\$110.00 at Gate)
2 People per rig, Fri. & Sat. Nights only.....	\$80.00	_____	(\$90.00 at Gate)
1 Person per rig, Thurs., Fri., & Sat. Nights.....	\$100.00	_____	(\$105.00 at Gate)
1 Person per rig, Fri. & Sat. Nights Only.....	\$75.00	_____	(\$80.00 at Gate)
Family Rate - 3 or more per rig, Thurs., Fri., & Sat. Nights.....	\$115.00	_____	(\$120.00 at Gate)
Family Rate - 3 or more per rig, Fri. & Sat. Nights Only.....	\$90.00	_____	(\$95.00 at Gate)
Workers Extra Nights: Tues. and/or Wed, per Night, \$25.00.....	\$	_____	
Walk-Ins: Each Day, \$10.00 per person.....	\$	_____	
Ladies Emerald City Luncheon: # of people _____ @ \$15.00 each.....	\$	_____	
Saturday Night Catered Dinner: # of people _____ @ \$22.00 each.....	\$	_____	
<b>Total Paid...\$</b>		_____	

**NOTE: ELECTRICITY WILL BE AVAILABLE TO SPECIAL NEEDS ATTENDEES - Please Indicate:**

Handicap Parking: Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_ DMV Handicap Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Electricity: Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_  
Wheelchair: Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_ Breathing Equipment: Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to: 'NORCAL GOOD SAM ASSOCIATION', and Mail to:  
Earl Irons, Rally Registrar, 1300 S. Church St., Lodi, CA 95240, or call 209-368-4452

( Please Complete Reverse Side)

**IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY, PLEASE NOTIFY:**

(Must be Completed by All Attendees)

Person to be Notified:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Please list Additional family members (coming in your rig), their age and relation to you**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Relation: \_\_\_\_\_

**VOLUNTEER WORKER(S) – REGISTRATION FORM**

**VOLUNTEER WORKERS ARE NEEDED:** If you would like to be a worker, please indicate your work preference below. In order for you to park in the workers' parking area, **you must sign up to work, and you must be checked in by Wednesday to receive your assignment.** We cannot assume that a job your Chapter does will be done by all of the chapters members attending, nor can we assume that both husband and wife, or significant other, are working every year. Please indicate both choices in case your 1<sup>st</sup> choice is full. In that case we may use your 2<sup>nd</sup> choice. Thank you!

1<sup>st</sup> Worker: Name: \_\_\_\_\_ 1<sup>st</sup> Choice: \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> Choice: \_\_\_\_\_

2<sup>nd</sup> Worker: Name: \_\_\_\_\_ 1<sup>st</sup> Choice: \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> Choice: \_\_\_\_\_

Please pick from the list below which job you would like to do and indicate by number in 'Choice' above.

- |                        |              |                  |                  |                      |
|------------------------|--------------|------------------|------------------|----------------------|
| <b><u>Choices:</u></b> | 1 – Security | 3 – Registration | 5 – People Mover | 7 – Arts/Crafts Show |
|                        | 2 – Parking  | 4 – Commercial   | 6 – Games        | 8 - Hospitality      |



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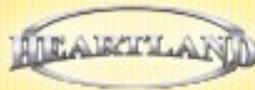


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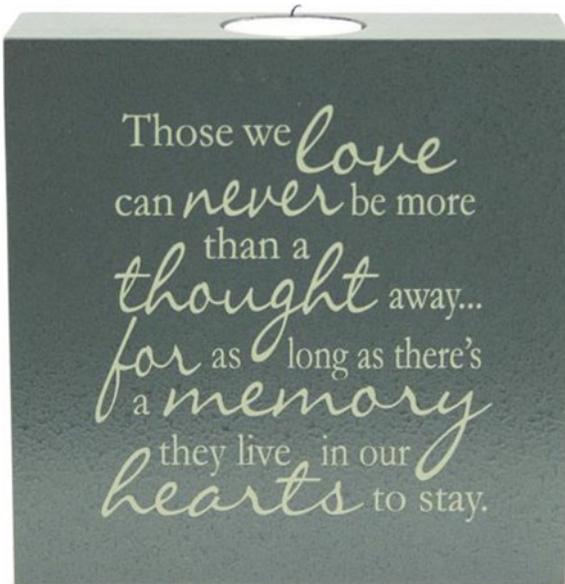
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**Our Dear Friends & Good Sam Members**  
**who have passed**

Lazy Daisy Sams:

- Ken Collins (wife Yvonne)
  - Ken passed Feb, 1, 2017
- Glenn von Berner (wife Marcia)
  - Glenn passed Oct. 9, 2016



When a member of your Chapter passes away, please notify Marilee Ginoulis by email at: [kginoulis@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kginoulis@sbcglobal.net) so it can be entered into the Memorial Book < and > email Cary McCutchen at: [norcaltelasam@gmail.com](mailto:norcaltelasam@gmail.com) so it can be included in our next Tel-A-Sam newsletter.

Include in your email: Members Name, Date of Passing (if available) and your Chapter.