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FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

HELLO FELLOW CAMPER'S

I hope this letter finds you well and safe as we start a new year with new hopes and dreams. I want to take this time to thank everyone for being so patient with everything that has been happening during this pandemic, which has not only affected our organization but our personal lives as well. With all of us working together to keep safe during camp outs and group outings we have had to overcome many problems and challenges for us to continue to camp, such as smaller groups, dinning outside under canopies and wearing masks while keeping socially distant. Not easy but also not impossible because if there's a will, there's a way, and RVers will find it.

As you know we have postponed the Rally and changed it to take place on September 9-12 2021. We are hoping with the administering of the vaccine in the next few months that this can be accomplished. But of course it all comes down to what the state of California mandates for each of the counties while using the color tier system. Casa de Fruta is in Santa Clara county and we will be monitoring it as time goes on, and as we get closer to the Rally dates. We highly encourage everyone eligible to get their COVID vaccinations as soon as possible, so we can all feel safe and comfortable around each other.

The NorCal web page norcalgoodsam.org is still being updated and revised and some things are not current such as the Rally schedule and registration forms so please be patient with us. We are hoping to have it completed by the end of this month.

Our web site contains a lot of helpful information and I strongly recommend checking it out, I also ask that you as members help us keep your chapter's information up to date. Include such things as new officers elected to your chapter and a list of your camp outs for the year. Trust me, we are not spying on you, it is just information for the web page. Also, if you have not done so already, please send us a short bio of your chapter describing who you are and what your chapter is about. It will be placed under your chapter name on the web page. I suggest researching what other chapters have posted on the web page about themselves. This may give you some idea of what to write. This will help prospective new members who are viewing the web site for the first time to locate a chapter near them.



At this time, I would like to announce that we are going to have the next State Committee Meeting (SCM) April 24, 2021 at 2:00pm to 4:00pm, (Please allow two hours for this meeting). All chapter presidents are required to attend or have a representative attend in your place. This meeting will be done using ZOOM and it should be very convenient for all to attend. We will be sending each president and secretary the link a week before the meeting. If you're not familiar with how Zoom works, then you will have time to ask questions and we can help guide you through it. You can join the meeting using your phone, laptop, or computer. All you need to do is download the ZOOM app to your device, then "Join a Meeting" in progress. Also, each chapter representative showing up for the meeting will have its chapter name placed into a raffle drawing, and at the end of the meeting one name will be drawn for a prize. This is our way of thanking you for attending the meeting.

I want to thank you again for your time and patience.

Please continue to be safe out there.

Sincerely,

Mike Ward NorCal State Director

Good Sam Club



Covid-19 Question:

How many believe this is ending in two weeks and your life is back to normal?

Raise your hand.



Now slap yourself with it!!!

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NORTHERN CALIFORNIA GOOD SAM ASSOCIATION

NORCAL STAFF MEETING

(Minutes) Zoom $\overline{\text{Meeting 01/30/21}}$

The NCGS State Committee meeting was called to order by Director Mike Ward at 2:14pm on January 30, 2021.

The following NorCal State Staff was present: Mike Ward, NorCal State Director, Ken Brown, NorCal State Treasurer; Wayne Wall, Webmaster; Wally Luihn, NorCal State Assistant Director; Gina Ward, Commercial Chairperson; Sharon Murray, NorCal State Editor/Tel-A-Sam; Al Quint, Rally Registration; Shirley Harms, Charities Chairperson, and Audrey Johnson, NorCal State Secretary. Walter and Cricket Weight were in attendance as honored guests/past Assistant Director. Mike Murray was a guest.

We are short two NorCal state Assistant Directors.

No chapters were present at this meeting.

Losing Chapters:

We may be losing the Campfire West.

An RV is not needed to stay with the chapter and go camping.

Devil Mountain Sams is gone. May be losing the Happy Hobos.

Chapters not paying dues:

The following have not paid:

Ghost Riders have not paid due for the 2021 year.

They need to send in the roster that includes email and phone numbers.

Mike will let them know that if they don't pay their dues, there will be an extra \$5.00 per rig late fee.

Sacramento Rubber Bums

San Mateans (need roster as well)

San Jose Blackjacks have a new president (Rob Bennett).

Website, Webmaster Wayne Wall:

Wayne will continue to be the webmaster for the NorCal website.

Rally 2021 registration form (Al):

\$141 for Early Bird Special must be postmarked by August 20, 2021, or the price will go up to \$151.

This will be added to the registration.

The confirmation letter will be sent as soon as we get their registration.



NORTHERN CALIFORNIA GOOD SAM ASSOCIATION

(Minutes, Continued)

Rally 2021 postponed to 09/09/21 through 09/12/21:

Early arrival for staff 09/06/21, volunteers on 09/08/21 We need more staff zoom chats to get prepared for September 2021. Rally Volunteers will get parked with their chapter.

Volunteer dinner – must sign up in advance for free dinner.

Non-volunteer guest will be charged \$5.00 Food tickets will be included in the envelope The Gold Nuggets Sams will need additional volunteers

Stage decoration can be taken off the Volunteer List.

Need to add Help with Food to the Volunteer List.

Gina will be heading up the selling of the ticket sales.

Two of the prizes can be free entry for one night to the 2022 Rally.

One grand prize can be for the 2022 Rally in its entirety.

Other ideas for prizes are wireless speakers, TVs, portable campfire.

May want to ask the chapters to donate money for the gifts.

We have an extra \$2000 for entertainment on top of the normal amount.

We already have a deposit of \$100 for the Elvis impersonator.

Audrey will look into entertainment.

Gina will help as well.

Rally 2021 for 04/28/22 through 05/01/22:

Early arrival for staff 04/25/22, volunteers 04/27/22

Banking (Ken):

Looking at new bank for NorCal accounts that include more available branches. The Union Bank branch near Ken just closed.

Golden One Credit Union has a lot of branches and doesn't charge fees.

Ken will open two accounts and get Al and Mike on the account.

Marcus monthly zoom chat:

This will still be done monthly, and the chapters do not have to go monthly. Will Good Sam let us have a Rally in 2021 since there is now a vaccine?



NORTHERN CALIFORNIA GOOD SAM ASSOCIATION

(Minutes, Continued)

Tel A Sam (Sharon):

There will be three more Tel-A-Sams this year.

February 19 will be the next deadline.

Need copy of outing list to Sharon by 02/19/21.

Charities (Shirley):

Three chapters (El Dorado Sams, Tuleburg Sams, Gold Nugget Sams) \$58,799 (cash and volunteer hours)

New commercial chairperson (Gina):

Get with Gina if you have any suggestions.

State Committee Meeting:

The next SCM will be April 24, 2021 at 2:00pm (in place of the Rally).

Need to reward chapters, one raffle ticket each and do door prizes (gift cards?).

NorCal SOP Questions:

The Lucky Ones has an abbreviated version of the Roberts Rules of Order at the back of their SOP.

Why doesn't NorCal?

Marcus says chapters don't even need an SOP but it's up to the individual State Director.

Wayne mentioned that we want to keep the meetings open and friendly, not too rigid.

Sharon's chapter has a friendlier version of the Rules of Order.

Discussion on how many people needed for a quorum.

51% of the members present.

This should be brought up at the State committee meeting.

Shirts:

Wayne and Walter will be bringing shirts to the Gilroy camping trip.

Next Rally Meeting Camping Trip:

Camping at Gilroy on 02/15/21 to 02/18/21 at noon. Meeting at Casa de Fruta on 02/16/21.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:22 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Audrey Johnson, Secretary

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Your Invitation to a Tarty 2021 - Good Sam Club

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA ANNUAL STATE RALLY Theme

- 'Salute to America the Beautiful'

When: Festivities begins Thursday, September 9 —12, 2021

Where: Casa de Fruta RV Resort, Hollister, CA

Why: A time for all NorCal chapters, and friends, to come together and join in fun activities, make new friends, but more importantly, It's a time when staff can say, "thank you", to the members of each chapter for supporting NorCal Good Sam Club.

ACTIVITIES: Member Arts & Crafts Show and Sale, Seminars, Commercial Vendors, Theme & Pet Parade, Indoor and Outdoor Gam	es, Catered
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Dinner, Food Court, Bingo, Bocce Ball, Professional Entertainment, & More!

FACILITIES: Total of 128 sites, 66 full hook-up, pull-through sites, 30 amps. 13 full hook-up, 50 amp., back- in sites, (reserved for special needs

attendees.) Approx. 24 full hook-up, back-in sites on lawn area. A popular premium area further from the clubhouse and near the

creek, on grass, 30 amp no sewer hook-up. There are 2 level sewer stations available on site.

PARKING: Rigs parked on assigned basis. Chapter group parking can be arranged on a limited availability. No rigs will be parked after 4:00 pm.

Late arrivals park in holding area until 8:00 am the next day.

REGISTRATION: Wednesday, (Helper/volunteer & early -birds) - 1:00 to 4:00 pm. Thurs. 9:00 - Noon, 1:00 - 4:00 pm, Fri. 9:00 -Noon, 1:00 - 2:30 pm.

Sat. 11:00 am to Noon. (Early arrivals on Mon., Tues., & Wed., are okay).

COMMERCIAL: Contact Gina Ward Email: frogma2262@yahoo.com Phone: 559-314-4461

<u>VOLUNTEER HELPERS:</u> Volunteer/helpers are needed and encouraged!!! If you are interested and want to help and be a volunteer, please indicate on this registration form. Volunteer confirmation letters will be mailed after August 20, 2021. Additional fees for extra day camping (See below).

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Please make checks payable to: "NORCAL GOOD SAM ASSOCI-

NORCAL RALLY VOLUNTEER/HELPER REGISTRATION FORM

__1st Choice #_____ 2nd Choice #____

VOLUNTEER/HELPERS ARE URGENTLY NEEDED.

If you would like to participate in this year's Rally by being a helper/volunteer, please indicate your preference of where you would like to help in the area provided below: <u>If you sign up as a helper/volunteer, you must be checked in at the Rally on Wednesday to receive your assignment for the following day(s).</u>

We cannot assume that a task that your Chapter does, will done by all the chapter members attending. Nor can we assume that both husband and wife, or significant other, are working every year. Please indicate additional choices in case your 1st choice is full. In this case we may ask you to help in the area of your 2nd choice. Thank you.

1st Helper/Volunteer: Name:_____

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CHAPTER GROUP PARKING

Chapter group parking will be accomplished by early notification, three weeks in advance. After that time it will on a first come, first served basis. We will make every effort to park chapter rigs together, however configuration of the resort has limitations. Please advise of chapter name, number of rigs, rig type and size, ASAP, when making notification. If you have not asked to be parked as a chapter, and you wish to park together, we suggest that you have your chapter gather together outside the resort area, and then enter the resort in a caravan style.





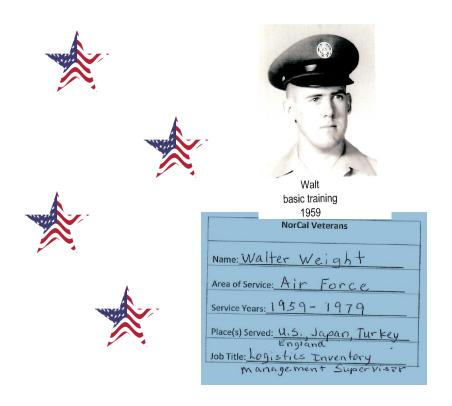
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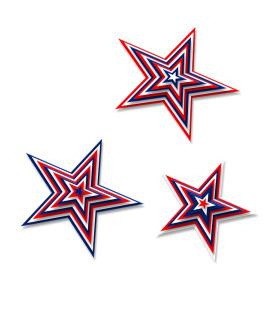


Have a Good Trip.

Dear Fellow Good Sam Members,

At our 2021 NorCal Rally, with a theme of 'A Salute to America the Beautiful', we would like this opportunity to honor our veterans of America. Over our history these men and women have given their time, loyalty, love and, all too often, their very lives in service to all of us. To help show our appreciation for their service, we will have a "Wall of Honor" for all at our 2021 Rally. Please bring a photograph with you to the rally of your favorite family or friend veteran(s). Yes, you may have more than one in your family or friends who is worthy of this honor wall. When you arrive at the rally, register and then come to the Tel-A -Sam workstation (for the Daily Grapevine). It will be located in the same area as registration. There will be a short form for you to fill out to go with your picture(s) and then they will be placed on the Wall of Honor in the Main Room, where the majority of events will take place. After closing ceremonies on Saturday night, please retrieve your pictures from the wall and take them back home with you. Below is a sample picture and form. If you have a suggestion or concern about the form, please email me with them at norcaltelasam@gmail.com. The pictures should be no larger than 8" by 10", so we will have room for all of the honorees.





Thank you all for your participation in this activity!

Sharon Murray

Tel-A-SAM Editor



NorCal State Committee Gilroy Garlic RV Park

Mid-February, 2021, found several members of the NorCal State Committee at the Gilroy Garlic RV Park. They met up to exchange information and items from Wayne Wall, past State Director, to Mike Ward, our new State Director. Meeting, RVing, and socially distancing were Wayne and Bonne Wall (Past Director); Mike and Gina Ward (New Director); Sharon and Mike Murray (State Editor); and Shirley Harms (State Charities Chair). Originally included in the group was Audrey Johnson (State Secretary). Unfortunately, Audrey's rig had electrical problems and she decided to return home to deal with them. The group also caravanned to nearby Casa de Fruta and met up with Ken Brown (State Treasurer) and Walter and Cricket Weight (Past Assistant Director and now retired RV'ers). Inventory of the rally trailer was done there, along with the exchange of other information. All in all, an exceptionally smooth transition was completed from one administration to the next. Casa de Fruta is now ready for the next NorCal State Rally, scheduled for September 9-12, 2021.





Tuleburg Sams, Stockton, CA

November 2020

November 5-8th Black Oak RV Park

The Tuleburg Sams landed at Black Oak RV Park in Tuolumne. Some came on Thursday while others came Friday and the weather was quite nice both days. The facilities are very nice: a clubhouse, Bocce Ball court, pool, spa, horse shoe pit and a corn hole game. The members gathered at 5 o'clock pm for social hour. Some were playing cards before that and members came in to the clubhouse to check it out. It was great to see everyone and catch up on the latest news. As members returned to their rigs to eat dinner, the air was crisp and by that time it was dark.





The next day contained both clouds and sun throughout the entire day. The meeting took place in the morning while crafts started early afternoon. Members could make a turkey or a wreath for Thanksgiving decorations. The crafts were individually wrapped with instructions. As the project went along; it became a group effort to put it together. Some were commenting they are not smarter than a third grader. Ha-ha. The craft time was a lot of fun to get together. Some members swam in the 85 degree pool and took advantage of the spa. The club had the Thanksgiving meal catered. Some members volunteered to serve with masks and gloves on. The food consisted of turkey, stuffing, Brussels sprouts, sweet potatoes, mashed potatoes, salad, cranberry sauce and bread. The desserts were outstanding; apple pie, pecan pie, pumpkin roll, pumpkin cheese cake, and cheese cake with lemon; along with cherry and black berry topping. Members were able to take lots of food home.

On Sunday, the day the club departed, it was very cloudy and cold. About 8 a.m. it snowed for about 10 minutes, but luckily it didn't stick. It was very pretty. Some of the member's hands froze as they were packing up their rigs to go home. Happy Trails!





Tuleburg Sams (Stockton, CA)

December 2020

Toys for Foster Youth of Calaveras County donation

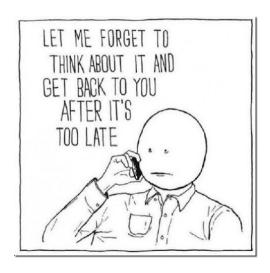
The Tuleburg Sams' members wanted to do something special for someone this December. One of our members, Vanessa, is the supervisor for Calaveras County child protective services. The club then decided to donate toys to the Calaveras County foster youth. Vanessa along with members Wally & Kelly Luihn collected the toys that were donated.

Members Vanessa, Marisa, and Carrie met together to make 100 cookie pops for the foster children. The toys were then assigned to a specific child and wrapped. On Saturday, December 17, 2020, Vanessa and Marisa distributed the wrapped toys and cookie pops during the drive-through Christmas Party to the Foster Youth of Calaveras County.

The children were very grateful.













GOLD NUGGET SAMS, TUOLUMNE COUNTY

Gold Nugget Sams: Winter Review

2020 was a tough year for everyone, including our Gold Nugget Sams chapter. Not only did we have to cancel all our camp outs, but we also lost an exceptionally large percentage of our membership. Due to aging out, moving, or health issues, we lost the following members:

Ron and Sandy Andre moved out of the area up to Oregon.

Bill Danenhower, Roland and Irene Patton, Duane and Diane Prill, and June Shimozaki, all aged out of Rving.

Joe and Sharon Dearing, along with Walter and Cricket Weight sold their rigs and chose not to buy new ones.

Walter and Cricket Weight were especially active in our chapter and at the state committee level. Walter was our chapter Wagon Master, Vice President and President over several years. Cricket served as Wagon Mistress, and all-round craft mentor and teacher. Walter and Cricket both served on the state committee as an Assistant Director and commercial vendor chair for our annual rally. They were tireless s workers and will be greatly missed by everyone in our chapter as well as at the state committee level. While we will miss their expertise, sense of fun, and outgoing personalities, they have promised to meet up with us occasionally for a day visit. We look forward to seeing

them again soon!



All our club's camp outs and activities were cancelled for 2020 because of the covid-19 virus and sheltering in place for our members.

We elected our 2021 officers via email. Our results are as follows:

President: Sharon Murray (smurray2470@gmail.com)

Vice-President: Open

Secretary: Carol Froman (carol_froman@yahoo.com)

Treasurer: Sharon Murray (smurray2470@gmail.com)

Wagon Mistress: Shirley Harms (sierramts95@yahoo.com)





GOLD NUGGET SAMS, CONTINUED

Shirley has already begun to investigate campgrounds for 2021. Some are new and others are long time favorites of the club. Our first official outing will be to Jackson RV in June, 2021. If you are interested in joining us for any of our upcoming events, please feel free to contact any one of the board members and we will get you on our list.

Gold Nugget Sams Chapter 2021 Camp Out Schedule

Location Month

Jackson Rancheria, RV, Jackson, CA June 20-24

August 15-19 Feather Falls KOA, Oroville, CA

September 9-12 NorCal State Rally, Ca

October 3-7 Flag City RV, Lodi

November 7-12 Duck Island, Rio Vista

December 8 Christmas Luncheon (TBD)



Question: How many days in a

week?

Answer: 6 Saturdays, one Sun-

day!

Question: What do retirees call **Question:** What is the best way

a long lunch?

Answer: Normal

to describe retirement?

Answer: The never-ending cof-

fee break!



Durham Travel Nuts Upcoming tentative campouts for 2021

March 4-7 Durango RV Park R	Redding, CA
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April 9-11	Parkway RV Park	Orland, CA

June 3-7	Clio Rivers Edge	Cliio, CA
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Sep 10-13	Rancheria RV Park	Hat Creek, CA
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Oct 1-3	Mountain Gate RV Park	Redding, CA
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Nov 5-7 Feather Falls KOA Oroville, CA

Dec 4th Tabletop Restaurant Oroville, CA





Lazy Daisy Sams- East Bay

LAZY DAISY SAMS

Greetings! There's not much news to report from our Chapter. As you can see from our Outing Schedule, we are still on hold for group camping. We do have a few rigs planning to camp together at Gilroy Garlic USA Resort in February. Hoping to do some catching up, outdoor socializing but no group meals at this time. We are all looking forward to the time we can get back to our regular routines.

Lazy Daisy Sams "Tentative" 2021 Outing Schedule:

January 7-12	Duck Island, Rio Vista	Cancelled
Feb. 18-21	Gilroy Garlic USA, Gilroy	Cancelled
March 11-15	Casa de Fruta, Hollister	Collins
April 29-May 1	NorCal State Rally	Postponed
May 6-9	Betabel RV Park	Kaehms
	San Juan Batista	
June	TBD	Johnson
July 8-11	Flag City RV Resort, Lodi	Lillard
August	TBD	Evans
September 9-12	NorCal State Rally	
	Casa de Fruta	
Sept. 30-Oct 4	Heritage RV Park, Corning	Granko
October	TBD	Creegan
November 4-8	Durango RV, Red Bluff, CA	Stearns
December	No Outing	

And now, In Closing...

We have all been impacted in various ways by the Covid-19 pandemic., and we all want to get back to a more normal lifestyle. I thought you might enjoy looking at it from several doctors' perspectives. Enjoy! (Sharon Murray, Editor)

Medical experts were asked if it's time to ease the coronavirus lockdown:

Allergists were in favor of scratching it, but Dermatologists advised not to make any rash moves.

Gastroenterologists had sort of a gut feeling about it, but Neurologists thought the government had a lot of nerve.

Obstetricians felt certain everyone was laboring under a misconception, while Ophthalmologists considered the idea shortsighted.

Many Pathologists yelled, "Over my dead body!" while, Pediatricians said, "Oh, grow up!"

Psychiatrists thought the whole idea was madness, while, Radiologists could see right through it.

Surgeons decided to wash their hands of the whole thing and Pharmacists claimed it would be a bitter pill to swallow.

Plastic Surgeons opined that this proposal would "put a whole new face on the matter."

Podiatrists thought it was a step forward, but Urologists were pissed off at the whole idea.

Anesthetists thought the whole thing was a gas, and those lofty Cardiologists didn't have the heart to say no.

In the end the

Proctologists won out, leaving the entire matter up to the assholes.

Time to move on to new adventures! Happy Trails everyone!



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