



# Illinois SAM-O-GRAM

Summer 2018

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## From the Director's Rig

Camping season is in full swing by now and we hope you have had your RV on the road to see parts of the great USA.

ARE YOU EXCITED ABOUT GOOD SAM? This was a question asked at one of the Rallies John and I attended.

What is your answer?

What do you expect from Good Sam?

What can you contribute to Good Sam?

As your Illinois Directors, we have attended four out of the state Rallies – Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky and will be at Excanaba, Michigan soon. Also, attended the lasat Campout for Charity, Crescent City. We have met so many people because of Good Sam and it is good to see them at least once a year, and some times more than once as we travel. It's so nice to get hugs when we meet again and hugs as we say good bye.

As I stated in the last Sam-o-Gram, two nights of entertainment as under contract. Friday, PM will be "games night". Just think, you could be a contestant. Come see what is planned.

State Meeting is July 13-15, at the Sportsman Club, Mahomet, IL. Everyone is welcome to attend, and be part of the morning discussion, as your opinion is valuable. At the Business meeting, only Chapter Presidents are allowed to vote.

*"Family Fun at the Carnival"* is our theme. Do you remember attending a Carnival as you were growing up? What memories do you have?

Come see what is planned for your enjoyment!!!

Happy Camping.

**STATE MEETING is JULY 13-15, 2018**, at the  
Champaign Sportsman Club, Mahomet.



**NOTE: All State Meetings Minutes are on the Illinois Good Sam WEBSITE under (Dates and Minutes):**

[www.illinoisgoodsam.org](http://www.illinoisgoodsam.org)





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## Chapter News

### **CHAMCO SAMS** – Carol Froeschl

Our April campout was at the Champaign Sportsman Club in Mahomet, IL. On Friday evening, the group had a weiner roast inside because it was cool and very windy. The ladies played cards and the men sat around the fire telling great stories. Saturday evening was our potluck and followed by the business meeting. A collection for our monthly charity was for Developmental Service Center.

Our May campout was at Camp Lakewood Campgrounds in Effingham, IL. Thursday evening, members went out to eat at Nieberg’s Steakhouse in Effingham. Friday night we had a weiner roast. Saturday morning, several members toured the Hodgson Mill in Effingham. Enjoyable tour and received a gift bag with Hodgson Mill products. Saturday was our potluck and our business meeting. The chapter discussed planning a camping trip to the Hannibal Missouri area in the fall of 2019.

Our June campout was schedule for Prairie Pines Campground in Rantoul but had to relocate to the Champaign Sportsman Club because of the days of torrential rains making it too wet to camp on the grounds of Prairie Pines. Conditions at the Sportsman Club was better and almost all the members were able to have a campsite that was not too wet. It rained most the day on Saturday. Saturday evening we had our potluck followed by our business meeting.

Chamco Sams had 8 rigs attend Prairie State Sam annual Campout for Charity in Crescent City, Il. Everyone had an enjoyable weekend but sad that this was the last year for the Charity Campout. This is great event will be greatly missed and thank you to Prairie State Sams members for all their hard work to make it a great campout event each year. Members are looking forward to attending the 2018 Illinois State Rally in Henry, Il. on August 31 – Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup>. The Chapter is in charge of registration at the rally.

Our July campout will be at Bo Woods, Lake Shelbyville.

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## **FOREST CITY SAMS** - Jeanette Gawronski

We are so happy that camping season is here. In January, February and March we met at various restaurants.

In April we met at Rock Cut State Park. Missed our Snowbirds and Winter Texans. As usual we enjoyed the campfires, food, and each other. For some reason we seem to plan the next meal while eating the current one. We have so many great cooks in our group.

April also found some of us in Nashville for a week. We visited the backstage of the Ryman Auditorium and the Grand Ole Opry. Did the Nashville Old Town Trolley Hop-On Hop-Off City Tour. A great way to see all there is in Nashville. So nice that you can hop on and hop off all day long. Of course, we ate! Found some good food at noon everyday but ate breakfast and supper at the campground. We stayed at Cedar Creek, an Army Corps of Engineers campground. Great campground. Sites are circles of nine. Clean, great host, easy access to Nashville.

In May we camped at Paul Wolff Campground near Elgin. This is a Kane County Forest Preserve. Clean, good level sites, walking trails.

Starved Rock State Park called to us in June. This year we stayed in the West Loop. More open area than the East Loop. Lots to do in the area. Weather was VERY warm and humid but still had campfires.

July will find us at Seward Bluffs, a Winnebago County Forest Preserve. Have not camped there in a few years.

Looking forward to the Rally and seeing everyone. Jeanette Gawronski

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## **PRAIRIE STATE SAMS** by Mary Allen

Prairie State Sams recently hosted our final Campout for Charity the weekend of June 8th through the 10th at Iroquois County Fairgrounds. As on previous weekends campers enjoyed friendly comradery fun and games, good food and entertainment. With your support we have raised money for worthy causes, particularly Cancer, seniors, and Dogs for better Lives. Thanks to all who have participated in any way in making Campout for Charity a huge success. Primarily due to physical limitations this will be our last weekend. However, keep an eye out in the future for Campout with Friends for Fun.

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## **PRAIRIE RAMBLERS**

In October of 2017 we had a dinner gathering at Village Squire in W. Dundee. This was just before Larry and Leah left for Texas, their winter home. We had a great time and vowed we would make at least one campout the summer of 2018.

I just don't think this is going to happen. Since that time two Key members, were called home by our Lord. Bob Garmoe passed away in December and Larry Einsiedel passed away in April. Both were key members of the chapter, holding more than one office during their many years of camping with Prairie Ramblers. They both also served on the Good Sam State Staff. In fact both had a major role in getting us, (Jim and Judie Frcka) involved in the Good Sam organization.



As of this writing, there are no plans for 2018.

There is also a positive note, Jim Howard was united in marriage to Marcy Schramm on June 9. Congratulations to both and YEAH she loves camping. Submitted by Judie Frcka

## Rock Valley

During the winter months Rock Valley meets in local restaurants for lunch. This is a time to just touch base with each other, catching up and enjoying a great lunch. My thanks to our Vice-President Bill for taking over for me.

Our first schedule campout in April was canceled because of the extended winter. The first time in the history of the chapter. But we did meet at a favorite restaurant for lunch. Cancelling was a very wise decision, as the weather was ugly the day we would have been doing our pot luck, meeting, etc. I was glad we were all home, safe, warm and dry.

May found us at Lowden State Park, in Oregon. Gorgeous weather. We had a lot of fun watching a nest of birds. Mom and Dad fulfilling their feeding duty and the young ones attempting to fly.

Several of us attended a lunch/theatre show at White Pines lodge. We enjoyed a great all you can eat buffet, the food was yummy. Then we were entertained by Dave and Daphne, an absolute wonderful extremely talented couple. They sing a little bit of everything, including some yodeling. I have heard them 5 times in 4 different states and hope to see them again.

June found us at Thomson Causeway, fighting the bugs. Being next to the Mississippi River and the heavy rains they were really pesky this year. But we still had a good time, with a delicious pot luck and of course the good ole campfire. Your talent attending the fire was missed, Larry.

Vern, Judy and Kenny Judkins have not been camping yet. Vern decided to have knee surgery. We trust you are recovering and will be joining us in July. Sonny and Marilyn Yenney have also not been able to join us this year. Sonny has been dealing with the shingles for many months.

We miss both couples. We have enjoyed getting acquainted with Tom and Pam Barich. They are NEW to camping. Welcome. Happy Camping, Judie Frcka, President of Rock Valley



## Illinois Good Sam

July 13-15, 2018 - Illinois Good Sam State Meeting – Sportsman Club - Mahomet, IL

August 31 – September 3, 2018 – Illinois Good Sam State Rally in Henry, IL

*“Family Fun at the Carnival”*



Registration form for 2018 State Rally is in this newsletter and on the Illinois Good Sam Website -

<http://www.illinoisgoodsam.org/>







# "Family Fun at the CARNIVAL"



## 2018 ILLINOIS GOOD SAM RV RALLY

### LABOR WEEKEND -

Friday August 31, 2018 to Monday September 3, 2018

Marshall/Putnam County Fairgrounds, 913 University Ave. Henry IL 61537

Non-Good Sam Members Welcome

GPS N4.111419 W89.380812

Activities: Entertainment, craft/flea market, hospitality, Samgo, Saturday Breakfast, vendors, seminars, games for adults, fun, laughs, good eats, popcorn, ice cream and much more!! Waste water/Dump on fairgrounds. Check out the web-site [illinoisgoodsam.org](http://illinoisgoodsam.org). Parking is Hobo style (Arrive Together – Park Together) Illinois Chapter members: Each Chapter should donate two \$10 door prizes and \$10 item for a Blue Light Special and fruit for hospitality. Each rig is to bring 2 dozen cookies for hospitality. Any questions contact **Robert A. Myers 2064 CR 2500N Thomasboro, IL. 61878** Phone 217-778-2901 - [ilgstreas@gmail.com](mailto:ilgstreas@gmail.com). Registration refund request must be sent to the State Treasurer within 10 days of Rally, a \$5.00 fee will be charged for cancellation. Exceptions must be approved by the State Director. All refunds mailed after the RALLY. Online registration at [Illinoisgoodsam.org](http://Illinoisgoodsam.org) Detach Here

### PLEASE COMPLETE ALL INFORMATION

Please include all names

Office use

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ ( \_\_\_\_\_ )

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter Name \_\_\_\_\_ Like to Join a Chapter? \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Camping Unit \_\_\_\_\_ License# of Motor home or Tow Vehicle \_\_\_\_\_

Is this your first Rally? \_\_\_\_\_ First Illinois Rally? \_\_\_\_\_

Registration fees, PLEASE read carefully: No early arrivals before Wednesday August 29, 2018

Unit with 2 adults \$80.00 for the weekend includes 30 Amp electric \_\_\_\_\_

Unit with 1 adult \$75.00 for the weekend includes 30 Amp electric \_\_\_\_\_

Tent Campers 2 adults \$55.00 for the weekend \_\_\_\_\_

Tent Camper 1 adult \$50.00 for the weekend \_\_\_\_\_

Children under 18 – Free \$15.00 for each person over 18 NO. \_\_\_\_\_ equals \_\_\_\_\_

#Adult \_\_\_\_\_ #Teens \_\_\_\_\_ # 9-12 \_\_\_\_\_ #5-8 \_\_\_\_\_ #4/under \_\_\_\_\_

Early arrival \$20 each day. Wednesday 08/29 \_\_\_\_\_ Thursday 08/30 \_\_\_\_\_ equals \_\_\_\_\_

**Check payable to Illinois Good Sam.**

**TOTAL** \_\_\_\_\_

Do you need handicap parking space? \_\_\_\_\_ Must have a valid state approved sign of license or place card.

(Exceptions must have prior approval by the Illinois Good Sam State Director or State Treasurer)

NO. \_\_\_\_\_ of handicap license or placard. License plate # \_\_\_\_\_

Please do not Request Handicap Parking, Unless you absolutely need it. **\$5.00 Charge for Registering at the Rally.**

We (I) undersigned the Illinois Good Sam State Committee has taken reasonable and necessary safety precautions against accidents or illness

which may occur during the Rally. Therefore WE (I) accept FULL RESPONSIBILITY for the welfare of our unit and all person in our unit while attending the Illinois Good Sam Rally. We also understand the Fairground Rules Prohibit the consumptions of Alcoholic beverages anywhere other than in our Own Travel Unit. **Note mailed registrations must be received no later than August 22, 2018. Mail to Illinois State Treasurer Robert A. Myers 2064 Cr 2500N Thomasboro, IL. 61878**

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**REGISTRATION NOT VALID WITHOUT SIGNATURE AND PAYMENT**

**OFFICIAL FORM**

The Good Sam Recreational Vehicle Club of Illinois Reserves the right to refuse Admission to anyone wishing to attend the Function

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# GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR ALL NOMINATIONS

**Type or print clearly.** It is not necessary to use the forms, but be sure to include all the requested information. Be very specific with the reasons.

(Man & Women of the Year, Bud Guymon Award, Chapter of the Year)

All forms are on our Website – see below

**Memorial Plaque form deadline to Carolyn by AUGUST 1<sup>st</sup> 2018**

We accept nominations for Man & Woman and Chapter of the Year and Bud Guymon Award **ONLY at the Rally.**

**Nominations have to be in BY Friday September 1<sup>st</sup>, before NOON.**

**You may give them to either Carolyn or John.**

You may make copies of any form!!! You may use extra pages.

THANK YOU!!

Carolyn & John, State Directors

310 N. Edwin

Champaign, IL 61821

**Bud Guymon Spirit Award:** [http://www.illinoisgoodsam.org/Bud\\_Guymon\\_Spirit\\_Award.pdf](http://www.illinoisgoodsam.org/Bud_Guymon_Spirit_Award.pdf)

**Man/Woman of the Year:** [http://www.illinoisgoodsam.org/man.woman\\_year.pdf](http://www.illinoisgoodsam.org/man.woman_year.pdf)

**Chapter of the Year:** [http://www.illinoisgoodsam.org/chapter\\_of\\_year.pdf](http://www.illinoisgoodsam.org/chapter_of_year.pdf)

**Memorial Plaque: (DUE August 1<sup>st</sup>)** <http://www.illinoisgoodsam.org/Forms.html>



# 2018 Illinois Good Sam RV Rally



## “Family Fun at the CARNIVAL”

### LABOR WEEKEND

Friday, August 31 – Monday, September 3, 2018

Marshall/Putnam County Fairgrounds,

913 University Ave. Henry IL 61537

Entertainment

Sat, Sun.,  
nights

**Do not need to be a  
Good Sam member  
to attend**

Flea Market

#### What you get for your BUCKS

- 3 night camping 30amp
- Saturday Breakfast
- Hospitality Goodies
- 2 nights Entertainment



**VENDORS**



Dog Show



**GAMES**

- Bean bag baseball
- Target Golf
- Samgo
- Mini Games
- Team Trivia
- Turtle Race & More

**Root beer float & popcorn**



Fun

Laughs

Good Eats

and much more

Check our Website for registration form

[Rally Registration](#)



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STEP RIGHT UP



## *Dog Show*

Saturday, Sept. 2

4:00 p.m. – Place TBA

### Categories

- Best costume (suggest Carnival theme)
- Best Tricks
- Youngest
- Oldest
- Largest
  - Smallest
  - Longest tail





**2018**

## **Ohio Valley Rally's Schedule**

**Ohio:** July 12 - 15 – Atwater, OH  
September 13 - 16 Marion, OH

**Michigan:** September 6 – 9 Harrison, MI

**Indiana:** September 20-23 – Shelbyville, IN

**Kentucky:** September 27 - 30 Hartford, KY

**Illinois:** August 31 – September 3 – Henry, IL

### **Other 2018 RALLY's**



Missouri: September 27 – 30 - Sedalia, MO

Kansas: October 4 – 7 - Hutchinson

Oklahoma: October 11 -14 - Shawnee, OK

# Deadline

The deadline for the  
**FALL SAM-O-GRAM** is  
November 1st, 2018

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I will send a reminder in the middle of October about the above deadline.  
Thank you to the Chapters that sent information and pictures for this SAM-O-GRAM.

I am open to ideas you would like in the Sam-o-Gram. Please send me your suggestions. I hope more Chapters will send in articles and pictures for the issue. If you have a favorite recipes to share, please send it to me. I hope more CHAPTER will send in an article.

SEND IT TO ME by EMAIL at [mfroesch@illinois.edu](mailto:mfroesch@illinois.edu) OR by MAIL at  
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## What's Cooking?

### **Slow Cooker Lasagna** – Carol Johnson, Chaco Sams Chapter

- 1 lb. ground beef
- 1 large onion, chopped
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 1 can (29 oz.) tomato sauce
- 1 cup water
- 1 can (6 oz.) tomato paste
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon dried oregano
- 1 package (9 oz.) no-cook lasagna noodles
- 4 cups (16 oz.) shredded mozzarella cheese
- 1 ½ cups (12 oz.) small curd cottage cheese
- ½ cup grated Parmesan cheese

In a skillet, cook beef, onion and garlic over medium heat until meat is no longer pink; drain. Add the tomato sauce, water, tomato paste, salt and oregano; mix well. Spread a fourth of the meat sauce in an ungreased 5-qt. slow cooker. Arrange a third of the noodles over sauce (break the noodles if necessary). Combine the cheeses; spoon a third of the mixture over noodles. Repeat layers twice. Top with remaining meat sauce. Cover and cook on low for 4-5 hours or until noodles are tender. Yield 6-8 servings.



### **Broccoli Cauliflower Salad**

- About 1 C. Celery
- ½ C. Cranraisens
- ½ C. Sunflower seeds roasted
- 1 C. cheese, shredded
- 1 head of cauliflower
- 2 heads of broccoli
- Can add other raw vegetables if you want

Dressing: 1 ½ C Mayo

½ C. sugar

¼ C. vinegar

May need more dressing depending on size of heads. Mix dressing ingredients.

Best served fresh

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