

# The Three Rivers Chapter Chatter



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The May campout of the Three Rivers Good Sam Chapter was convened May 16th thru 18th at The Stone Park RV Resort and was hosted by Jane and Leon Johnson.

Campers included: Brinkman, Charpiot, Ehrhard, Ford, Haynes, Hunter, Johnson, Luzynski, Picraux, Stanton, Stiern and Tschannen. Other members who stopped by to visit were the Basses on Friday and the Burhorns on Saturday.

Those who arrived early spent time exploring the area, visiting the sights and shopping.

By Friday afternoon all campers had arrived and were pretty well settled in.

While most of our activities took place in the "Lodge", undoubtedly the most interesting attraction at Stone Park was the "Cave House" which the owner made available to us for the entire weekend. The house, built around a natural cave entrance and incorporating limestone bedrock formations as interior walls was truly awesome; something none of us had ever seen before.

Our potluck dinner with the grilled hotdogs provided by the Johnsons was held in the large meeting room of the "Lodge".

Following dinner most of the group traveled to "The Bonne Terre Space Museum". What a surprise! The group spent at least an hour and a half viewing the many artifacts on display. Every phase of the US Space programs from Mercury thru the Space Shuttle was represented. Our host for the evening was a very knowledgeable veteran of the program and had an unlimited supply of facts and anecdotes to share with us.

Saturday morning the shoppers were off to the flea-markets and "used stuff" stores while the sleepy heads hung out in camp to gab and get caught up with folks they hadn't seen in a while. In the afternoon most everyone went to "Nelson's Music City" to see the "Wade and Teresa Landry Show" from Branson. Everyone had a good time and perhaps the most impressive part of the show was a young guitarist who really wowed the audience.

Following the show we met at Charboneau's Restaurant for a dinner buffet where we lived up to our tradition as an eating club, that camps to be near the restaurants.

Upon returning to the Cave House a rousing game of pass-the-trash broke out and those who could make it to the end saw Ron Haynes walk off with all the \$\$\$.

Sunday morning brought our usual potluck Breakfast followed by the business meeting. After the dust settled, there were six rigs left to depart on Monday.

## **BUSINESS MEETING:**

President Carolyn Brinkman called the meeting to order at 9:35, AM, May 18th 2014 and she led us in the Pledge Of Allegiance.

Memberships present were; Brinkman, Charpiot, Ehrhard, Haynes, Hunter, Johnson, Luzynski, Picraux, Stanton, Stiern and Tschannen.

Carolyn asked for members to acknowledge a May birthday or anniversary. We sang Happy Birthday to Larry Picraux and Jack Tschannen. There were no anniversaries celebrated this month.

Minutes of the April 2014 meeting were read. There was one correction. The minutes were approved as corrected.

Renate Erhard, Treasurer, presented her report with a balance of \$247.44.

**President**  
Carolyn Brinkman  
**Vice President**  
Jim Stanton  
**Secretary**  
Irv Charpiot  
**Treasurer**  
Renate Ehrhard  
**Wagon Master**  
Linda Hunter  
**News Letter**  
Jim Stanton  
**Webmaster**  
Don Ford

## CORRESPONDENCE:

Missouri State Good Sam inquired about a candidate for State Director. We had no suggestion.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Wagonmaster Linda Hunter reported on the forthcoming campouts (details are below).

She and Carolyn Brinkman reminded everyone that the September meeting will be at the Samboree. They modeled Good Sam Vests for our new members viewing. It was suggested that we plan on arriving one day ahead of official start of Samboree to take advantage of Early Bird Activities. We have a supply of "Three River" patches (4.75" x 7.25") for the back of the vests available from Renate Ehrhard at \$5.00 each. (Additional details can be found below at "Samboree Information" which will be a regular item in the Newsletter thru August.)

Irv Charpiot reported that coupons totaling \$8781.90 were mailed to the U. S. Navy base in Yokosuka, Japan, May 11th, 2014. The annual total for 2014 thus far is \$14,417.73. Thanks to everyone for their support. This is the greatest amount ever for a year in just five months. The postage cost was \$12.35.

Jim Ehrhard reported that he will recycle the collected cans after the June campout. Please bring your recycle material to June meeting. If you wish to provide a check donation, make it payable to "Dogs For The Deaf".

## GOOD OF THE CHAPTER:

Thanks to Leon and Jane Johnson for finding this colorful and enjoyable destination.

A motion to adjourn was made by Larry Brinkman, seconded by Sandy Luzynski, carried and the meeting adjourned at 10:07 AM.

**50/50 was won by Bob Stiern (again)**

## FUTURE MEETINGS:

**June 20th – 22nd:** Campout hosted by Jack and Janette Tschannen at Cape Camping and RV Park, 1900 Kings Highway, Cape Girardeau, MO 63701, phones: 573-332-8888 or 1-800-335-1178. You are asked to make your own reservations with the campground by **June 5th**, and then notify the Tschannens of your plans at 636-**391-9215**.

**DIRECTIONS:** Hwy 55 South to exit 99. Turn left (East) on Hwy 61 (Kings Highway). The campground is 1.5 miles on the left. (Be alert, it kind'a sneaks up on you.)

**COST:** \$28.07 / night or 3 nights at \$84.22

**PLANNED ACTIVITIES:** The campground will furnish information concerning local events that may interest us.

Friday night: Bring a pizza, the hosts will furnish salad and a variety of salad dressings

Saturday night: Eat out.

Sunday: Potluck breakfast followed by the Business Meeting.

**July 18th -- 20th:** A camping weekend hosted by Leo and Sandy Luzynski at Cozy C Campground, 16733 US Highway 54, Bowling Green, MO 63334, phone 1-573-324-3055 ([www.cozycccampground.com](http://www.cozycccampground.com)). Please make your own reservations with the campground by **July 1st** and also let Leo or Sandy know of your intentions at 314-892-4869.

DIRECTIONS: Take US 61 North to US 54, Go East 2.5 miles; the campground will be on the right.

COST: \$27.20 / night - full hookup

**PLANNED ACTIVITIES:**

Friday: Eat out

Saturday: Pending.

An Amish meal held in their homes with a discussion of their culture.

Cost \$12.50 all you can eat.

Sunday: Potluck breakfast followed by meeting

Additional Activities: Fishing, Shooting Range (14 miles), Henry Lay Outdoor Sculpture Park, Amish Country, Louisiana Murals, Antique and Craft Shops, Mississippi River Lock and Dam, Chocolate Factory, Wood's Meat Locker (National Blue Ribbon Winner for Sausage!)

**August 15th -- 17th:** Campout hosted by Jerry and Joan Weeks at The Double J Campground, 9683 Palm Rd., Chatham IL (Springfield) 62629, phones: 217-583-9998 or 888-483-9998 ([www.doublejcampground.com](http://www.doublejcampground.com)). Make your own reservations with the campground and inform Jerry or Joan of your plans at 314-843-8525 by **July 15th**.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** DOUBLE J WILL HOLD 16 SITES ONLY UNTIL JULY 15<sup>TH</sup>. AFTER THAT DATE THE SITES WILL BE RELEASED TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC. PLEASE MAKE YOUR RESERVATION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. STAYING OVER ON SUNDAY THE 17<sup>TH</sup> AND BEYOND COULD BE A PROBLEM AS OTHER GROUPS ARE COMING THEN. MENTION 3 RIVERS GOOD SAM AND ADVISE TYPE AND RV LENGTH.

DIRECTIONS: I-55 to exit 83 left toward Frazee Rd. Turn right onto Freeze Rd. continue onto Douglas to Palm Rd. Campground is about 2 miles from exit.

COST: \$30 / Day

ACTIVITIES: There are many things to do & see, the Illinois State Fair August 7th to 17th, the Lincoln Library and Lincoln's Tomb. We will have a visitor's guidebook available for all to see.

Friday: Open visit or site seeing.

Saturday: Tours of your choice, meet for dinner (TBA) followed by games and socializing in the evening.

Sunday: Pot luck breakfast. Meeting to follow.

**AND MEETINGS BEYOND:**

The planned meeting locations beyond August are listed below: **Note a trade shown in red (\*)**

<u>Month</u>	<u>Host</u>	<u>Location</u>
September	Basse	MO Samboree, Sedalia
October	Stanton	Big Creek RV Park
November	Brinkman	TBD
December	*Haynes	TBD
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January	*Hunter	TBD
February	Sheehan	TBD

Please remember to notify Linda at: 636-337-7925 or at <mailto:bdhunter40@hotmail.com> when you have made your selection.

## **Samboree Information:**

It has been tradition for the 3 Rivers Chapter, when attending the State Samboree, to wear yellow/gold vests to distinguish us from the other Chapters of in the state. The vests become adorned with the various patches awarded at Good Sam events members have attended over time. For those who do not have a vest but would like to continue the tradition starting at the 2014 State Samboree the vests are available for \$20 each at the Good Sam online store. Here's how to get them:

- 1 - Go to [www.goodsamstore.com](http://www.goodsamstore.com)
- 2 - In the search window to the left type "vest" and click on "Go"
- 3 - Choose the bottom item, "Embroidered Patch Vest"
- 4 - Choose Gold color, Size, and Patch design and add to cart.  
Repeat to order a second vest (i.e. Samantha Patch)
- 5 - Proceed thru Checkout instructions.
- 6 - And then wait for delivery.  
Don't wait too long to order, estimates range from 2 to 4 weeks)

Remember, the Patches to go on the back of the vests are available from Renate Ehrhard for \$5

President Brinkman is attending a State Committee meeting on May 31st and the Samboree is sure to be on the agenda. She will certainly have more detailed information for us after that meeting.

We know that the word has already gone out that the Games Coordinator is looking for help in managing several of the games.

Accompanying this Newsletter is a copy of the "2014 Missouri Samboree" Registration Form. This form may be used for pre-registration if postmarked by September 10, 2014.

## **Finally, as space runs out, here is a couple for the Engineers in the group**

To the optimist, the glass is half-full.  
To the pessimist, the glass is half-empty.  
To the engineer, the glass is twice as big as it needs to be.

What is the difference between mechanical engineers and civil engineers?  
Mechanical engineers build weapons.  
Civil engineers build targets.

Two engineering students were walking across a university campus when one said, "Where did you get such a great bike?"  
The second engineer replied, "Well, I was walking along yesterday, minding my own business, when a beautiful woman rode up on this bike, threw it to the ground, took off all her clothes and said, "Take what you want."  
The first engineer nodded approvingly and said, "Good choice; the clothes probably wouldn't have fit you anyway."