

# The Three Rivers Chapter Chatter

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The June campout of the Three Rivers Good Sam Chapter was held June 20th thru 22nd at The Cape Camping and RV Park, Cape Girardeau, MO and was hosted by Janette and Jack Tschannen.

Campers included: Basse, Brickson, Brinkman, Charpiot, Ehrhard, Ford, Haynes, Hunter, Johnson, Luzynski, Sheehan, Stanton, Stiern, Tschannen and Weeks.

Early arrivers spent Friday "junking" and visiting area attractions including the Isle Casino where some had more success than most. All enjoyed the BYO Pizza dinner in the nice cool rec room. Thanks to Jack and Janette for the salad and desserts. Gary Brickson won the ensuing game of pass-the-trash.

Saturday started early for those who visited the River Front Market in Cape. Other activities for the day included visits to the Heritage Museum, Bollinger Mill and the Summer Arts Festival at the SEMO River Campus. After dinner at Delmonico's everyone returned to the rec room for pass-the-trash. At the men's table Jerry weeks outlasted them all and the winner at the women's table was Joan Weeks. In a single hand show down Joan walked away with all the nickels.

Once again, Sunday was marked by a pot luck breakfast followed by the monthly business meeting.

## **BUSINESS MEETING:**

President Carolyn Brinkman called the meeting to order at 9:34, June 22, 2014 following which she led us in the Pledge Of Allegiance.

Carolyn asked for members to acknowledge a June birthday or Anniversary. We sang Happy Birthday to Sue Sheehan. Jim and Phyllis Stanton are celebrating their anniversary this month.

The minutes of the May 2014 meeting were read and were approved.

Renate Erhard, presented the Treasurer's, report with a balance of \$297.09.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Wagonmaster Linda Hunter reported on the forthcoming campouts, details are included below.

Linda and Carolyn reminded everyone that the September meeting would be at the State Samboree. Carolyn modeled her new Good Sam Vests for our new members viewing and gave an explanation of what occurs during the Samboree.

A motion was made by Larry Brinkman, seconded by Kevin Sheehan and approved by the members in attendance that: "The Chapter plan on arriving at the Samboree Wednesday (Sept. 24th)". A campground will be selected for gathering Tuesday night. This is necessary so that we can arrive together on the 24th and thus be able to park together

Our bylaws state that we are to provide one item (about a \$10.00 value) to be donated to the Samboree for every two memberships. These will be used as attendance prizes. Carolyn asked that anyone wishing to donate an appropriate item should notify her. We need to provide a total of eight items.

We are also required to provide two cakes for the Cake Walk. They will be purchased in Sedalia. And, the Chapter will be responsible for overseeing two contests, Horseshoes and Washer Toss.

Irv Charpiot reported that coupons totaling \$2201.90 were mailed to the U. S. Navy base in Yokosuka, Japan, June 18th, 2014. The annual total for 2014 thus far is \$16618.63. The postage cost was \$5.80.

Jim Ehrhard stated he will recycle the collected cans after this campout. A special thanks to everyone for their assistance. Renate Ehrhard asked that anyone wishing to provide a check donation make it payable to "Dogs For The Deaf".

## GOOD OF THE CHAPTER:

Thanks to Jack and Janette Tschannen for providing this colorful and enjoyable destination.

A motion to adjourn was made by Janet Basse. Seconded by Larry Brinkman. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 10:10 A.M.

## **Just received at press time!!:**

TO Three Rivers Good Sam members  
July 2014

Dear members.....

This was our best Dogs for the Deaf donation ever! You collected and turned in \$94worth of aluminum cans (that's a lot of cans!) plus you donated either by check or cash \$320, which brought our total to \$414 which we sent to them.

Thanks to all of you who donated either cans or money or both. Talk it up to your friends, family and neighbors. A lot of them just throw the cans away.

Fingers crossed for an even better year next year!

Jim & Renate

## **FUTURE MEETINGS:**

**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.

**September 24th -- 28th (MO Samboree):** Camp out weekend. 3 Rivers activities hosted by Fred and Janet Basse (573-358-8641)

Review the information discussed during the business meeting for more background on our participation in this year's State Samboree.

Get your registration forms to State by September 10th and let the Basses know that you are planning to attend. Registration forms were distributed with the May Newsletter; if you need another copy, contact Jim Stanton. In the absence of a detailed schedule, the form provides a lot of useful information.

**DIRECTIONS:** Will appear here when the campground for the night of 9/23 is selected.

**COST:** 9/25 thru 9/28 Preregistered \$70, plus "Early Bird" for 9/24, \$15 ==> \$85 total  
See registration form for other combinations

**ACTIVITIES:** Three Rivers Activities: Monthly meeting  
Monthly Dinner

Samboree Activities: 3 Rivers conduct Horseshoes and Washer Toss games  
Schedule: to be published

## **AND MEETINGS BEYOND:**

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

<b>Month</b>	<b>Host</b>	<b>Location</b>
October	Stanton	Big Creek RV Park
November	Brinkman	TBD
December	*Haynes	Cafe Palermo, Pacific MO
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January	*Hunter	TBD
February	Sheehan	TBD
March	Burhorn	TBD

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

## **HERE'S A UNIQUE APPROACH TO AN OLDTIMER'S PROBLEM**

George Phillips, an elderly man from Walled Lake, Michigan, was going up to bed, when his wife told him that he'd left the light on in the garden shed, which she could see from the bedroom window.

George opened the back door to go turn off the light, but saw that there were people in the shed stealing things.

He phoned the police, who asked, "Is someone in your house?"

He said "No," but some people are breaking into my garden shed and stealing from me.

Then the police dispatcher said, "All patrols are busy. You should lock your doors and an officer will be along when one is available."

George said, "Okay." He hung up the phone and counted to 30. Then he phoned the police again. "Hello, I just called you a few seconds ago because there were people stealing things from my shed. Well, you don't have to worry about them now because I just shot and killed them both; and he hung up.

Within five minutes, six Police Cars, a SWAT Team, a Helicopter, two Fire Trucks, a Paramedic and an Ambulance showed up at the Phillips' residence. They caught the burglars red-handed.

One of the Policemen said to George, "I thought you said that you'd shot them!"

George said, "I thought you said there was nobody available!"

Moral: "Don't mess with old people."