K-TOWN SAMS NEWSLETTER

January 2018

From Our President - Liza Wittenberg:

This year has gone by very quickly and it has been a year filled with great times together and many wonderful campouts! As we plan for the New Year let's keep all our members past and present in our prayers. We are a family in lots of ways.

So let's celebrate each other and spend as much time together in 2018 as we can. Kyle has lots of destinations on the schedule for our Chapter this coming year. He is scheduling additional side trips that are not so far away from home but should be lots of fun.

It seemed to work well for me to send out the agenda, Minutes and Financials along with any other information for the meeting just prior to each month's campout/meeting. I will be doing that in 2018. At the end of this newsletter is information on a new FaceBook page for our chapter (private) and a public page for prospects. Please join the group it is for all of us to use.

I am looking forward to another great year!

Wagon Masters Report - Kyle Chandler:

Kyle has the schedule just about complete. Liza will be sending out a DRAFT copy by the end of December 2017. He is working on the possibility of combining the Veterans campout in November with our Monthly Meeting. When that date is finalized it will be added to the Schedule.

We are going to Cove Lake State Park in June, please make your reservations ASAP. We are trying to group in the site range of #84-#100.

For July we are trying a COE (Corp of Engineer) campground - Defeated Creek. You can begin to make your reservations in January (6 months out). As this is a popular park and there is a State Park that will be closed and they are directing people to Defeated Creek, please try early to get your reservations. We may not be all together but if you can get sites in the area of #43-#60, that is the area we are trying for.

This year as you make your reservations, please let Liza and Kyle know. This information if nice for the Host/Hostesses when planning how much to bring.

Polar Bear Coordinator Report - Randy Gibson:

Randy contacted a few places and without a commitment of 10 rigs, it was hard to finalize especially with some sort of building. We tried for Whispering River Resort in Walland but there were not enough members committing to even try to contact other chapters for interest. Randy will try again for something later in 2018 and let us know.

January K-TOWN Events:

January 18, 2018 — ***Ronald McDonald House Chinese Auction Check Presentation***
Ronald McDonald House, Knoxville, TN
Reception at House at 4:00pm

January 20, 2017 — ***Chapter Monthly Meeting***
NEW Officers Meeting at 11:30am
Lunch - Shoney's, Mayville, TN at 12noon
Monthly Meeting at 1:00pm

January 22, 2018 — ***Ronald McDonald House Soup Lunch***
Ronald McDonald House, Knoxville, TN
Arrive between 9 & 9:30am to prepare
K-Town members lunch to follow at local restaurant

2018 Camping Schedule DRAFT:

January 20, 2018	***Chapter Monthly Meeting*** NEW Officers meeting at 11:30am Lunch at Noon - Shoney's, 1021W. Lamar Alexander Parkway, Maryville, TN Monthly Meeting at 1:00pm
February 17, 2018	***Chapter Monthly Meeting*** Lunch at Noon - Austin's Steak & Buffet, Knoxville, TN Monthly Meeting at 1:00pm
March 22-25, 2018	***East TN Regional Campout & Chapter Monthly Campout & Meeting*** River Plantation Resort, Sevierville, TN
April 2-4, 2018	***SIDE TRIP* - No Meeting** Smoky Bear Campground, Gatlinburg, TN
April 25-29, 2018 Early Bird - April 23 & 24	***2018 TN Good Sam State Rally & Chapter Monthly Campout & Meeting*** James E. Ward Ag Center, Lebanon, TN
May 18-20, 2018	***Chapter Monthly Campout & Meeting*** Mountain Glen RV Park, Pikeville, TN Hosts:
June 15-17, 2018	***Chapter Monthly Campout & Meeting*** Cove Lake State Park, Caryville, TN BOOK ASAP Site Area #84-#100 Hosts:
July 20-22, 2018	***Chapter Monthly Campout & Meeting*** Defeated Creek COE Campground, Defeated, TN BOOK IN JANUARY Site Area#43-#60 if possible Hosts:
July 30-Aug 2, 2018	***SIDE TRIP* - No Meeting** Maple Hill RV Park, Jamestown, TN
August 17-19, 2018	***Chapter Monthly Campout & Meeting*** Spring Lake RV Resort, Crossville, TN Hosts: Bell, Galbraith and Hinkley/Wittenberg
September 4-7, 2018	***SIDE TRIP* - No Meeting** Baileyton RV Park, Greenville, TN
September 21-23, 2018	***Chapter Monthly Campout & Meeting*** David Crockett Birthplace State Park, Limestone, TN Hosts:
September 27-30, 2018	***West TN Regional Campout*** Natchez Trace State Park, Pin Oak Campground, Wildersville, TN
October 19-21, 2018	***Chapter Monthly Campout & Meeting*** Creekwood Farm RV Park, Waynesville, NC Hosts:
November	***TBD -- Chapter Monthly Campout & Meeting*** Hosts:
December 1, 2018	***CHRISTMAS PARTY*** Beaver Ridge Masonic Lodge, Knoxville, TN

January Birthdays:

01-16.....Bill **McClister**
01-17.....Darlene **Wright**
01-24.....Camille **Sansevere**
01-25.....Don **Galbraith**
01-30.....Doug **Emmons**
01-31.....Bruce **Bell**

January Anniversaries:

01-19.....T. C. / Dorothy **Cruise**
01-31 Johnny / Linda **Branum**

Prayer List:

Bill Hines: Surgery for torn rotator cuff on Friday, December 29. Please include Audrey as his caregiver.
Camille Sansevere: - Surgery on her foot. She will be in a boot for 6 weeks.
Bruce Bell: - Had 2 stints put in just before Christmas. He is doing well in his recovery.
Alice Beard: - Continues to fight her cancer. Please include Bill and Bonnie as her caregivers.
Shirley Gasaway: - Continues to fight her cancer. Is doing well with the treatments.
Don & Judy Warrens Family: - as their son fights cancer.

Please keep these and all our members with health issues or family situations in your prayers as they work through illnesses and hard times.

Other Good Sam Rallys, Events & RV Shows:

February 14-18, 2018	***Florida Winter Rally*** North Florida Fair Grounds, Tallahassee, FL
March 22-25, 2018	***Georgia Spring Rally*** Georgia National Fairgrounds, Perry, GA
January 5-7, 2018	***Knoxville RV Show*** Sevierville Convention Center, Sevierville, TN
	SC RV & Camping Show TD Convention Center, Greenville, SC
	Greater Atlanta RV Show Georgia International Convention Center, College Park, GA
January 19-21, 2018	***Lexington RV Show*** Kentucky Horse Park, Lexington, KY
February 16-18	***Chattanooga RV Show*** Chattanooga Convention Center, Chattanooga, TN

50/50 Community Fund:

We had 5 names of children from Central Elementary School in Wartburg, TN. Freida brought us the names and Mary Warwick, Sally Emmons, Don & Judy Warren, Vi McClister and Bob & I went shopping at Walmart. We were able to get the children everything on their want list as well as on their needs list. There was a table at the Christmas Party with all the wrapped gifts. Freida took them to the school for distribution to their families in time for Christmas. Freida will have an update at our next meeting.

Chinese Auction:

At the Christmas Party Meeting it was decided that after searching for over a year for a permanent coordinator to replace Johnny & Linda Branum, we would turn over the Auction to the State Staff. Ron Masterson, State Director was at the meeting and said that the State Staff would take over this event in the future. We should be very proud of all that we have accomplished over the past years for Ronald McDonald House. Liza will contact Sue Beverly for a date for the presentation of the 2017 check and let her know of this change. This does not mean that we cannot decide on a future fund raiser for at the Rally but on a much smaller scale. If anyone has any ideas, please contact Liza.

Veterans Corner:

It is a new year and we have troops stationed all over the world. As our Veterans have done in the past, they and their families have made great sacrifices for ALL of us. Please remember all past and present military in your prayers!

If anyone has any Veteran's related item to relay to the Chapter, please send it to Tommy to include in our newsletter.

Craft Corner:

We have this category in our newsletter, so if you would like to share something you are working on, have questions, tips, or want to bring a group craft to a campout, please let Tommy know.

Local Items of Interest Corner:

This category will be for any items that anyone finds of interest in the Knoxville area. It can be something you are involved in or just something that others in the chapter might want to get together and do. Examples: concerts, wreaths/flags on veterans graves, walk in the woods, discount days, etc. Tommy will include it here.

Members Corner:

This section of the newsletter is for any member to share with the Chapter things that they are doing or going to do. Example: If you are going on a trip and would like company, Expecting a new family member, Pet news, Graduations, Weddings, Etc.

Perspective Members Corner:

These are the people that I am currently in contact with as perspective new members. Thanks to all of you that have spread the good word.

Doug Hall, Wears Valley Area
John & Ann Wharton, Talbot, TN
Curtis & Mable Grimes,
Wayne & Dana Howard,
Alan Beddingheld,
Kathy Cardwell

New Items for K-TOWN Members:

For those of you that use FaceBook, K-Town Sams has a NEW PRIVATE CHAPTER Page. I would like to use this as an additional form of communications with the members of our chapter and have it be a place that we can share things just related to our members. Please take a minute and join by going to the page and asking to be included.

K-Town Sams - Chapter Group

I also created a PUBLIC page. This page will not have any personal information about our members (NO names, address, phone numbers, email address, etc.). This will be used as a search tool for anyone looking for a camping group. I will post generic information and our prospects email address. Check it out....

K-Town Sams Camping Chapter - Public Page

2017 Christmas Party

Gift Exchange Table

Central Elementary Children's Christmas Presents

Meeting and Greeting

More Meeting and Greeting

Meeting Time

Dinner Time

Lined up for gift exchange game

PRESENTS!!!!!!!!

Merry Christmas

and a

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!