

The Director's Trailer

May 2007 – Maryland Good Sam



Greetings from the Director's Trailer:



Gentlemen start your engines,
...And they're off...
On your mark-get set- Go!



It doesn't matter how you say it or what type of racing it is, these words can kick your adrenalin into high gear. You almost can't say them without wanting to yell. That's the feeling I get when I think about this Samboree.

This May, we are going to have so much fun between the racing of the chapters, the challenges created by the staff or the theme parade. This Samboree is lining up to be in first place. We have Robin Dickson, the lady in charge of Dogs for the Deaf. The Make - A-Wish foundation has chosen us to be the lead in their new fundraiser.

We have tours to Hobby Town and a real race farm, and some great Chinese auction items (guess the theme). Top that off with dancing to some great "local" talent, and you have the makings of a winner. We even have some new vendors showing off their wares.

So, whether you are a first time attendee, one who has been missing us, or an old favorite - join us in pit row for ice cream, breakfast, pizza or Jim's diner. It will be a rush to the finish line that you won't want to miss. No matter if you win, place or show - this weekend is shaping up as a trifecta of winning good times.

On a serious note, this year has been filled with an unbelievable number of sicknesses and deaths. My staff and I want to express our deepest sympathy for those who have lost a loved one and a hope in prayer to those who need a healing touch. Please remember to contact Debbie Trice or me prior to the Samboree, if your chapter has lost a member for whom you would like a memorial plaque.

This newsletter is designed to be passed on to every Chapter Member and any Good Sam Member - or anyone thinking of becoming a Good Sam Member. Remember, this year we will accept non-Good Sam Members at our Samboree for an additional \$12.00 (which just happens to be the amount charged for new membership).

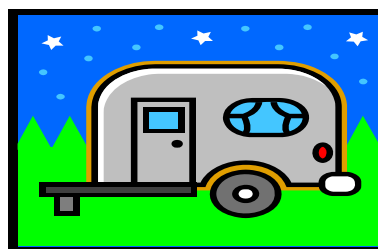
The staff have been planning all winter for this event, so please spend your weekend with us. We are still the best deal in town. So, come and join us for a weekend of racing!



Bill Brooks

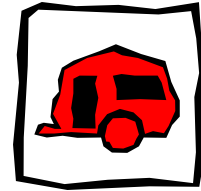
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MD Spring Samboree – May 25-28, 2007

"A Weekend of Racing"



As mentioned, our upcoming 2007 Spring Samboree will center on a weekend of races. You'll see checkered flags, race courses, trophies, start/finish lines, and just about anything that goes along with racing!

As usual, there will be games & contests, a costumed theme parade, arts & crafts, an ice cream social, a breakfast, and much more. There are also vendors, seminars and tours.

We offer free entertainment every night and planned activities for the children and teens.

Samboree registration forms can be accessed and submitted on-line via our website:
www.mdgoodsam.com.

State Committee Meeting

The next State Committee Meeting will be held at the May Samboree. Please check the program schedule for date/time. Chapter Presidents or another elected official from each Chapter (w/authorization letter) need to attend. Remember there are four meetings a year, and each Chapter MUST be represented at THREE of the four meetings. If you've missed more than one meeting, you should contact your State Director.



The four meetings held throughout the year:
February – Presidents Mtg (Jessup)
April – Presidents Campout (Walkersville)
May – MD Spring Samboree (Frederick)

Oct – MD Fall Samboree (Frederick)

MD Fall Samboree – October 26-28, 2007

"A Hillbilly Experience"



The fall theme is "A Hillbilly Experience." More information forthcoming!

The Rally - 2007

The Rally is scheduled for July 19-22 in Redmond, Oregon. Bob Eubanks will be hosting the "Almost" Newlywed Game. The annual parade is wedding attire, and there will be a Beatles Tribute. Good Sam Day is July 22. For more information and to register, go to www.therally.com or call 877-749-7122.



National Clean Up Day

www.takepride.gov

International has again joined forces with Take Pride in America for the 11th Annual National Clean Up Day - May 19th & 20th. Those chapters wishing to participate should log volunteer hours on the website to be eligible for awards.

We will also be providing clean-up bags at the Spring Samboree. Check your program schedule for the time and meeting location.



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Good Sam Club Updates

Smile & Save Program

www.goodsamclub.com/save

A large number of merchants have established discounts for Good Sam members (everything from tax preparation to Dell computers).

SamAlert Recalls

www.safercar.gov

Dometic two-door refrigerator - crack in boiler tube (models manufactured between Apr 1997-May 2003). Check website for models that are affected.

2001-2003 Monaco Coaches/Holiday Rambler recalls – frame extension lower flange cracks, separation of towed vehicle.

Damon Motor Homes 2002-2007 - Damon Corp. exterior lighting. Rear & side marker lights may not provide reflection in dark.

Emergency Road Service (ERS)

www.goodsamERS.com

RV Concierge Service is a new benefit offering points of interest “look up” with directions to locations, and a live concierge agent to assist with appointments for maintenance, etc.

Emergency Assistance Plus (EA+)

www.gscinsurance.com/eaplus.asp

A medical protection program to consider, when traveling in US or abroad.

Camp Club USA

www.campclubUSA.com

Offers 50% savings on overnight camping at networked campgrounds across US and Canada.

NADA

www.NADAGuide.com

The leader in RV pricing and specification information. Check out this site before purchasing a new RV.

Cruise to Alaska

www.montrosetravel.com/goodsam

A 7-night inside passage cruise, offered to Good Sam members. Sept. 16-24, 2007.

Make A Wish Foundation

This charity began in 1980 and helps children (ages 2-1/2 - 18) with life-threatening conditions fulfill their wishes. Good Sam is launching this program on June 5th; however, we'll be supporting the charity at our May Samboree by selling 'blue stars.'



FUNNY - REAL NEWSPAPER ADS

- FREE PUPPIES - ½ Cocker Spaniel and ½ sneaky neighbor's dog.
 - FOUND DIRTY WHITE DOG - Looks like a rat... Been out a while... Better be a reward.
 - NORDIC TRACK - \$300 Hardly used, call Chubby.
 - WEDDING DRESS FOR SALE – Worn once by mistake. Call Stephanie.
 - JOINING NUDIST COLONY – Must sell washer and dryer \$300.
 - FOR SALE BY OWNER – Complete set of Encyclopedia Britannica, 45 volumes, excellent condition, \$1,000 or best offer. No longer needed, got married last month. Husband knows everything.
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From our Kitchen to Yours “Jell-O Magic Mousse”



Prep: 10 min. (Makes 10 servings – ½ cups)

A colorful, layered dessert from the past!
Simply mix, pour and refrigerate.

- 3 cups boiling water
- 1 package (8-serving size) or 2 package (4-serving size) of *Jell-O* Brand Gelatin
- 1 16 oz. tub *Cool Whip* Whipped Topping, thawed.

Stir boiling water into dry gelatin mix in medium bowl at least 2 minutes until completely dissolved. Add whipped topping to hot gelatin; stir with wire whisk until whipped topping is completely melted and mixture is well blended. (Mixture will still be thin.)

Pour into 10 glasses, or a 6-cup mold, or a glass bowl sprayed with cooking spray.

Refrigerate for 8 hours or overnight. If using a large mold, un-mold onto serving plate just before serving. Store leftover dessert in refrigerator.

(Please note – you can cut recipe in half.)

Chapters - Please share newsletter inclusions with Debbie Trice via email: camptrice@hotmail.com