

Utah Good Sam State Committee Meeting
The Organ Loft – Salt Lake City
December 2, 2006

The meeting was opened by out-going State Director Bernie Voorhees as he led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance. He then introduced Marv & Debbie Brumett, Vice President and Treasurer of the newly formed chapter, the Wasatch Weekenders. The chapter is from the Weber County area. Members Randy & Charlotte Kunz were also introduced. Bernie presented Marv with the chapter's charter and a letter of congratulations from Good Sam Headquarters.

Lynn Koyle came forward to give the State Treasurer's Report. Each president received a copy of Lynn's report and he gave an accounting of the monies in the General Fund. A year ago there was a balance \$11,941.43 in the account and with \$2,845 paid out in expenses and money received from Merchandise Sales and the Samboree Account, the current balance of the account is \$14,018.79. He advised everyone an audit of the account will be held December 4th. Bernie, Glenn Carroll, the State Secretary, the new Samboree Treasurer and two chapter presidents will be on the Audit Committee. Lynn said he would be glad to answer any questions regarding the account. A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded, and approved by the presidents.

Bernie called upon Glenn Carroll to give a report of the Samboree Account. A copy of Glenn's report was also in the packet the presidents received at the meeting. Glenn said basically the Samboree account starts with \$3,000 and ends with \$3,000. Two items on his report were estimated, i.e., the expense of the meal at the meeting, (as the bill wouldn't be paid until the luncheon ended), and the amount transferred to the General Fund. He said if the bill came up like he thought it would, we will transfer \$3,790 to the General Fund (State Treasury). The Samboree Account will start over again with \$3,000. The presidents were advised to contact Glenn if they had questions about any of the expenditures.

The Weber Waffies, the "Chapter of the Year", were asked to come to the podium to pick up their patches. Bernie congratulated John Rhodes, next year's Weber Waffies president. There were three entries for this award, the Deer Sams, the Peach City Sams and the Weber Waffies, and Bernie said it was difficult picking out a winner.

Jim Stephenson, Dick Draper and Ray Stenger were asked to come forward. At the Tag-Along, Jim came to Bernie and asked if we should bring the 'people mover' to Tooele. He said we needed it to shuttle people back and forth from the pavilion and to the museum, etc. Bernie didn't tell him 'yes' or 'no', and the next thing he knew, Jim went to Nephi after the 'mover' and brought it to the complex. Ray Stenger offered his truck to pull the 'mover' and organized drivers to take shifts. Dick Draper volunteered to pull the 'mover' back to Nephi after the Tag-Along was over. Bernie presented each of them a plaque of appreciation for their help.

When Bernie asked Jack and Darlene Pace to be on his staff, they were told he had a job lined up for them,...the Memorial. Bernie presented a plaque to Darlene for her help in getting the Memorial programs, the helium gas (donated every year for the balloons) and securing the names of the deceased members.

Glenn & Carol Jean Carroll were asked to come to the podium. They were also given a plaque of appreciation by Bernie, and he commended them for taking care of all the reservations for the Samborees and State Committee meetings. Bernie said he especially appreciated Glenn for coming forward to take on the job of State Director for the next two years.

When Bernie became State Director, he asked Lynn & Joye Gray to stay on his staff as Photographer & Historian. Lynn told Bernie he would stay on until the end of that year. They have stayed on the staff four years and "are still going strong". Bernie expressed his appreciation to the Grays and presented them with a plaque. (All the plaques have the Good Sam emblem, the current year, and the inscription, "*Thank you. Bernie & LeeMaye*".)

The presidents of the chapters receiving this year's Charity Money were asked to give a report on their money raising projects. Carl Probert of the Red Valley Roosters told of his chapter's yard sale that raised \$600; aluminum cans were also collected and sold. The chapter hasn't chosen a charity but hoped to use it for one in Sevier County. Bruce Holland of the Trail Blazers said his chapter raised money by serving hot dogs at R.C. Willey, from booths at the Samboree, and a Cake Walk at the Tag-Along. They donated to the Boys & Girls Club of Weber County, Habitat for Humanity, YCC (for abused women and children), Open Hands Food Pantry, the Family Support Center of Ronald McDonald House (which included cash and over 100 pounds of tabs), Veterans Center in Salt Lake, Roy City Police Department. With \$115 in anonymous donations, they raised \$2221. Bruce asked if anyone had seen the movie

“Calendar Girls”, as his chapter is planning a *“Calendar Boys”* calendar for next year. The president of the Timp Moonshiners, Ken Gull, said his chapter raised \$1677.90 from food and craft sales at the Tag-Along in Tooele. The money will be given to certain charities at a later date.

Bernie then installed the new State Director Glenn Carroll and his wife Carol Jean for the 2007/2008 two-year term. After the installation, the meeting was turned over to Glenn and he began by saying he was “overwhelmed”. He acknowledged to everyone that he had been Samboree Treasurer for the past eight years, and thoroughly loved the job, and had enjoyed working with Bernie and LeeMaye. The first thing on Glenn’s agenda was the introduction of the new State Staff. Lynn Koyle has another year to serve as State Treasurer so he and Maretta will remain on the Staff during that time. State Secretary will be Jean North (Brent); Wagon Master, Boyd Bowman (Gerrie); Assistant Wagon Master, Hoover Maestas (Sally); Quartermaster, Jim Stephenson (Janice); Salty Sam Editor/Publicity, Beverly Olsen; Historian/Photographer, Lynn & Joye Gray; Samboree Treasurer, Leslie McRae (Tim); Assistant Central Utah Directors, Jack & Darlene Pace and Gary & Janice Taylor; Northern Utah Assistant Directors, Walt & Shirley Summers; Salt Lake Assistant Directors, Claire & Beth Huff; Southern Utah Assistant Directors, Jim & Lue Jensen; Advisors, Bernie & Lee Maye Voorhees. After introducing his staff, Glenn installed all of the above as members of the State Staff. Bernie and LeeMaye were presented with *“Utah Past State Director”* badges.

Glenn continued the meeting by saying there was a lot of information in the packets the presidents had received. One thing he wanted to talk about was the Salty Sam. He said the Salty Sam Editor does a lot of work to complete the Salty Sam; then we wait until we have a meeting to pass them out to the presidents. The chapters have to wait until they have a meeting to receive the newsletter. Sometimes a month or more elapses from the time it is printed until a member receives a copy. The post office advised Glenn we don’t have enough mailings to get a Bulk Permit. (The permit costs \$150; must have approximately 200 mailings a year to make the permit worthwhile.) If we continue to publish a Salty Sam of twelve pages, we can mail it at the standard postal rate of thirty-nine cents. Three hundred (300) Salty Sams multiplied by thirty-nine cents (39¢) comes to about \$120 each quarter or \$480 a year. Glenn’s question to the presidents was, “Is it worth spending \$480 a year to get the Salty Sams a little faster?” That would mean mailing it to each individual member’s house and it would put a load on the State Staff to do this. He asked the presidents for their input. A question was asked, “Where would the \$480 come from?” and Glenn said it would have to come from the General Fund. He also explained each rig pays \$5 a year to the General Fund for the printing of the Salty Sam. This money covers a good portion of the printing cost. He asked if we should try it for a year and see how it works. Some answered “yes”; another suggested we leave it as is and use the \$480 for something else. The suggestion was put to a vote and the majority vote was to leave the distribution of the Salty Sam ‘as is’.

The next item on Glenn’s agenda was the Fall Tag-Along. Last year we thought of having the tag-along again in Brigham City; however that idea was dismissed because of all the street remodeling going on. This fall the authorities called and want us to come back. Glenn went to Brigham City to check out what facilities were available. He said Brigham City is growing faster than they would like, and a lot of the open spaces are not big enough or might be under the option of being sold. When we were there before, some stayed at Constitution Park and some had to stay at the cemetery. It might be possible to stay at the park again but this would split our group in half. There is a place they call the ‘Racetrack’ on Forest Street that may be available; however, it has no shade (and it might be for sale). To rent a tent large enough to accommodate our tag-along, it would cost \$2,100. Glenn’s question to the presidents was, ‘Did they think it was worth paying \$2,100 for shade and go to Brigham City, or would they rather go somewhere else?’ No one was interested in going to Brigham City again so Glenn said he would work on somewhere else to hold the tag-along. Someone said Glenn had indicated two different dates the tag-along could be held. Glenn replied that was because we don’t have a location yet; however, Glenn would like to go a different weekend other than the Labor Day weekend. Someone brought up the idea of going back to the Deseret Peak Complex in Tooele. Glenn said he would be happy to consider that location if everyone would like to go back there. We put down a \$600 deposit on the complex for this year’s tag-along and they returned \$200 because we left the place in good condition. It is an economical place to go. It takes twenty-two acres of parking for the tag-along and if someone has any other suggestions, Glenn asked them to contact him. He asked which weekend would be best, the second or third. There was no majority in favor of either weekend, so it will be a matter of where we can get a reservation.

Glenn thanked everyone for their vote to elect him State Director. In closing, he read a poem, “If My Body Were a Car”, which brought laughter from the group. A motion to adjourn was made and seconded, and the meeting closed.

Beverly Olsen, State Secretary