

La Voz

October 2018

OMG!! How about that 2018 Rally!! I am calling it a successful rally. There were a few issues this year, but for the most part it was a success and everyone had a great time.

We had 65 rigs and we had about 10 folks staying in the hotel this year. If you missed the Rally, we played games, enjoyed two nights of entertainment, we had our 2nd annual White Elephant raffle, our new items raffle and we ate and ate and ate. The state provided a pancake breakfast and two dinners – burgers & dogs and another night BBQ ribs.

As in the past few years 3 Rivers Sam took home the traveling trophy for most points won during the games. That Chapter can't be beat, although the other Chapters try.

I would like to thank all of the volunteers that helped during the Rally. Putting this kind of an event together takes so many folks to make it successful. Thank you to Barb and Rene Embres at the Registration desk. That turns into a 4-day full time job. Chuck and Joann Culpepper, DW and Kathy Baxter for helping with preparing, cooking, cleaning, helping with the White Elephant and Raffle and probably many other jobs that I didn't see them handle. Thank you to Jim Patterson and Brian Holt for cooking. A special thanks to Brian Holt for building the podium for the State. Thanks to Jan Davy for her help. Thanks to Sarah Rodrigue for the special invocation at opening ceremony. Thanks to Marie Gum for keeping track of all the attendees. Thank you to Arlene Porr for designing the program and

all her help to me during the year. Thanks to all those folks that stored frozen ribs at their home – Larry and Marsha Kern, Joe and Judy Greer and the RV park, without their ice cream freezer I don't know how we would have stored burgers and dogs and ribs. If I have forgotten you by name, please know that I do appreciate your help more than you know. I'm glad friends don't come with a price tag – I couldn't afford the wonderful friends I've got!

I don't have a final count of money spent and received, but I do know that Computer Sam was selected to receive the 50/50 and half of the bingo money for the charity of their choice in the amount of \$578.00. Also, the White Elephant and raffle earned almost \$1250.00.

I did receive a nomination for State Director for 2019/2020. Her name is Marie Mook. She is currently a member of Rio Rancho Sam. Her nomination must be approved by National and I am waiting to hear back from them. As soon as I hear, I will let you know.

I had a couple of issues to vote on during the State Committee Meeting – the Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) and the criteria for Golden Halo. The current Standard Operating Procedures are on the NM Good Sam website. The Golden Halo criteria is not on the website but I will check with our Webmaster to include that information on the website. Presidents, remember to keep track of information relating to the Golden Halo criteria during the year to make it easier to put together a nomination letter for a perspective candidate.

Some dates to remember:

October 11 through 15: Grand Canyon Caverns Western Weekend. This is not a Good Sam sponsored event, but sounds like fun.

October 19 through 21: East Mtn. Sam is going to Santa Fe Skies RV park

October 19 through 21: Rio Rancho Sam is going to Little Vineyard in Deming, New Mexico

October 25 through 28: 3 Rivers is going to Moab Rim RV park

November 29 through December 2: M. Mtn. is going to Pancho Villa State Park

Remember if you want to participate in any of these campouts, please contact the wagon master in the sponsoring Chapter for details.

I think that does it for this month. Until next time –

Safe travels

Janice and Stan

