

The Drifter



Where Good Sam Is, Good Things Happen!

Yellowstone National Park
Photo taken by Bill Taylor
October 2019

Happy New Year 2022 from Barb and Bill Taylor, your new Oregon Good Sam Directors! First off, we'd like to thank John and Holly Monahan for their service as our past directors and for the guidance they're now giving us!



Although inexperienced, we are excited to start this adventure, and our first goal is to introduce and encourage those that don't know us, to join Good Sam and our supportive chapters. 'Empty-Nesters' and the 'Newly-Retired' are our focus to keep Good Sam alive and thriving ... advertising, social media and word of mouth are our best resources! Good Sam is relying on us to bring a new spark to the organization, and with the sudden surge of new campers due to Covid-19, we are going to do our best to achieve this. Although Covid has really put a strain on all of us and has tried its best to hinder our activities, we believe that Good Sam members are determined to make this a better year and are anxious to see their chapter members and get back to what we all enjoy so much ... camping and socializing! As of this print, plans are currently being made for 2022's Round-Up, Samboree, and Pow-Wow.

So that you can get to know us better, we'd like to share a little about ourselves. We are members of the Travel Nuts Good Sam chapter. Barb recently retired after 30+ years as an Accounts Payable Specialist and Accountant. Bill is striving towards retirement soon! We own Portland Post Company, builders and installers of colonial-style wood posts. We hang realtor "for sale" signage on the posts at residential properties and install commercial signage on vacant lots, buildings and new housing developments. We have one son (41) and daughter-in-law, and twin daughters (39) with two sons-in-law. We also have one granddaughter (8) and two step-grandchildren (sister and brother, 26 and 22). Family is very important to us! We both enjoy genealogy research, traveling and camping (obviously!). Barb enjoys sewing, crafting, home décor, and reading. Bill is also a reader (he's a huge Steven King fan), is a "Major Plus" division softball player, and a passionate advocate for wolf preservation. After three visits to Yellowstone National Park over the years to hopefully view wolves in the wild, in October 2019 we were unbelievably fortunate to view a pack twice in one week ... once with telescopes, and once with the naked eye. It was most definitely a 'once-in-a-lifetime' event for us, as sightings are rare. We live in a heavily wooded remote area of Damascus, Oregon, in a one-level home we deliberately built 15 years ago for our eventual "golden years" (no stairs!). 😊 We are honored to have been chosen to be your State Directors for the next term!

UPCOMING 2022 EVENTS !!

Westerners Round Up Wapiti RV Lincoln City, OR April 28 - May 1, 2022

Spring Gathering State Meeting Wapiti RV May 1 - 2, 2022

Oregon Good Sam Samboree Polk County Fairgrounds Rickreall, OR June 16 - 19, 2022

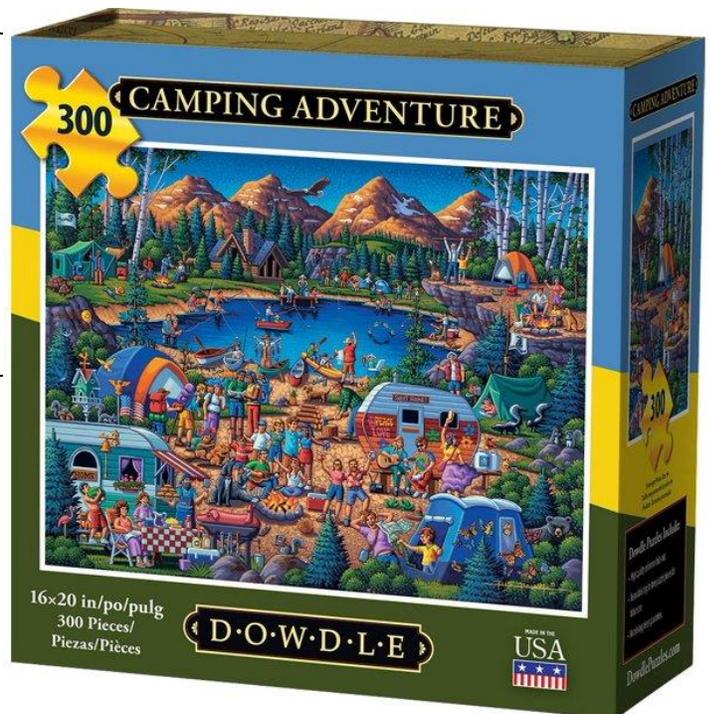
Wy-East Pow-Wow Hood River County Fairgrounds Hood River, OR August 25 - 28, 2022

WATCH FOR DETAILS AND REGISTRATIONS IN UPCOMING ISSUES OF THE DRIFTER !!

We are in great need of Assistant State Directors !! We have a current vacancy for WyEast Pioneers, and perhaps two on the eastern side of our state. Light duties include joining staff Zoom meetings once a month (if possible), to forward The Drifter via email to select chapters in your area, and to help support Good Sam events. If you are unable to fulfill your current position as an Assistant Director, please let us know so that we can fill the vacancy just as soon as possible. Chapters will not get The Drifter or any important notifications if we don't have the support of Assistant Directors. Please contact us today to offer your help and for the opportunity to work with great people !! Thank you, volunteers !!

DID YOU KNOW ...

A 300-piece puzzle, such as Dowdle's "Camping Adventure", fits perfectly on your RV's dining table and just takes part of an afternoon to complete? Great rainy day project when you're stuck indoors or are looking for a few relaxing hours !!



Great Games To Stock In Your RV

1. Yahtzee: National Parks Edition
2. Sequence
3. Mexican Train
4. Rack-o
5. L C R (aka 'Left-Center-Right' dice game)



Thanks so much for the invitation to the Spruce Runners 2021 Christmas Party. We had a great time and enjoyed meeting your members!



CAMPING IN THE SNOW

Winter camping is actually quite fun. The air is crisp, the campground is peaceful and there are no bugs! Plan for the best, but prepare for the worst, just to be safe. Items you should include are:

- Tire chains
- Weather band radio
- Extra blankets
- Extra warm clothing
- 5 gallons of drinking water in heated storage space
- A "white gas" camping stove (does not require propane, if you run out)
- Gasoline-powered generator
- Extra propane tanks
- Blow dryer to defrost pipes and tanks
- Emergency/RV GPS system
- Extra food
- Cash for unexpected fees or emergencies

**THE WINTER S'MORE**

Gingerbread Cookies
Hershey Chocolate Bars
Roasted Marshmallows

FOR FIRST TIME RV BUYERS

After the initial expense of buying an RV, you're going to want to stock it with everything you'll need for a comfortable and successful camping trip. You may have items in your own home that are no longer used that can be transferred into your RV, such as kitchen gadgets, silverware, older pots and pans, towels, bedding, etc. Make yourself a list of everything you think your new RV needs and start shopping around your home! You'll be surprised as to how much money you can save by using items you already have. Goodwill is also a good source for used items, or economy stores such as Walmart will have reasonably priced new items for your home on wheels. Small plastic bins with lids that can be stored under the bed for games keep them organized and rodent free. Two-drawer plastic storage organizers are great for outside compartment tool storage.

TAYLOR'S TIPS

Relying on a companion (usually the wife) is crucial to make sure you get parked without wreaking havoc. This is stressful for everyone, but these tips will make it easier.

1. Get a good set of Walkie Talkies. This is much more effective and less stressful than yelling through an open window. They will also come in handy in other travel situations when cell service is spotty.
2. Take your time! This isn't a contest. Hopefully, drivers can get around you. If they get impatient, it's their problem, not yours. All campers must park, eventually!
3. Politely decline help from random campers. This only creates chaos and confusion when two or more people are directing.
4. Don't say "right" or "left." Instead, use "Drivers Side" and "Passengers Side." This makes things much clearer for everyone involved.
5. Trust your guide. If you are ever in doubt as to your guide's advice, just ask "Are you sure"? Generally, they can see the situation you are in better than you can.
6. Try not to have to park in the dark. It just adds more stress.
7. If they get you in safe and sound, be sure to thank your guide for a job well done!

~ CHAPTER NEWS ~



Christmas Parties Held In December 2021

LAYOVER SAMS CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2nd
OLD SPAGHETTI FACTORY CLACKAMAS

POLK ABOUT SAMS
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10th
HEE HEE ILLAHEE RV RESORT SALEM

TRAVEL NUTS GOOD SAM
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11th
LEGENDS BAR & GRILL MOLALLA

SPRUCE RUNNERS
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19th
BLACK BEAR DINER WILSONVILLE

If you'd like your chapters' special events mentioned here,
please drop us a line! oregongoodsamdirector@outlook.com



Don Nedrow from Spruce Runners is
convalescing at home following
unexpected surgery.

HOORAY FOR NEW MEMBERS !!

POLK ABOUT SAMS AND
OGS WELCOMES

GREG BROWN & JASON CHAPPELL

CHAPTER ANNIVERSARIES

None reported

Please let us know when your
chapter celebrates anniversaries!

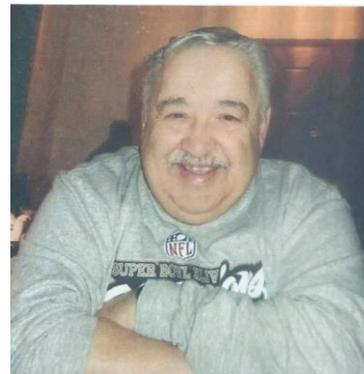




Lynn Eugene Shumaker (spouse: Orvilliss, deceased), was born June 11, 1930 and passed away on November 16, 2021. He was a long-time member of Santiam Sams chapter and will be missed by his OGS friends and family.

David Krause (spouse: LaZetta) passed away December 7, 2021, after a long illness. He was a member of Blue Mountain Good Sam chapter and will be remembered for the service he gave to his chapter and Oregon Good Sam. David will be missed for the trips he organized and his participation in past Samborees.

Gary Marino (spouse: Lynn) was born on August 23, 1943 and passed away on December 18, 2021. He was a former member of Layover Sams chapter and will be missed by his OGS friends and family.



“Get at least eight hours of beauty sleep. Nine, if you’re ugly”.

Betty White, 12/31/2021 RIP ❤️

~ MEMORIAL NOTIFICATION FORM ~

NAME OF DECEASED: _____

SPOUSE: _____

CHAPTER: _____

DATE OF BIRTH (if known): _____

DATE OF DEATH: _____

* We welcome a solo photo of the deceased and a short obituary for The Drifter

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in the following month's newsletter. Thank you !!

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