



Hill and Dale Sams Chapter Report for 2011
(presented at January 2012 State Meeting)

It has been another tough year, campouts cancelled because we didn't have enough members attending, because of illness, family gatherings, weddings, graduations, etc. We gave \$100 each to St. Jude's, Honorflight, and Fisher House. Our webmaster Vicki Lapointe has been doing an excellent job publishing the <http://hillanddale.vagoodsam.org> web site.

Margie, President, and Bernard were in Florida for the January 2011 state meeting, so Carol (H&D secretary) & Frank Sollitto represented our chapter. We started 2011 with a 12-rig membership. We increased to 15-rig membership by end of summer. We are starting 2012 with 15-rig membership, 4 associate members, and 3 honorary members.

Our February 12 luncheon was hosted by Cheryl Stuckey, trying a restaurant just north of Fredericksburg, Sully's. The 6 members, and 3 guests (Tony-Parkers' grandson, Brenda & Richard Jones, Betty & Mario Smorto) all agreed that food and service was great.

Members Jack & Eleanor Brown hosted a March luncheon and games day at their house. Six of our members attended, with guests Tony and Brenda & Richard Jones.

Our April 15-17 campout was at Endless Caverns, hosted by Jane & Dave Hatcher. We had 7 members. On Friday several caught the antique and historical areas, including Route 11 Chips. On Saturday we relaxed, got acquainted with new prospective members, Simpsons from Reedville, and discussed the "instruments" with Browns for the May Samboree parade. Some took advantage of cavern discount offer. Our potluck Saturday night was a downpour and we had to use vehicles to and from the club house. The storms prevented NASCAR on screen. We played board games and socialized. It was a gully washer and tricky to maneuver rigs on Sunday.

The May Virginia Samboree "35th Anniversary" was attended by 7 members. We had two At Large rigs park with H&Ds. We collected \$50 at our cakewalk and all was donated to the AED fund for needed accessories. We participated in the parade and won 1st place as kazoo band.

Our June 10-11 campout/meeting was held at American Heritage, Williamsburg, hosted by Wayne & Trish Smith, & Wayne's father, Bill. We had 8 members for the weekend and 2 guests/new members Jones & Smorto, for 9. Saturday potluck was with a downpour but we all managed to not get too wet, using the lounge.

July 8-10 campout was at Candy Hill Campground, Winchester, hosted by Ed & Mary Fisher, but unfortunately only 2 members attended. Instead of a potluck, they tried out a local restaurant a few miles from campground. They also visited Camping World, local museum, etc.

August 19-20 campout was held at Thousand Trails/Chesapeake in Glens, Virginia, hosted by James & Parker, with 5 members & 1 associate member in attendance. We spent the weekend with a relaxing, kick-back, socializing agenda, and of course a potluck dinner in the lounge and game night.

September 24 luncheon was hosted by Cheryl Stuckey at Amy's Place, Falmouth – a very neat café with great service. We were so very pleased, blessed and happy that our ailing, Browns and Renfros, could be with us, for a total of 7 members.

October was, of course, attending the VA Fall Samboree, Harrisonburg. We had only 1 member attend this year. Bill Russ, VP, attended the state meeting on Friday night. They went in as a vendor. Reported that they had a good time and enjoyed the entertainment and seeing old friends.

No member came forward to host November.

December luncheon was hosted by our Wagonmaster at Perkins', Rt. 17, Falmouth, with 11 members, 1 associate member and 1 guest (grandson) in attendance. Everyone was in the holiday spirit. We passed out Christmas cards, small gifts, and chatted with everyone. It was a wonderful luncheon with wonderful friendships. Our Wagonmaster resigned so Brenda Jones stepped forward before the end of the meeting. Three, maybe four, members will be in Florida for the first 3-4 months of 2012.

Respectfully submitted,

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President