



# Happy Wheels

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## From the PRESIDENTS...

Hello WA State Good Sams Club Members,

Since our last Happy Wheels distribution in May, our State Organization Chapter Presidents met at the Lynden State RV Rally and voted and approved the new state bylaws which were sent out to all. We are now called WA State Good Sams Club. Our Director is now called “President” and our Assistant Directors are now called “Vice Presidents”. These small changes will get some getting used to. Now we just need to move forward on our own with our State Organization, which is 53 years old.

Just to let you know, Good Sam Enterprises still gives us some support. For the Lynden State Rally and for the upcoming Cashmere State Rally, we received \$200 in Camping World gift certificates for each Rally. They also continue to give me employee discounts for the door prizes items that I buy at Camping World, which sometimes is half the price. That is why we can get some great door prizes for the two Rallies.

Everyone that came to the Lynden Rally had a great complimentary dinner catered by the family of one of our Chapter members, Royce Poynter of Daffodil Ramblers. They have also agreed to cater at Cashmere. So, everyone will again receive a complimentary dinner at the Cashmere Rally in September.

This summer Dee and I went to the Oregon and Idaho RV Rallies and had a good time. Every State Rally is different from one another, and all are fun. We have done this for a lot of years and have always enjoyed doing it.

At the Lynden Rally we had a table where different Chapters had their outing schedules. We hope you have used this information to join in with other chapters. I know we have a few that will be joining us at our fall outings.

We hope to see everyone at the Cashmere Good Sams Club Rally coming up September 13-17. The registration and program are included in this publication. Please send in your registration soon.

Dave & Dee Cluett

WA State Good Sams Club President

<b>WASHINGTON STATE GOOD SAMS CLUB RALLIES IN 2023 &amp; 2024</b>		
Now is the time to <b>reserve these dates</b> on your camping schedule. The State Rallies are for your enjoyment.		
September 13 -17, 2023 <b>Cashmere Good Sams Club Rally</b> Theme: <b>“Boldly Go Where No One Has Gone Before”</b> Get together again to continue the enjoyment of RVing.	May 1 - 5, 2024 <b>Lynden Good Sams Club Rally</b> Theme: <b>“HAPPY HIPPI DAZE”</b> 2024's first RV Rally for all of our State Chapter RVers to get together to enjoy all of the planned activities.	September 11 -15, 2024 <b>Cashmere Good Sams Club Rally</b> Theme: <b>“Old Fashioned Fun”</b> Reserve these dates and plan to attend the fall Rally and take part in the event.

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It is hard to believe that we will soon be setting up our table once again at the Cashmere Rally in September. The Lynden Rally in May brought in a total of \$192 for Dogs For Better Lives. This donation came from both the Military Sams and the donation box we had set out. Thank you everyone.

Dogs For Better Lives recently launched a new program in collaboration with a Texas group called Operation Kindness. It offers the opportunity to identify shelter dogs from Operation Kindness with the ideal temperament and abilities to become service dogs. Currently the waitlist to obtain a DFBL dog is up to 3 years. The population of shelter dogs in the Pacific Northwest has dwindled since the pandemic making it harder to find suitable dogs here. Shelter dogs that are selected are placed in training programs. By increasing the number of dogs through this program more dogs will be able to be placed. Those that don't graduate are adopted out, benefiting from the additional skills they learned in the program. It sounds like everyone benefits from this partnership.

Thank you for your continued support of this worthwhile charity.

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Hello Everyone!

I hope you and your family are having a nice summer so far. The weather has been really good for taking RV trips. Most of us are doing well in life but there are people who do need a little extra help. We will do our best to provide some of the needed help through your generous donations to Fisher House.

I look forward to seeing you at Cashmere.

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I hope that everyone is enjoying the nice summer weather we are experiencing and getting out with your rigs for a relaxing time.

I would like to thank the members from Valley Good Sams Drifters for the 12 blankets and North Kitsap Sams for the quilt they donated at the Lynden rally. They have been delivered and were very much appreciated.

The Cashmere Rally will be coming upon us rather quickly as time just seems to fly by faster now a days. We will again have a table set up to receive donations, be they monetary, blankets or other items. The Spokane Ronald McDonald houses are still collecting the aluminum tabs from pop cans.

Looking forward to seeing everyone again in Cashmere, until then enjoy the sunshine.

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## 2023 CASHMERE GOOD SAMs CLUB RALLY

Theme:

“Boldly Go Where No One Has Gone Before”  
**Wednesday Sept. 13 - Sunday Sept. 17, 2023**  
 Chelan County Expo Center  
 5700 Westcott Drive, Cashmere, WA.



Is this your first Cashmere Good Sams Club Rally? Yes

Last Name		First Name(s)	
Address		City	State/Zip
E-Mail	Do you want Confirmation? Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	Home Phone	Cell
Do you need handicap parking? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> First come first parked Please display your handicap sign in the windshield		Chapter(s)	Member at Large <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>The President &amp; Registrar ask you to register 2 weeks prior start of the campout or ASAP</b> <b>Registration fee covers Wednesday thru Saturday nights</b>			Number of People <input type="text"/> # of Pets <input type="text"/>
1 RV and occupants	\$35 X 4 nights = \$140 (US Funds) →	\$	
Circle extra night(s) you plan to attend X \$35 Per Night = →		\$	
Monday	Tuesday	Total \$	
<b>Make check payable to:</b> Washington State Good Sams Club <b>Mail registration &amp; check to:</b> Robin Leaden, WSGS Registrar, 17242 11 <sup>th</sup> Ave. NE Shoreline, WA. 98155 Refund requests must be emailed to the State Registrar at: <a href="mailto:robinleaden@aim.com">robinleaden@aim.com</a> or sent to the registrar and postmarked with U.S. Mail no later than 5 days from the start of the event.			
I/we understand the Washington State Good Sams Club has taken reasonable safety precautions and I/we accept full responsibility for the welfare of our RVs and all persons in and around our RVs while attending the Washington State Lynden Good Sams Club Rally.			
<b>Signature Required</b> _____		<b>Date</b> _____	
For Registrars use only →	Date Received / Check # / Amount Due	Refund Date/ Amt./ Check #	

Cut & keep this INFO

**There will be a complimentary catered Dinner on Thursday. (5 PM)**

Due to a prior fairgrounds event.

**No RVs will be allowed to enter the Fairgrounds RV Park on Sunday Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>**

RV parking is from 8AM to 5PM, for exceptions contact the State Wagon Master Ron & Doreen at:

360-224-6183 or email at [doreen50@yahoo.com](mailto:doreen50@yahoo.com)

**A signature is required at the check-in gate when you arrive.** You must also **register at the registrars table** located in the Event Center Building. **Please check your program for registration times.**

**If you wish to park with friends or your chapter you should arrive together.** Full Hook-Ups are located at sites.

Donations for the local food bank will be collected at this event.

For other questions email or call David Cluett: [etno1@hotmail.com](mailto:etno1@hotmail.com) cell 206-718-3955

For updated state rally news and other information check the State Website at : [www.washingtonstategoodsams.com](http://www.washingtonstategoodsams.com)





## Washington State Good Sams Club Sunshine

# Sympathy

Pete Acalin, What-Com Sams

Mark Swinney, Member At Large

Fran Zimmerly, Skagit Sams (now disbanded)

AND

# Get Well Wishes for

Norm Mandak, Cariboo Trail Good Sam

Frann John, Cariboo Trail Good Sam

CHAPTERS: Please report member illness, sympathy or death to  
Barbara Erickson by emailing to: [bj46@msn.com](mailto:bj46@msn.com).

## Lynden 2023

The “Springtime Festival” was a success. We had good weather for the first couple of days then typical PNW weather settled in with cool temps and some rain. This was the first four-day event of our new rally schedule with Cashmere being second now that we don’t have Moses Lake any longer. Everyone had fun and enjoyed themselves.

There were games, the pet parade, entertainment (with a new twist), a catered dinner, meetings with a new set of constitution and bylaws passed by the presidents attending. There was also a meeting of past presidents of Fun Fest to decide the fate of Fun Fest. The decision was to disband Fun Fest and donate the remaining funds to our charities. It was a productive and fun time.

Our catered dinner Thursday evening was put together by Royce Pointer of the Daffodil Ramblers and hosted by the state team. Royce and her family of three put it together, it was great. Fettuccine with two sauces to choose from, bread sticks and salad and Dee’s secret punch recipe. The crowd was asked if they would like them to make our dinner at Cashmere and it was unanimous. You won’t be disappointed.

As for our game winners I will list them 1st, 2nd, 3rd and so on.

- Mexican Train: Royce Pointer (Daffodil Ramblers), Paul Boehm (Sandy Sams and Military Sams), and Mary Grinnell (Valley Drifters).
- Cribbage: Al Lamoureux, Ruth Lamoureux, and Dawn Humphrey
- Pinochle: Elaine Lee (Roamin Wheels), Jim Russell (Lo-Ke-Co), and Nancy Boehm (Sandy Sams, Golden Threads and Red Haute Samanthas).
- The game challenge was won by Diana Suppler-Varner and Bobbye Simons for the women, Craig Lee and Mike Lihou for the men.
- In our “Not So Newlywed Game” (this is the new twist) it was Shelly and Jim Russell, Debbie and Jim Harden, Charlene and Larry White, and Lee and Mike Lihou.
- Trivia winners were Team 1, Charlotte Marsh, Steve Marsh, Aline Ruud, and Neal Ruud. Team 2, Charlet Dalbec, Fred Dalbec, Bobby Nigh, and Brian Gubser.
- Bean Bag Baseball was won by the Sharks (Lo-Ke-Co and others) who were undefeated. The Bears were also undefeated, but the Sharks had more runs.

Pet Parade winners were:

- Most unusual: Harley, a Shiba Inu, owned by Kelly and Sherri Rhoads of Lilac City Sams
- Best Costume: Rhode, a Shih Tzu, owned by Holly Byczynski of Hood Canal Sams
- Best Behaved: Sadie, a Papillon, owned by Phyllis Sievert of Sandy Sams

The state team was challenged to an international Bean Bag Baseball game by our Canadian Neighbors. WE WON!!! I think the score was 11 to 1. The trophy is ours for now unless the Canadians win it back.

The button winners were Charlotte Marsh (Valley Drifters), Pam Raddysh (Good Guy Sams), Roy Grinnell (Valley Drifters) and Jody Mason (Lo-Ke-Co).

Pictures are on the state web site so go have a look and, if you weren’t there, see the fun and games that you missed. See you in Cashmere.

John West, Photographer.



## VOICES OF OUR LOCAL CHAPTERS

### Lilac City Sams

Submitted by Betty Higley

In May we camped at Wallace RV Park next to the City Limits Brew Pub. Several of us took the mine tour. Wednesday, it was the sound of the running water going down the Creek behind the RV's that brings on that soothing sleep called nap time. Thursday, several of us took a drive to Murry ID for lunch. Was nice having our fellow associate members Chuck & Linda Ellis and Jack & Evansanne Snizik join us for a day.

May was Jack Snizik's final campout. He passed shortly after that weekend. What a joyous finale for Jack to be at a campout (via hotel one night) one last time. Jack and Evansanne joined in 2002. 21 active years of belonging to LCS. He was exceptional in all he did as member of LCS. He retired from Safeway. One thing he would say often, was the Jack at the airport story... he would say "Never say 'Hi Jack' at the airport"??? Jack will be remembered by all.

Praeder Ranch in Worley, ID was our June Campout. Randy and Sara McReynolds, Good Sam members, were our visiting guests. Sara is an avid painter, and the art of painting was a great topic of discussion.

Huge activity building and guest rooms for those not camping. We met for coffee and donuts in the mornings. Had our potluck on Wednesday. Thursday the meal was prepared for us by the "Ranch cooks". The setting for dinner was like dining in a fancy restaurant. Watched movie, "The Long Long Trailer". David Dikes was kissed by a baby goat. Some made a visit to the Casino and won. We played cards games over the days camping. Great place and fun time... thanks to Lonni & Bob Olson and Elaine Pfau and Dean Olson.

### Desert Drifters Sams

Submitted by Renae Koop

So far 2023 has been a great season for the Desert Drifters.

Our trip in April was to Boardman Marina and RV Park. Nine rigs went on this trip. The weather was terrific as well as the company. Friday night we had dinner at the local restaurant called "Two Barrels Taps and Grill". The food was good, but it was a bit of a challenge for the restaurant to seat all 18 of us at the same time, so the restaurant had to break us into two groups of 9 each with separate reservations. It was a little awkward, but it all worked out okay.

Mardon Resort near Othello was our destination for May. Again the weather cooperated completely, and the company was terrific! We enjoyed great food and great service at the resort restaurant, The Beach House, Friday evening.

The mosquitoes were out in full force in the park! So, it was a good thing we had mosquito repellent! As much as they tried, those pesky bugs didn't keep us from having a good time.

In June our group went to Wildhorse Casino in Pendleton. We've been there a few times, and we always have fun. We enjoyed the casino, golf, and going downtown to explore and shop. We had a wonderful dinner at Roosters restaurant where there were 20 of us for dinner, and this time we all sat together and were served a great meal with amazing service!

Next week we will travel to Tucannon RV Park near Starbuck. Our plans include a "Farm to Table" dinner at the Snake River Grill in Lyons Ferry. 10 rigs are planning to attend this campout where we will be on the Tucannon River. I've heard that there may be salmon fishing opportunities! We also have plans for lawn games and even a movie night. This is our first time at this park with our group, and we are all looking forward to it.

### Valley Good Sam Drifters

Submitted by Sheryl Michler

Summer is here! What glorious weather we are experiencing.

Since our last report, the Drifters made our trip to Glen Ayr Resort on Hood Canal where we joined the North Kitsap group and had fun seeing our own members and making new friends. Thank you to the North Kitsap group for inviting us to join them at the campout! We spent time playing a lot of games, eating out, and enjoying a joint potluck.

The summer has brought lots of activities to our group, but no time for an "official" gathering of the group. Many of us (I believe seven rigs were represented) met for lunch at a local restaurant last month. Prior to that, a few of us took a tour of Ronald McDonald House in Seattle and, more recently, Fisher House at JBLM. Both tours inspired us to continue supporting these very worthwhile organizations. Did you know that if we donate money to "Fisher House", it goes into a national fund that is distributed across the nation, but if we donate to "Fisher House Seattle" or "Fisher House JBLM", the funds stay in our local area? An interesting piece of information we learned on our tour.

As a group, our next outing will be to Howard Miller Steelhead Park later this month. After that, we look forward to seeing everyone in Cashmere!



## Roamin' Wheels

Submitted by Nadine Dawson

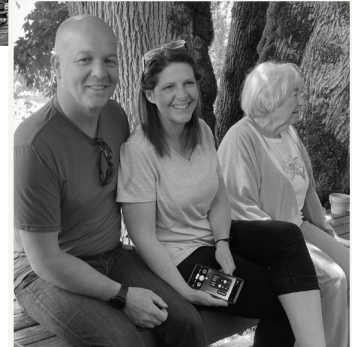
In April, we were at Eagle Tree RV Park in Poulsbo. The temperature was COLD with a lot of raindrops to go with it. We enjoyed visiting the Naval Undersea Museum and the Sawdust Alpaca Farm Tour. We ate at Tizley's Euro Pub, a genuine Norwegian/German Restaurant. Good Choice!

Lynden State Rally was fun, busy and informative, with 51 rigs present. The weather cooperated better than years past. The entertainment was delightful. The music was amazing, the catered meal was tasty and Dave's games were awesome. If you didn't come, be sure to come next year.

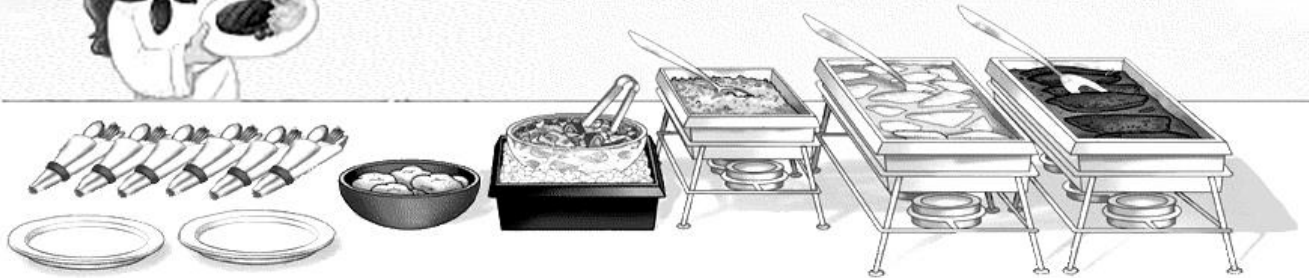
Hoquiam RV Park was our May outing! We had a small gathering as we were down two members due to Covid and two because their Catalytic Converter was stolen from their Motorhome. The rest of us had a nice outing. I love that clubhouse. We had delicious meals and played fun games. We toured the Carriage House Collection in Raymond. There are very old, perfectly restored horse-drawn carriages, wagons, sleighs & more. It is a must see for everyone's bucket list!

June destination was Rockport's Howard Miller Steelhead Park, which is a beautiful County Park right on the Skagit River. We dedicated this outing to Iva Metz. Iva's Granddaughter and Husband came on this outing bringing lots of Iva's paintings and Good Sam items for us to take if we wanted. We shared many Memories about Iva and Homer Metz, former WA. State Directors. We also went to the Kuiken's beautiful river front property for a brown bag lunch. We managed to eat out at the many restaurants in the area! A relaxing fun trip. Highway 20 is a lovely drive with lots of history.

To become a member call our President, Nadine Dawson (425) 478-1614.



### CASHMERE RALLY COMPLIMENTARY CATERED DINNER THURSDAY SEPT. 14, 5:00 PM



The Rally will include a **catered dinner**. It is important to **send in** the registration for an **accurate count** of members attending the dinner.



## Moses Lake Sandy Sams

Submitted by Lee Lihou

The Sandy Samers are on the road again!!! And glad of it! We are having some good turnouts at our campouts, and so glad for all of those who could attend. Let's keep it going!

Our first campout of the season, in April, with Paul & Nancy Boehm as hosts, was at Sun Lakes RV Park. There were eight rigs present, with 16 members and two guests. The weather was a bit chilly & windy, but we made do.

May saw us at Mar-Don Resort, Al & Cheri Wallace were our hosts. There were seven rigs, 16 members and one guest. Weather was really cooperative, nice and sunny and warm, allowing us to play several games of corn-hole. Five members, including yours truly ventured to the 18-hole putt-putt course. That little course was quite a challenge — really fun. (Of note — the sole of my right shoe came off half-way through the course, so I had to hobble around the rest of the course... without sympathy!)

Our June campout was at Country Lane Campground in Wilbur, with Bob & Pat Baker as our hosts. We were six rigs and 11 members present. Had wind every day, but good temperatures. Fortunately for us, the campground allowed us to have our Wednesday meeting & our potluck in their facility, so we could get out of the wind. We really appreciated that. Thursday night, we all had dinner at their restaurant.

This month, July, we will be heading to Republic to the Winchester RV Park, with Gordie & Ann Edwards as hosts.

At each of our campouts, on Tuesday after dinner, our hosts typically serve cake & ice cream, honoring the birthdays & anniversaries occurring that month. And Wednesday afternoon, we have our monthly meeting, followed by potluck dinner, with oh... so much good food!!

You all have a good, blessed summer! God Bless!!! Moses Lake President, Lee Lihou, contact me at 509-431-0151.

## Sams of Puget Sound

Submitted by Diane Julum

Amazing how fast time flies! Here we are halfway through our camping season and having a ball!

The State Campout in Lynden was very well attended by Sams of Puget Sound. Many of our members hold state assignments and from what was shared, all who attended had a wonderful time.

Our trip to Pine Near RV in Winthrop was held just a week later. We tried something new for Friday night. Instead of dinner on our own, we had a potluck "heavy hors d'oeuvres". An abundance of food was followed by an assortment of yummy Magic Bars, brownies, and ice cream. The weather was quite warm but even so we had evening campfires for s'mores and hot dogs.

The highlight of this campout was our tour of the North Cascades Smoke Jumper base and a live demonstration of experienced jumpers preparing, loading and jumping from their CASA C-212 aviocar plane at 3000 ft overhead. We all owe a debt of gratitude for the work that these men and women do for us where ever they are deployed.

Our next campout was to John Wayne RV Resort in Sequim. Our group had numerous activities such as fishing, touring the Olympic Game Farm and our highlight for this trip, a tour to Fleurish Lavender of Lost Mountain, a family farm where "love and lavender flourish"! This farm has an array of 86 different lavender varieties, as well as, a garden and orchard buzzing with honey bee hives, and three friendly alpacas. Who would have thought that alpaca manure is the best fertilizer for growing lavender and that a bee hive can be "tapped" of honey without disturbing the actual hive?

We have a complete list of our upcoming events on our webpage: <https://sams-of-pugetsound.weebly.com/>.

Contact President Ed Nelson at [bmistymom1@centurylink.net](mailto:bmistymom1@centurylink.net), if you would like to join us.



## Lo-Ke-Co Camper Sams

Submitted by Shelley Russell

Lokeco's first campout for 2023 began at Maple Valley RV Resort in Everett. My opinion is that it isn't a resort, mostly concrete, tight spaces, & about 75% full timers. We did enjoy the Flight Museum & had a really good lunch at a local bar and grill. Two couples cancelled this campout after coming down with Covid after trips to Europe, separate areas. We sure missed them.

The Lynden State Rally was fun & busy! On Tuesday, Merry brought out "Flick-in Chicken" to play while she & Glenna made a delicious dinner. Then we scooted off to Card Bingo where each rig won a yummy snack that Lokeco happily shared. Time flew by with visiting, Senior games, a catered dinner, two fun bands, Bean Bag Baseball, dinner at the Rusty Wagon, the Not Quite So Newlywed Game, Trivia, Silent Auction, Cribbage, Pinochle, & Door Prizes!

Lokeco took first place at Bean Bag Baseball & provided lots of fun for the other players & spectators. We had our own cheerleader, Glenna, who came up with a cheer that we recited often, had "Shark" pennants, whistles, & a mascot!

Jim & I took first place in the Not Quite So Newlywed Game. We were excited to actually remember so much about each other after 51 years. LoL.

We had a short meeting of past Funfest Coordinators where we agreed to disband. It was a fun run, but sadly time to end Funfest!

June took us to Prineville, OR. They have an amazing author, Rick Steber, who looks like Buffalo Bill. He autographed books & took pictures with some of us. His studio is filled with his books, local art, jewelry, seasonings, & so much more. Many of us left with something that caught our eye! Besides visiting & eating, we visited the "Painted Hills" in Mitchell, OR. They are stunning! Some went to the free museum & said it was better than alot that charge.

Some traveled on to Goldendale Stargazer RV Resort. Others headed home!

I will give you an update on our next trip in the next newsletter. Until then,

## Cariboo Trail Good Sams

Submitted by Bob Chiles

Good Ol' Time! In the Okanogan plenty of warm to hot weather! I have come to realize that it makes no difference what the weather is during the calendar year--most of us would complain about it on an occasional basis. Is that typical human nature?

We had a great time at our June camp out at Conconully, WA. Good food, plenty of visiting with good friends and plain relaxing.

In August our campout will be at Blacks Beach Resort near Republic, WA. We have camped at Blacks Beach Resort going on four years now, and continue to enjoy camping by the lake with full hook-ups, and cabins for those members who no longer have RV's. In August the location is beautiful, the facilities super and watching the boating exciting.

In August we hope to induct four new members to our Cariboo Trail group. These potential members will be a great addition to our group as they enjoy RVing, enjoy camping and are very personable people who will fit in fantastically.

Camp out in September will be at Wenatchee Country Park near Monitor, Wa. and October is at Sun Lakes Park Resort.

Some of our members continue to deal with health and property damage issues. We continue to hope and pray for a good outcome of their issues.

Please take care, be safe, stay healthy and enjoy the summer months.

## Chapter Parade of Flags at Cashmere Rally



There will be a Chapter Parade of Flags at the opening ceremonies on Thursday at 7:00 PM. Remember to bring your chapter flags to show your chapter's colors and also be prepared to tell us about the chapter.

### *Lo-Ke-Co continued*

hope your Fourth was full of sparkles, your summer full of adventures, good health & fun. Safe travels to you all!

## What-Com Sams

Submitted by Patricia Kazarow

First, we offer a heartfelt “thank you” to everyone who contributed to our lunch sales and purchased our raffle tickets at the Lynden State Rally. We value your support!

In Cashmere last year, we introduced the “White Elephant Auction” as an exciting and fun way for us to raise money for our charities and for you to donate items that are intrinsically valuable but are no longer of use to you.

This year, we again will offer this event but with a few changes. First, the auction will be limited to one hour; therefore, we ask each Chapter to limit donations to two items. Second, any items not auctioned, will be placed in a Silent Auction that will be completed on Saturday. So please bring your wrapped, new or like new useable items to Cashmere where they will find new homes to the highest bidder. Finally, you’ll experience the new, full splendor of our auctioneers this year!

The accompanying photograph shows us at dinner the first of our three night campout at Howard Miller Steelhead Park in Rockport.

There we learned that the four daughters of Chapter member, Don Thomas were gifting him with a multi-state motorhome visit to each of their homes for his 90th birthday! From the time his children were infants, his family camped together in tents, trailers, a pickup camper and motorhomes. A self-proclaimed “adventurist,” he loves to travel and recognized that traveling enriched the lives and maturity of his family. As he says, “it’s not the destination, it’s the journey.” What a wonderful testament to the entire camping experience!

Regarding general Chapter news, our contact person for any questions you have about the What-Com Sams is our President, Max Archer who is available by call or text at 360-305-2119.

Happy Trails everyone!



### Exploring Watercolor by Sara McReynolds



Good news! You do not have to be able to draw a straight line.

This two-hour class will introduce color theory, materials, and techniques. Participants will have access to paper, brushes, and paint. Those who wish to bring their own materials are welcome to do so. I often prefer my own paper and brushes other than that provided for this class.

The Class is \$5:00 and will include everything you need (paper, brushes, palette, and a pencil). Class will be held at the Cashmere Rally on Saturday, September 16 from 2:00pm to 4:00pm.

Following basic instruction, all participants will be given an opportunity to create their own paintings. You may bring your own ideas, photos, or drawings to work from; or you may use those provided by Sara.

Sara will be available to provide suggestions, demonstrate techniques, and assist you with your work of art during the class. This will be a fun learning experience for you and will improve your artistic skill.

Those who wish may display their paintings after class at the craft sale/flea market.



## Cheney Good Samers

Submitted by Trudy Weston

Two loop trips occupied our June and July outings. We traveled to Beverly Beach, OR to meet up with our former Wagon Master, Jim Lundgren, who moved to OR in '23. Memorable stays occurred at Maryhill State Park and Peach Beach RV Park during the to and from trips to OR.

At the ocean, Jim worked with Vivian Hill to provide a delicious "Breakfast Boil" where individual baggies of eggs, meats, cheeses, veggies, spices (camper's choices) go into a boiling bath for 10-15 minutes. The result is amazing. We spent five days at Beverly Beach; so nice to have the ocean so close and friends as well.

At the start of July, just after the 4<sup>th</sup>, Vivian led us on a six-day trip to Bridgeport State Park then Osoyoos Veterans Memorial Park, and on the Alta State Park near Oroville. It was so nice to have President Nancy Curry finally camping in 2023, after her wrist surgery.

Each park presented ways that impressed us. Bridgeport State Park has so many shade trees! Some sites do end up being in the sun, but it is easy to find a shade tree nearby. Osoyoos has a wonderful public beach right by the campsites; a vendor rents fun water toys and even sells ice cream. Sitting on the beach at sundown is genuinely relaxing and a great way to end the day. Alta Lake has close camp sites for RVs needing hookups, yet the view and cleanliness of the sites & park make it a go to campground.

The use of campfires (wood & propane) diminished as the days went by. Hershey's will be disappointed at our reduction in S'mores consumption. Next issue of Happy Wheels will have news from five of our members attending the Cashmere State Campout. Hope to see you there.

If interested in learning more about our group please email President Nancy Curry at [currynancy@gmail.com](mailto:currynancy@gmail.com).

Part of our group  
at Beverly Beach  
SP, OR



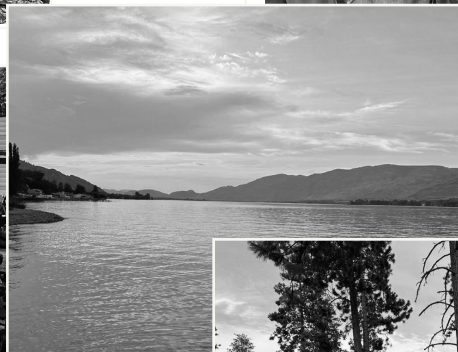
Vivian & Jim  
beginning the  
"Breakfast Boil."



Result: Breakfast Boil



Fires still allowed at Bridgeport.  
Nancy & Linda



Osoyoos  
splendor.



Alta Lake, tight but scenic sites.

## Deer Park White-tail Sams

Submitted by Sharon Crump

Well, with the pictures that I have for the White Tail Sam campouts, it's obvious that we do a lot of eating and as a group, like to travel short distances. So we camped in Chewelah and Deer Lake. Both close to my heart. I love my camping group, but am feeling the need to stretch myself and explore new territories.

So, gathering some friends and their grandchildren in my big motorhome, off we went on an adventure to South Dakota, Wyoming, Montana and Idaho. Mount Rushmore is amazing to witness and the program and history is eye opening. Crazy Horse is a tribute to the Indian Nations, definitely a work in progress.

On to Yellowstone National Park. Do you recognize the picture? We waited patiently with about a half a million people for the Old Faithful to blow her top and we were not disappointed. Maybe my estimate of people was a little off, but none the less, there were lots of people. Traveling the narrow mountain roads with lots of young trees sprouting up in the burnt forest areas, spectacular rock formations, sparkling mountain streams flowing into crystal clear lakes. What a beautiful country we live in and how blessed we are to be able to experience her in all of her splendor.

Our last stop was at Quake Lake. We stopped at the visitor center to see a short film and the story of how in August of 1959, an earthquake changed the mountainside, a valley, a lake, homes, and campgrounds in 20 seconds. Realizing that sometimes change comes quickly and sometimes it comes slowly. So let's all remember to take time to smell the roses, and be thankful for all of the opportunities that our Heavenly Father gives us to learn, grow, strengthen and share. Till next time. Sharon Crump



**Reminder:** We will be collecting non-perishable items for the local food bank at the Rally. While you are preparing for your trip please consider purchasing a few extra items to donate. It will make a difference to needy families. Thank you.

# 2023 Cashmere Good Sam Club Rally Program

## Wednesday, September 13

- 8:00 - 5:00 RV Parking (Ron & Doreen, Ed & Bill)
- 8:00 - 2:00 Goodie Bag items due at Registration Table
- 10:00 ..... Please help with Table & Chair set up
- 12:00 - 1:00 Lunch on your own
- 2:00 ..... Please help with Goodie Bag stuffing,
- 2:30 - 3:00 Registration open, Game sign-up, Chapter Raffle setup
- 3:00 - 4:30 Free Time
- 4:30 ..... Dinner on your own
- 6:00 - 6:30 State Team Meeting - (4H Bldg.)
- 7:00 ..... Card Bingo - (Deer Park White Tail) (bring playing cards) Socializing after Bingo

## Thursday, September 14

- 7:30 - 9:00 Donuts - (State Team serving) Bring your own Coffee\*\*
- 9:00 - 9:30 First Timers Meeting - (Dave)
- 10:00 - 12:00 Mexican Train Tournament - (Dee)
- 12:00 - 1:00 Lunch on your own
- 1:00 - 2:00 Registration table open
- 2:00 - 3:00 Learn Line Dancing – (Rosalie Fehr) 4H Bldg.
- 3:30 - 4:30 Seminar: Safety tips and stories - from Firefighter Mike Cunningham
- 5:00 - 6:30 Catered Dinner
- 6:45 ..... Line up For Chapter Parade of Flag Ceremony (bring chapter flag)
- 7:00 ..... Opening Ceremonies - (Military Sams) Parade of Chapter Flags, Announcements Entertainment – *JJ Dion*

**\*\*Coffee no longer provided by the State\*\***  
**Stage decorations by Valley Good Sam Drifters**

## Friday, September 15

- 7:30 - 9:00 Donuts - (Valley Drifters serving) Bring your own Coffee\*\*
- 9:00 - 10:00 Presidents meeting (4 H BLDG.)
- 10:00 - 12:00 Cribbage Tournament (bring board)
- 12:00 - 1:30 Lunch on your own
- 1:00 - 1:30 Registration open
- 2:00 - 4:30 Bean Bag Baseball for all (Ed & Bill)
- 5:00 - 6:30 Dinner on your own
- 7:00 ..... Announcements, White Elephant Auction (What-com Sams)

## Saturday, September 16

- 7:30 - 9:00 Donuts - (Moses Lake Sandy Sams serving) Bring your own Coffee\*\*
- 9:00 - 10:00 General meeting for All
- 10:00 - 12:00 Exploring Watercolor Seminar/class (Sara McReynolds)
- 10:30 - 12:00 Sky Med-Emergency Travel Services Seminar (Todd Padgett, 4H Bldg.)
- 12:00 - 1:00 Lunch on your own
- 1:00 - 2:00 Craft / Flea Market Sale
- 2:30 - 4:30 Pinochle Tournament (Dee)
- 5:00 - 6:45 Dinner on your own
- 7:00 ..... Announcements, Awards, Raffles & Charity donations Bring your Buttons and raffle tickets Entertainment – *Daybreak Canyon Bluegrass Family Band*

## Sunday, September 17

- 7:30 - 9:00 Donuts - (Golden Campers serving) Bring your own Coffee\*\*
- 9:15 ..... Retire the Colors - (Military Sams) Memorial, Fellowship - (offering) Door Prizes - Bring Ticket, Must be present to win.

# Driving the Happy Wheels News-bus!

Barbara Erickson, Happy Wheels Editor

## THANK YOU

I want to begin this article with a word of Thanks. I have a tickler file in my calendar that is set to let me know when I need to send out a request for articles. Most of the time I obey that reminder and I send out that reminder and the faithful Article Contributors respond in kind. This time you responded with great articles and photographs!

I must say, you have offered such good reports on the places you have been to so far this year. There are some places that are on my list for 2024. Our chapters are always seeking hosts, well, I'll step up and host one for my chapters, but I must add it to my tickler file as reservations don't begin until January 2024.

## CHAPTER PHOTOGRAPHS

Did you know that our webmaster, Bill Brown, is posting chapter photos on the website? If you go to our Washington State Good Sams Club homepage and click on the [Chapters] tab, as an example, scroll down to the Good Guy Sams data and you will see "Good Guy SAMS Chapter Photos." This is Bill's gift to us! Click on the link and up come the photos with a title and short description. Now how's that for an added bonus! Please contact Bill at [bill\\_brown01@msn.com](mailto:bill_brown01@msn.com) to find out how to get your clubs photos on the website.

## CASHMERE RALLY

As each day quickly passes by, we come one day closer to our Cashmere Rally! If you have not registered, what are you waiting for? There's a registration form on Page 4 and the agenda on Page 14. Fill it out, write your check and mail to our Treasurer Robin Leaden. The information is on the form!

There are quite a few interesting activities planned – lots of seminars to enjoy on Saturday – and great entertainment. Something new and a surprise is a class taught by Sara McReynolds, you've seen her painting at the rallies, called "Exploring Watercolor." Only \$5 to learn or pick up pointers from an expert... I'm going!

And some good old things too. Like DONUTS. Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and even Sunday morning fresh donuts are available in the hall. Apple fritters are calling my name as I write this. And don't forget to bring your own coffee – make that a giant cup so you don't have to return to your rig for a refill. And a rather new/old thing, the catered dinner on the State which is a winner!

There are so many activities happening again that, well you just need to come and attend the rally to get the full flavor of these rallies! Before I forget. The Goodie Bags. Yes, we need help with items to place in the Goodie Bags as well as help stuffing the Goodie bags with all the things you brought. All this and more can be found in the agenda on Page 14.

## SEE YOU IN CASHMERE!



It is time to start thinking of what your Chapter can bring to Cashmere Rally to help fill the Goodie Bags. The number of bags to be filled is about 75. Bring your Goodie Bag items in by Wednesday morning, Sept 13 and help stuff the bags at 2:00 PM. You can purchase or make something to add, remember to put your Chapters Logo on it. Members receiving the bags will have more fun digging, rummaging, or just dumping the bag out to find the things in it. The more items in it the better.

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