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From the PRESIDENTS...

Happy Fall to all our members – It is hard to believe that the holidays are just around the corner. It is now time for some of us to travel south, the snow birds. For some it is time to winterize their RVs and for some, like Dee and I, time to continue camping in the great NW. As I write this Dee and I are at our favorite camping spot, Dosewallips State Park on Hood Canal.

We had a successful Cashmere State Rally in September. We had 72 rigs attend! This was the most RVs at our rallies since before COVID. Thank you to all who came and we hope you all had a good time. Now it is time for Dee and I to start planning our May Rally in Lynden. The agenda will include a Complimentary Catered Dinner. We hope our numbers will continue to increase there. Please come if you can and invite others. The dates for the two 2024 Rallies are listed below.

Since the passing of our dear friend, Doreen Adams, we needed others to volunteer for two of her Team positions; Wagonmaster and Vice President of NW WA. area. We had some great volunteers come forward to fill these positions. Wagonmaster will be shared by Craig Lee from the Roamin' Wheels Chapter and Al Lamoureux from the Sounder Sams Chapter. Stepping up to the VP of NW WA. area is Max Archer from What-Com Sams Chapter. Thank you all for volunteering. This is a great addition to our State Team. Again Dee and I thank all of the State Team Members and all the other members that helped make the Rallies a success.

At the Cashmere Rally two members volunteered to conduct two different seminars; Mike Cunningham for Fire Safety and Sara McReynolds for Watercolor Painting. Thank you both for doing this. We would like other members to volunteer to give a seminar or class. Everyone has some past or present knowledge to share with others. If you have some ideas, please let us know.

Stay safe and healthy this winter and we hope everyone has a wonderful holiday season.

Dave & Dee

RV Rallies Scheduled for 2024

<p>May 1 - 5, 2024 Lynden Good Sams Club Rally Theme: "HAPPY HIPPI DAZE" 2024's first RV Rally for all of our State Chapter RVers to get together to enjoy all of the planned activities.</p>	<p>Now is the time to reserve these dates on your Calander for the 2024 Rallies. Make it a point to attend Washington State Good Sams Club Rallies.</p>	<p>September 11 -15, 2024 Cashmere Good Sams Club Rally Theme: "Old Fashioned Fun" Gather together with all the many Chapter RVers again and continue the Joy of RVing.</p>
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What a wonderful time we had at the Cashmere Rally. Danielle Meadows, an advisory board member for Dogs for Better Lives, joined us for an hour of questions and answers about the charity. She did an excellent job fielding questions and providing information. I hope she can join us again next year.

Thank you everyone for the generous donations to Dogs for Better Lives. It came to an amazing total of \$5,575.24. To quote the acknowledgement letter "Because of your thoughtful gift, countless lives will be made better. It's a ripple effect!" I've been told how much they really do appreciate the generosity of the Washington State Good Sams Club.

Thank you for supporting this beneficial charity.

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Thank all of you for your donations. The White Elephant Auction was a huge success again this year. The question was asked, "How do we know if the donation goes to the JBLM or Seattle VA or to the Fisher House Headquarters to be divided among all the houses?" The monies stay at the Fisher House where it is received. Chapters don't need to write the specific Fisher House on their checks.

There is a new check procedure. Each check must be accompanied with a form. I now have a master copy of the form and just make copies to fill in before we deliver the donation. We need all the chapters to ensure your mailing address is correct on the State Good Sam website.

I had a few blankets that I took in with the last donations. They have a Christmas tree up, so I placed the blankets under the tree along with the other things that were donated.

See you all in Lynden.

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Ronald McDonald Houses of Washington
www.rmhcinnlandnw.org www.rmhcseattle.org



I want to thank everyone for their generous donations of checks and cash at the Fall Rally in Cashmere. Checks were distributed to both the Seattle and Spokane Houses.

A huge amount of pull tabs were donated by Lo-Ke-Co Camper Sams, Sounder Sams, Valley Good Sams Drifters, and from others that had no name on the bags. All the tabs will go to the Spokane Ronald McDonald House.

Quilts were also donated by Pat Biles (Member At Large), Mary Ann Pais (Tramper Sams) and Bobby Nigh (Valley Good Sams Drifters). Thanks, ladies, for beautiful quilts and blankets.

I want to wish everyone a happy holiday season and for those still camping in the fall and winter, have fun!

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Washington State Good Sams Club Sunshine

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Dorothy Glastetter - Single Sams

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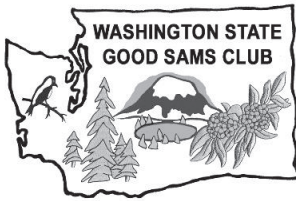
Jack Snizik - Lilac City Sams

Anne Kinsley - Valley Good Sam Drifters

**CHAPTERS: Please report member illness, sympathy or death to
Barbara Erickson by emailing to: bje46@msn.com.**

ATTENTION: Members who have never attended a Washington State Good Sams Club Rally.

Hello members: the Lynden registration form has been modified to include the First Timers Discounted Fee of \$10 a day for the Rally that was suggested and voted on and passed at Cashmere. This will apply to new and existing members who are First Timers at the Rally. For instance, if you are an existing member and never attended a Lynden Rally you are a First Timer and you are eligible for the Fee Reduction of \$10 a night for the scheduled rally of 4 days at \$25 a night. Extra days (Monday & Tuesday) are \$35 a night.



2024 LYNDEN GOOD SAM'S CLUB RALLY

Theme: **"HAPPY HIPPI DAZE"**

Wednesday May 1 - Sunday May 5, 2024

Northwest Washington Fair & Event Center
1775 Front Street, Lynden, WA.



Is this your first Lynden Good Sams Club Rally? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> If YES use the \$25 First Timer (FT) Discounted Fee below. All other members use \$35 registration fee.			
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"/>
The President & Registrar ask you to register 2 weeks prior start of the campout or ASAP Registration fee covers Wednesday thru Saturday nights			Number of People <input type="checkbox"/> # of Pets <input type="checkbox"/>
1 RV and occupants	\$35 x 4 nights = \$140 (US Funds) →	\$	
(FT) Discounted Fee	\$25 x 4 nights = \$100 (US Funds) →	\$	
# Extra night(s) you plan to attend <input type="checkbox"/> x \$35 Per Night =	→	\$	
Circle ----- Monday ----- Tuesday	Total \$		
Make check payable to: Washington State Good Sams Mail registration & check to: Robin Leaden, WSGS Registrar, 17242 11 th Ave. NE Shoreline, WA. 98155 Refund requests must be emailed to the State Registrar at: robinleaden@aim.com 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 Rally.			
Signature Required _____		Date _____	
For Registrars use only →	Date Received / Check # / Amount Due	Refund Date/ Amt./ Check #	

Cut & keep below INFO

KEEP this information and follow below instructions


No RVs are allowed to enter the Fairgrounds RV Park on or before Sunday April 28th due to fairgrounds event.

To enter the fairgrounds please **use the KOK Road entrance, see MAP.**

RV parking is from 8AM to 5PM, **for exceptions** contact State Wagon Master
Craig Lee 206-406-1491 or Al Lamoureux 360-340-8471 or 360-340-8472

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

If you wish to park with friends or your chapter you should arrive together. Power and water 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 cell 206-718-3955

For updated state rally news and other information check the State Website at : www.washingtonstategoodsams.com

VOICES OF OUR LOCAL CHAPTERS

Roamin' Wheels

Submitted by Nadine Dawson

We had a great time on our Ocean Shores Outing in July. Our hosts have a house in Ocean Shores that acted as our "Club House". We gathered there for an Ice Cream Social, two Brown Bag Lunches, a BBQ and mingling time. It is so nice there! We enjoyed several of the different restaurants in the area and played a challenging 18 holes of Miniature Golf. We did something a little different, we went to the movies and saw Indiana Jones. It was a relaxing fun outing.

August, we headed over to Sequim, John Wayne Waterfront Resort was our destination. We visited B & B Lavender Farm, Native Art Gallery, the Dungeness River Audubon Nature Center and your choice of another Lavender & Alpaca Farm or the Sequim Game Farm. We ate in many of the local restaurants. The hosts put on a nice breakfast, we had a picnic lunch at the clubhouse along with a "bring your own dinner" to eat together and celebrated a couple of birthdays with cake. In the evenings we met in the clubhouse for games. It was a busy, fun outing and so nice to get together and be entertained!

September was the Cashmere State Rally! It was non-stop amusement and always had something going on. Dave, Dee, and the State Staff worked their magic for our enjoyment. If you didn't attend, you missed out. We received Goodie Bags at registration, had fresh-baked donuts each morning, a delicious free catered meal, we were serenaded with fantastic entertainment and lots of games with wonderful prizes, a Bean Bag Baseball Tournament and seminars. There were raffles, craft sales, and each Chapter participated in the Parade of Chapter Flags.

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

Section 8

Submitted by Robin Leaden

The Section 8 chapter of Good Sams was founded in 1983 by Pat and Polly Brendle. The chapter was formed "for the sole purpose of promoting travel, fun, friendship and frivolity for fellow friends." Membership is open state-wide, and members are usually also members of their local chapters (or At Large). Currently we have 10 rigs and 18 members representing seven chapters.

We meet only at the State Rallies, so twice a year now, and have one campout following the Cashmere Rally. We used to travel to a different campground for the campout, but this year decided to stay on at the Fairgrounds for our outing. It worked out well, and we will be continuing here next year also.

Our dues are \$5 a person per year, which goes for our sole expense - a group dinner during the camp-out, followed by entertainment. If you are interested in extending your stay at Cashmere by three nights, interested in having a fun time, interested in getting to know people from other chapters, interested in any or all of the above, please consider joining us. We will post the time and place for our next chapter meeting at the Lynden Rally, and at the Cashmere Rally.

Valley Good Sam Drifters

Submitted by Sheryl Michler

My questions this month are not only "What happened to summer?", but also "What happened to daylight?" It is darker in the mornings, and we are turning the lights on before 4:00 p.m.

The "Drifters" had a good turnout at the Cashmere State Rally and had fun participating in all the fun events offered there. Since Cashmere, we have sort of gone our separate ways. Some spent time at Daroga State Park, some headed back to the west side of the state, and others headed east to the Rockies in northern Idaho and southern BC, Canada. As I type this, two of our rigs are off to Albuquerque for the Balloon Festival there. Others of us are preparing to spend a few days at Dosewallips State Park next week - the second week in October. After that, some of us are turning our attention indoors and are looking forward to winter games of Hand and Foot.

As we look ahead, plans are being made for our annual Christmas party which will be at Apogee Restaurant in Renton this year.

We invite anyone interested in our chapter to visit us via the State website or check our Facebook page, "Good Sam Valley Drifters." For further information, contact our president, Steve Marsh at mgbrew@aol.com or call 206-484-9674..



Military Sams present the Colors at Cashmere
Submitted by Valley Good Sam Drifters

Lo-Ke-Co Camper Sams

Submitted by Shelley Russell

We started our Caravan journey at Seven Feathers where we enjoyed dinner and gambling! None of us left with fat wallets!

Redwoods RV Resort is very nice, but that night we had a six-hour thunder and lightning storm. Some loved it, some not, and some slept through it.

We visited Crescent City for a trip to a Cheese Factory, an amazing museum, lunch at The Fisherman (so good), California seals that haven't migrated to Washington yet, and Stout Grove with epic redwoods. A forest fire broke out 10 miles from camp, road closed above us! We endured a long, dirt, bumpy road to hike the Fern Grove where parts of Jurassic Park were filmed. It was so beautiful! While preparing to leave, we discovered ash on our rigs, so we were happy to go.

We got to Coos Bay, Sunset Beach State Park, after a trip for the yummy, cheap ice cream in Bandon that we couldn't resist. We passed remains of a fire on the road. Then we heard that the road to Redwood RV Resort was now closed in both directions and they had no water or electricity. Yikes!

A trip to the Day Park to see beautiful flowers and ocean view, wasn't a disappointment! The Park offered a guided tide pool tour! It was beautiful and interesting! Did you know that a starfish is called a seastar, because it isn't a fish? I know now! We celebrated Hagedorns' 62nd Anniversary with Homemade Clam Chowder, Corned Beef and Cabbage Soup, salad, rolls, and an ice cream cake. We toasted with champagne and a nice campfire! We heard that the fire near the road had started back up! No, we are not to blame for either one!

Our last leg was at Hee Hee Illahee RV Resort in Salem. A few of us enjoyed their pool and hot tub. A few of us visited the Oregon State Flower Garden where we rode the tram and enjoyed the amazing flowers, bushes, trees, water displays, and metal art.

Hope you all are ending the summer with fun campouts and adventures.

Stay safe in your travels!

Lilac City Sams

Submitted by Betty Higley

They Say that I am growing old,
I've heard them tell it times untold.

In language plain and bold—
But I'm not growing old.

This frail old shell in which I dwell—
I growing old, I know full well—
But I am not the shell.

What if my hair is turning gray?
Gray hairs are honorable they say.
What if my eyesight's growing dim?
I still can see to follow Him
Who sacrificed His life for me
Upon the Cross of Calvary.

What should I care if Time's old plough
Has left its furrow on my brow?

Another house, not made with hand,
Awaits me in the Glory Land.
How do I know my youth is all spent?
My get-up-and-go has got up and went.
My joints are stiff and filled with pain.
The pills that I take, they give me no gain.

I rub in the ointment, like fury I do.
Each pain when it leaves, comes back
with two.

But in spite of it all, I am able to grin,
When I think of the places my get-up
has been.

Old age is golden I have heard it said.
But sometimes I wonder as I get into
bed,

My ears on the dresser, my teeth in a
cup,

My eyes on the table till I wake up.

E're sleep comes each night, I say to my-
self,

"Is there anything else I should lay on
the shelf?"

Written by John E Roberts

Cariboo Trail Good Sams

Submitted by Bob Chiles

WOW! October is normally time to be thinking about RV clean up and storage, but since October is warm and nice.... maybe some are thinking about another trip.

Our August campout at Blacks Beach Resort on Lake Curlew near Republic WA. was super as the weather was just right and food was plentiful.

In September our camp out at Wenatchee River County Park was attended by fewer members than normal as member vacations, and family visits took their toll. Those attending enjoyed park facilities and group visiting.

We are currently in the process of scheduling our financial audit, suggestions and decisions on our 2024 camping locations, and election of 2024 officers.

In August we inducted four new members: Andy and Debbie Lampe, Richard Schmit and Les McKay. We look forward to our camping and association with these new members and know they will be super additions to our Cariboo Trail Good Sams.

Won't be long before winter creeps in with the normal snow and colder weather, so don't get behind on preparing your RV for the winter season.

Please take care, stay healthy and be safe.

PS: Cariboo Trail Good Sams President is Larry Judd, (509) 422-5243.

Sams of Puget Sound
Submitted by Diane Julum

As the leaves change color from hues of green to red, orange, and yellow, the last scheduled outing for 2023 for the Sams of Puget Sound is approaching. 2023 marks SOPS's 50th Anniversary year and what a great year it has been!

In August, our campout was to Midway RV Park in Centralia, WA. Our group had a wonderful time shopping at the local outlet stores, the antique shops, and golfing. The Sketchers outlet was extremely happy that SOPS stopped in! Each evening we gathered for a campfire and s'mores. Our evening out took us to the Country Cousin Restaurant where we filled the entire back room, 22 in all. The menu here had something for everyone and large portions.

In September, our campout was to American Sunset RV Resort in West Port, WA. There were 20 people for dinner at the Local Bar and Grill Restaurant in Grayland. On Friday, heavy Hors D' Oeuvres were enjoyed followed by a special birthday celebration for Ken. This outing included our 50th Anniversary recognition, fishing at Lake Aberdeen and golfing. Each night there was a propane fire pit and s'mores.

Following the American Sunset outing was the rally in Cashmere, WA. Here SOPS had 9 rigs of the 72 rigs in attendance. Noteworthy here was the dinner provided by the state organization. In addition, later in the week some of our SOPS group headed to Leavenworth for an authentic German meal at Andreas Keller.

This brings us to our scheduled outing for Stargazer RV Resort in Goldendale, WA. Here we will join Desert Drifters for lots of fun and an annular solar eclipse.

If you are interested in joining SOPS for an outing or activity, please contact our club President Ed Nelson. Our schedule is on our website: samsopugetsound.weebly.com.



Midway RV Park clubhouse

Photos taken at Country Cousin



Joke of the day: Reading Is Important

A customer goes to a restaurant, buys a cup of coffee, and sits down to drink it. The customer looks on the side of the cup and finds a peel-off prize label. The customer pulls off the tab and yells, "I won! I won! I won a motorhome! I won a motorhome!"

The waitress runs over and says, "That's impossible. The biggest prize given away was a minivan!"

The customer replies, "No. I won a motorhome! I won a motorhome!"

By this time, the manager makes his way over to the table and says, "You couldn't possibly have won a motorhome because we didn't have that as a prize."

Again, the customer says, "No, it's no mistake. Read the ticket, I won a motorhome; I won a motorhome!"

The customer hands the winning prize ticket to the manager, and they read, "WIN A BAGEL."

Desert Drifters Sams
Submitted by Renae Koop

Our 2023 camping season is winding down, and it has been a fun season! On July 23rd, we came home from our campout to Tucannon River RV near Starbuck. You may think that being out in the boonies would limit activities, but we had a great time! Our hosts, Cindy and Herb, had arranged for our Friday dinner to be at the Snake River Grill in nearby Lions Ferry. The food was delicious, and the service was great!

On Saturday there were several directions to go; some went shopping in Dayton and Pomeroy (including yard sales), and even though the museums were closed, several shops were open. Some folks drove to Palouse Falls and some went fishing. When we got back to camp, the girls took lawn chairs down to cool off in the river. Saturday evening, thanks to Teri and Larry, we watched Indiana Jones on an amazing outdoor movie screen! Our movie night even included popcorn cooked on the grill! This trip was one of my favorites!

In August our campout was at Blue Valley RV Park in Walla Walla. This is a very nice park with a great meeting room. This was also a great weekend! Wine tasting, beer tasting, shopping, great food, and friends! Who could ask for more?

As the season wraps up, our final trip will be to Stargazers Resort in Goldendale. This is a great weekend for the campout too, considering there will be a solar eclipse visible on Saturday (weather permitting of course). At this campout, we will be joined by another camping group, Sams of Puget Sound. I can't wait to hear about all the experiences of this trip!

November through February we will meet at Shooters Bar and Grill in Finley and begin our 2024 season in March where we will all meet up again in Walla Walla.



All AT LARGE MEMBERS need to fill out this form and return it to the secretary to be registered with the State for 2024. Please submit the form by December 1, 2023



**Washington State Good Sams Club
AT LARGE Membership Form**

Name (First & Last) _____ (Spouse) _____

Mailing Address _____

City & State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Cell _____

Email Address _____

State Dues: \$10.00 per rig for the full year.
Make checks payable to: Washington State Good Sams.
This membership also entitles you to receive the quarterly newspaper: "Happy Wheels".



**MAIL WITH CHECK TO:
SECRETARY:
MARY GRINNELL
17500 SE 46 STREET
BELLEVUE, WA 98006**

What-Com Sams

Submitted by Patricia Kazarow

As promised, everyone who participated in the White Elephant Auction in Cashmere got to “experience the new, full splendor of our auctioneers” who most colorfully elicited very lively bidding and fun! We want to express our sincere thanks to all who made this event the amazing success that it was again this year! Together, we raised \$1,905 divided equally to our principal charities: Ronald McDonald House, Dogs for Better Lives and Fisher House.

Our last campout this year was at one of our favorite campgrounds, the Swinomish Casino RV Park in Anacortes. We always enjoy the beautiful bay views, the train and “swing bridge” that spans the Channel and the neighboring waterfront village of La Conner. For our final gathering in 2023, we decided to simplify our Holiday meeting schedule and celebrate “Thanksmas” at the Fairway Cafe in Lynden.

As you know, in August our Chapter suffered the loss of one of our most loyal and active members, Doreen Adams. She served as our Research Committee Chairman and Wagon Master with her husband, Ron. At every annual, last meeting she would faithfully present an entire slate of restaurant and campout venues for the coming year with accompanying sign-up sheets for volunteers to host each event. She will be sorely missed not only by our Chapter but also by the State team whom she also served.

Regarding general Chapter news, our contact person for any questions you might have about the What-Com Sams is our President, Max Archer who is available by phone or text at 360-305-2119 or email maxarcher1@hotmail.com. Also, if you are located in Island, Whatcom, Skagit, Snohomish or No. King County and have Chapter issues, need assistance or know of potential new members, please contact new Northwest Area Vice Presidents Max and Ann Archer.

Happy Trails everyone!

Cheney Good Samers

Submitted by Trudy Weston

Where do our lovely camping days go so quickly? President Nancy and I did a trip to Swan Lake (dry camping) for huckleberry picking. Best year to pick in years. We were even allowed to have a campfire. The loons sang beautifully each evening and morning and of course it is on next season’s camping calendar.

Each year we must return to Boyer Marina and Campground KOA. The sites nearest to the marina allowed us a view of a cruise ship passing by. The many new changes: new dock decks and undersides, more & new electric hookups for boats, gated accesses, new fire alarms and all railings painted a fresh white made the marina a joy to look at. Again, the hamburgers of the onsite café are the best I’ve ever eaten. I had one each day! I never do that!

Ladies in our group organized a hobo dinner again this year and once again it was delicious.

For the first time, that we know of, our chapter had five rigs at the Cashmere Rally. We experienced the beanbag baseball competition. We need practice for next year :). Most of our gals attended the Red Hautes get together and each looked red festive. Other activities helped keep the fun rolling: flea market, puzzles and books for sale, painting class, miniature railroad display, live and very “lively” auction for mysterious wrapped prizes, raffle for three large baskets of goodies. The final activity was an abundant distribution of prizes for entry tickets we received when we arrived. Many, many persons walked out the door with items. Great fun!

The official end of our camping was at Charbonneau Park, but that didn’t stop Nancy and Vivian Hill from putting an October trip in at Potholes State Park – in full fall colored glory.

If interested in learning more about our group, please email President Nancy Curry at currynancyj@gmail.com



**CHAPTER ATTENDANCE HONOR ROLL
5 OR MORE RIGS**

Honor Roll – Lynden

Daffodil Ramblers – 6
Lo-Ke-Co Camper Sams – 5
Roamin' Wheels – 6
Sams of Puget Sound – 5
Valley Good Sam Drifters – 8
What-Com Sams – 5

Honor Roll – Cashmere

Cheney Good Sams - 5
Daffodil Ramblers - 5
Lilac City Sams - 5
Lo-Ke-Co Camper Sams - 7
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Deer Park White-tail Sams

Submitted by Sharon Crump

Wonderful Fall camping. Wilbur and Cashmere were the highlights. BBQ and fun games at Wilbur. It's always great to get together with our camping buddies to catch up on each other's lives. Morning was a special treat with omelets in a bag, sweet breads, assorted fruits, and drinks. Then off to Cashmere to meet with the other State campers.

The drive from Wilbur to Cashmere is always amazing. Long stretches of farmland with beautiful mountains in the background. Blue skies, deep canyons, and steep climbs, finally the orchards and the river... through the little town and on to the Fair Grounds.

What a great opportunity to rekindle old friendships and make new ones. Games, meals, and wonderful entertainment. I placed number one in the Mexican Train tournament. I especially love working on the puzzles with friends; we completed two this trip. It's always amazing to have someone join in and spot a piece that you've been hunting for for the last 30 minutes!

Have a great Winter, see you in the Spring. I'm heading for Antarctica to experience a new adventure.



Moses Lake Sandy Sams

Submitted by Phyllis Sievert

The Sandy Sams started to wind down our campouts, with our August campout at Wine Country RV Resort in Prosser. We had six RV's present, with 10 members & two guests. They have a really nice club house at the resort for our use.

Wednesday, the group had a tour of the Sage Bluff Alpaca farm. Our tour host & owner, Jennifer (Lee Lihou's daughter) did a wonderful job of explaining the birthing process, the shearing & use of the Alpaca wool. We fed the Alpacas treats from our hands.

Thursday, we toured the Prosser Historical Museum. And after, we played bean bag in the coolness of the club house. Weather was hot outside!

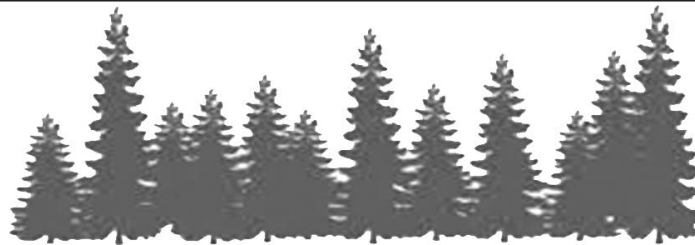
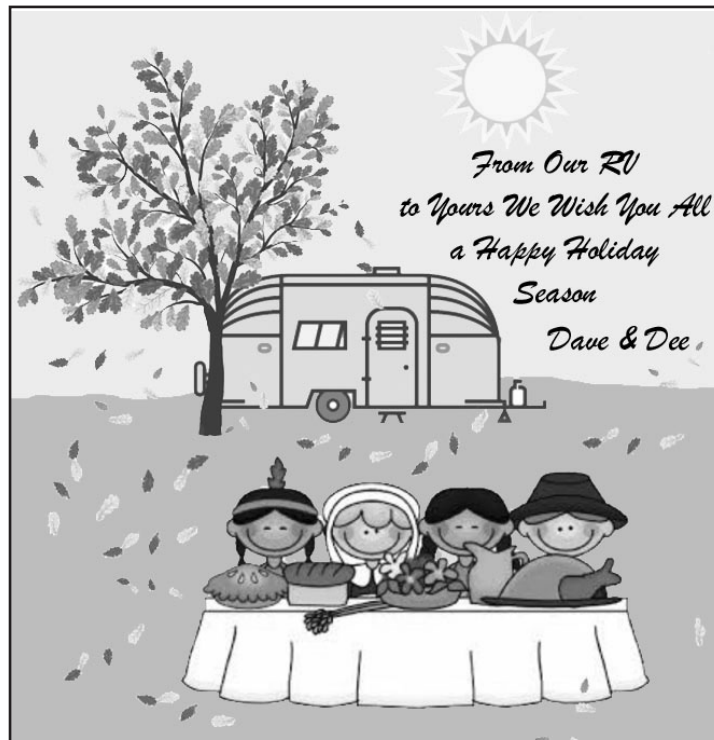
September we had five rigs, eight members & one guest attending the State Good Sam Rally at Cashmere. Four more members, Al & Cheri Wallace and Bob & Pat Baker came from Moses Lake for our Wednesday afternoon meeting & potluck dinner. The Rally was well attended & enjoyable, as usual.

With our campouts done for the summer, we had our 1st luncheon meeting in October at the ENZO Italian Restaurant in Moses Lake, with 16 members & 1 guest present. November luncheon will be hosted by Al & Cheri Wallace at their home on Moses Lake. December hosts are Paul & Nancy Boehm.

Wishing for a mild winter for all to enjoy!

Contact our President Lee Lihou at 509-431-0151.





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Cashmere 2023

There was a good turnout for Cashmere this year. We had 72 rigs, up from 65 last year. The weather was great, and a good time was had by all.

At the Presidents Meeting, President Dave was unanimously reelected to another two-year term. With the passing of our NW Director, Doreen Adams, and the resignation of our wagonmaster, Ron Adams, Dave put out the request for volunteers to step up to take on those vacant positions. Al Lamoureux of Sounder Sams and Craig Lee of Roamin Wheels stepped up to be co-wagonmasters. Max and Ann Archer of Whatcom Sams stepped up to be the new Island/WhatCom/Skagit/Snohomish/N. King area Vice President. A big thanks to those volunteers for stepping up.

Entertainment was also discussed, and it was decided to stick with music rather than have comedians or magic shows, etc. It was decided that first timers, to any of the two rallies next year, would receive a \$10.00/day discount, hoping to bring new first timers to our rallies. The registration fee for one of the rallies was offered as one of the door prizes and won.

The flag retirement/disposal was also discussed. Since we cannot do the flag retirement ceremonies at either Lynden or Cashmere due to the burning process, it was advised that if you have a flag that you need to retire, you should contact one of your local veterans' organizations, Boy Scouts, possibly the Post Office, etc.

The catered dinner was a hit and the general membership decided to keep doing them. This time we had fried or baked chicken with scalloped potatoes, corn and green beans, and dessert. The family of Royce Poynter (Daffodil Ramblers) were the caterers again. They did such a great job at Lynden that they were requested for Cashmere too.

We had a very successful White Elephant Auction with the "DUDES" (Max Archer and Bill Brown) presiding over the auction (a picture of the "DUDE" crew is also on the web site). All the money raised went to our three charities.

On Thursday evening we had JJ Dion for our entertainment. He played a mix of old favorites with a couple of tunes in honor of the late Jimmy Buffett. Saturday evening, we had the Daybreak Canyon Bluegrass Family Band back again. They put on a great show.



Daybreak Canyon Bluegrass Family Band

The winners of the Beanbag Baseball tournament were the BEAVERS consisting of Irene Freeman, Jeanne Gurney, and Frank Torns from Canada, Todd and Anne Padget of Sky Med, David and Janet, Members at Large, and Kelly Rhodes of Lilac City. Mark these dates on your calendars; Lynden – May 1-5, 2024, and Cashmere – September 11-15, 2024. Hope to see you there. If you are a First Timer, there is the discount mentioned above.

Pictures are on the web site of the event (games, craft sales, entertainment, dinner, etc.), be sure to check them out. Visit: <https://www.washingtonstategoodsams.com/gallery.html>

Enjoy your winter. We hope to see you next year at Lynden.

John West

Photographer.

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Barbara Erickson, Happy Wheels Editor



The Dudes and the White Elephant Auction crew at Cashmere. Photo was submitted by What-Com Sams and Photographer John West.

Photo Below:
Red Haute lunch meeting at the Gazebo in Cashmere submitted by Cheney Good Sams.



There's an elephant in the room!



Desert Drifters enjoying themselves at a wine tasting and playing Jenga.

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