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From the PRESIDENT...

It's finally feeling like spring!

I hope you have been able to get out of town and enjoy time away with friends. I so look forward to being away and seeing my fellow campers. I don't have to find an excuse to relax and enjoy what nature has to offer.

It has been a busy winter. I had another great-granddaughter to welcome, and I got to stay with her two-year old sister until it was time to join the whole family together for the first time.

I also had to get some repairs done as well as general maintenance on my coach. Ouch! The cost of repairs added up quickly, but it needs to happen. Unfortunately, I got close to a tree on a local road. It took my awning cover off! Luckily there was no one behind me so it was just the damage to the awning cover.

I also made forty dresses and three shirts for a Hawaiian dance group this spring. As if living on a farm with various and sundry animals isn't enough to keep me busy.

You know the saying, "Idle hands are the devil's workshop." There is no time for him here!

I have an update on the website: Tony Black, Sams of Puget Sound, is working on getting the site back up. It's a slow progress. Hopefully we'll have more information in the near future.

By the time you receive this newsletter, Lynden will be behind us. I really enjoy seeing friends that we only see twice a year at the Good Sam rallies. If you haven't been to one, try it out! It's the least expensive outing in your RV at only \$35 a night.

As the new president, I haven't changed the agenda much for the rallies, but I am open to suggestions. What would you like to see or experience? Different types of entertainment? Do you have any ideas for seminars you'd like to participate in?

Royce Poynter, President

**What's next? Good Sams Club Rally is heading to
Chelan County Expo Center in Cashmere, WA
September 16 - 20, 2026
Theme "Harvest Time"**

The perfect spot to unwind, challenge yourself with Bean Bag Baseball and other fun activities, and enjoy a catered dinner—so you can skip cooking altogether!

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Seeking someone to be the point of contact for this wonderful Charity!



Happiness is building with Spring being here and RV season starting. Lots of lists being made by all of us for things to do and the planning for our RV trips is ongoing. It is amazing that it takes so much work just to go out and have fun.

As always, it is so much appreciated for the donations you make to Fisher House providing a place and meals for the families of fallen soldiers, airmen, and seamen.

I am hoping to see all of you at our Lynden statewide RV rally with sunny weather, of course.

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Springtime is upon us and almost time for the spring rally at Lynden. I hope you all have been saving your aluminum tabs for the Spokane Ronald McDonald House. Those of you who sew, I'm hoping for blankets, caps, pillowcases, etc. for both houses.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the rally and playing some beanbag baseball along with the other games that will be on the agenda.

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Washington State Good Sams Club Sunshine



Sympathy

John and Jonna Larsen — Good Guy Sams

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CASHMERE RALLY COMPLIMENTARY CATERED DINNER THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 AT 5 P.M.

This year's Rally will feature a complimentary catered dinner. To help us plan effectively, if you intend to join us for dinner, please register as soon as possible.





2026 CASHMERE GOOD SAM'S RALLY

Theme: "HARVEST TIME"

Wednesday September 16 - 20, 2026

Chelan County Expo Center

5700 Westcott Drive, Cashmere, WA.



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| Is this your first Cashmere Good Sams Rally? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | | If YES use \$25 First Timer (FT) discounted registration fee below. All other members use \$35 registration fee. | |
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| E-Mail | Do you want Confirmation? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | Home Phone | Cell |
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| Registration fee covers Wednesday thru Saturday nights | | | |
| | | Amount Due | |
| 1 RV and occupants | \$35 x 4 nights = \$140 (US Funds) → | \$ | |
| (FT) Discounted Fee | \$25 x 4 nights = \$100 (US Funds) → | \$ | |
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| <p>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 Cashmere Good Sams Rally.</p> | | | |
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KEEP this information and follow the instructions below.

No RVs are allowed to enter the Fairgrounds RV Park on or before Sunday Sept 13th due to fairgrounds event.

RV parking is from 8AM to 5PM, **for exceptions** contact State Wagon Master
 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. 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 Royce Poynter roycepoynter@msn.com 253-988-1180

WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH OUR CHAPTERS

Moses Lake Sandy Sams

Submitted by Phyllis Sievert

Happy to be on the road again, in our RV's! Seems like it's been forever since we've been out in them. That is, for those of us who weren't "Snowbirds" And glad to have our Snowbirds back, Al & Cheri Wallace and Dave & Lorraine Church.

Our April (and 1st) campout was April 7 - 10 at Sportsman RV Resort, near O'Sullivan Dam. Close to home for our 1st outing. While we were only four rigs, we had a good time. And we had 17 attendees at our meeting and pot-luck dinner on Wednesday afternoon. President Judy Ostler brought two fire blankets for RV's, which she gave away in a drawing. A good safety item to have. Mike McDaniel and Dave Church were the winners.

In July, we will be celebrating our club's 50th Anniversary.

Our campouts for the rest of year are:

- May 12 -15 Yakima Elks RV, Selah
- June 9 - 12 Sun Lakes RV Park, N. of Soap Lake
- July 7 - 10 O'Sullivan Sportsman RV Resort, Othello
- Aug. 11 - 14 Peach RV Park, Goldendale
- Sept. 15 - 20 Cashmere Good Sam Rally

We'd be happy to have you join us. Just let our President Judy Ostler, President. She can be reached at (509) 948-9952.

Lilac City Sams

Submitted by Sara McReynolds

The winter hiatus has ended for the Lilac City Sams. Our snowbirds are returning home. The last luncheon meeting was held in Spokane Valley on April 14th.

Our campout schedule is set for this season, and we are ready to go. The first campout will be May 5 - 8 at Hell's Canyon RV Park in Clarkston, WA; followed by the campout at Woodland RV Park in Libby, MT from June 9 - 12. Please see our web site for more information www.lcsrvclub.org.

Daffodil Ramblers

Submitted by Mica Wilder

Hello from the Daffodil Ramblers!

Here is our camping schedule for 2026. We hope you can join us on one of our outings!

- April 12 – 17 American Sunset RV & Tent Resort, Westport, WA
- May 17 – 20 Dosewallips State Park, Brinnon, WA
- June 18 – 21 Ocean City State Park, Ocean City, WA
- July 19 – 22 La Conner Marine and RV Resort, LaConner, WA
- August 16 – 19 Taidnapam Park, Glenoma, WA
- September 17 -20 Fort Flagler Historical State Park, Nordland, WA

Interested in joining us? For details about an outing or to become a member, please contact our president, Roger Bryan at (253) 988-3722.

Reminder: At the Rallies we will be collecting



non-perishable non-expired items for the local food bank. While preparing for your trip please consider purchasing a few extra items to donate.

This will make a difference to needy families. Thank you.



It is time to start thinking of what your Chapter can bring to the Cashmere Rally to help fill the Goodie Bags. The number of bags to be filled is about 70. Bring your Goodie Bag items in by Wednesday morning, September 16 and help stuff the bags. You can purchase or make something to add, remember to put your Chapters Logo on it. Members will have more fun digging, rummaging, or just dumping the bag out to find the things in it. The more items the better.

Roamin' Wheels

Submitted by Nadine Dawson

We are ready to welcome Spring weather and get rid of Winter weather! Three of our members recently peddled their rigs and at this time have no intention of replacing them. Makes our members want to cry! Just like other chapters, we would love to have more members join our group.

Jose Pantoja, a longtime member of Roamin' Wheels, passed away January 26, 2026. Our Chapter is mourning this loss in an agonizing way. He added so much to our chapter, full of life usually kidding about one thing or another. His passion was fishing. R.I.P. Jose, you will be missed. His wife, Janet is moving to a senior living community as she prefers to be around other people than be home alone. They had planned this move prior to his passing, which she is now having to accomplish on her own. Sad!

I am proud to share our agenda for the 2026 Camping Season:

- April 27 - May 3: WA ST Campout in Lynden, Spring 2026; No host
- June 22 - Leaving June 26: Glen Ayr in Hoodport; Hosts: Riggs & Gibbons
- July 13 - Leaving July 17: La Conner Marina & RV in La Conner; Hosts: Gibbons & Riggs
- August 17 - Leaving 21: Howard Miller Steelhead RV Park in Rockport; Hosts: Erickson & Dickinson
- Sept 16 - Leaving Sept 22: WA ST Campout in Cashmere; No Host; (You may want to go in earlier)
- October 19 - Leaving October 23rd (yet TBD): Fidalgo Bay Resort in Anacortes; Hosts: Dawson & Leaden

There you have it! If anyone would like to join us on any of these outings, please let me know so we can make it work.

If you are interested in Roamin' Wheels, please leave me a message or text me. Nadine Dawson (425) 478-1614 in Bothell.

Cheney Good Samers

Submitted by Trudy Weston

Cheney Good Samers started the camping year with a trip to the Oregon Coast. The three members who went stayed at the Sea and Sand RV Park near Lincoln City and Depoe Bay.

We enjoyed the beach walking, visiting the Oregon Coastal Museum and trying out the great seafood at a couple local restaurants. Except for one very rainy day we had decent weather for a March visit.



Good Guy Sams

Submitted by Robin Leaden

Hello All! Well another year of fun has started for RVing. The Good Guys enjoyed seeing you all at Lynden, and hope you liked the Ice Cream and Berries. This has been a tradition for the chapter since before John and I even had an RV (2015).

The first year we went to Lynden we had just joined Good Guys and didn't really know any of the members yet. That was back when we still caravanned to the rally, and the meet-up was at the rest stop north of us.

We pulled in and there were 10 or 12 rigs at the rest stop, most with Good Sam stickers on, so we started talking to a few of them and got ready to follow along with them. Then we recognized someone just pulling in and realized we were trying to follow the wrong chapter.

The Rallies are smaller than they used to be, but we still really enjoy coming and visiting with people from around the state. Our chapter still hasn't organized a camp-out, but all our members are in other chapters which have been out regularly, so eventually we may be able to find a time for Good Guys to ride again!

If you are interested in joining us, please contact Robin at robinleaden@aim.com or John at jbleaden@aim.com.

P.S. We recently lost two more of our old time members, John and Jonna Jensen. They were a great couple, and we miss them.

Sams of Puget Sound
Submitted by Barbara Erickson

The Sams of Puget Sound just spent a wonderful time at the Hoquiam River RV Park. We had 11 rigs gather at our first outing of the year (for most of us) – and it was a shakedown cruise! It seems our rigs needed repair, fortunately there was an RV mechanic living “next door” and did we keep him busy!

It wasn't all about fixing things—we had the traditional arrival night dinner at Duffy's in Aberdeen, the “toss another log in the firepit” nightly conversations, the Friday night dessert and Saturday morning breakfast provided by Ed and Benay, and a Saturday potluck dinner. Some of us journeyed to the Grays Harbor Light-house – still operational – and visited Kurt Cobain's memorial site, all within three days! Oh, and we stopped to get baked goods at the Farmers Market where Nancy's bakery is the best!

Our schedule for the rest of the camping season is as follows:

- April 29 – May 3 = Lynden State Rally, Lynden, WA
- May 3 – May 7 = Cedars RV Resort, Ferndale, WA
- June 8 to 15 = Pine Near RV Park & Campground, Winthrop, WA
- August 5 to 9 = Ocean City RV Resort, Ocean City, WA
- September 16 to 20 = Cashmere State Rally Chelan County Fairground, Cashmere, WA
- September 20 – 23 = Chelan County Fairgrounds, Cashmere, WA
- October 16 to 20 = Kenanna RV Resort, Grayland, WA

We invite you to join us, and if you're interested in becoming a member, please reach out to our president, Ken Stevens, at kenjanna@msn.com. We'd be delighted to have you camp with us!

What-Com Sams
Submitted by Theresa Gelder

Winter with Whatcom Good Sam's club found us relishing a mild winter in our corner of Washington with little or no snow or ice to contend with. That is, those who stayed home. Our winterbirds should be returning soon from Arizona so we can begin our camping trips.

April 14 - 16 will find a small group at North Whidbey RV Park directly across from Deception Pass State Park. This is a comfortable park to stay in this time of year when our weather can be anything. There are lovely walks in the nearby forest or beaches at the State Park. The site has full services, wifi, cable, and a clubhouse with kitchen. Indoor meals and activities! This site is where we usually plan and make some of the decorations you will enjoy at the Lynden State Rally.

Through winter we enjoyed several lunches together. Dec 10 we had a “Thanksmas” gathering at Rustler's in Lynden in the downstairs meeting room. The date chosen is late for Thanksgiving but early for Christmas, thus unlikely to intrude on anyone's holiday plans.

On January 14, 17 members met at the McComb's home for potluck snacks, hot drinks and a meeting to discuss upcoming 2026 camping reservations. The “Who What Where and When” of Whatcom! Judy McCombs is our trusty wagonmaster and keeps us on track 'cuz we keep forgetting the details.

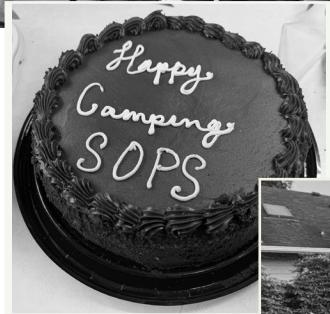
Feb. 19 we met at Bob's Birch Bay. This restaurant does an amazing job of feeding 19 of us from off the menu, bringing it all at once, and gets our individual bills straight.

March 11 a large group enjoyed lunch at Mi Mexico in Bellingham where we had a private room to contain our noisy chatter and a brief meeting.

Interested in joining us here in Whatcom County? Call Max Archer (360) 305-2119.



Left to Right: Duffy's restaurant - we took up an L-shaped table!; wild blackberry pie with ice cream; warmth of an evening firepit; chocolate cake served at Dessert night!



Deer Park White Tail Sams

Submitted by Sharon Crump

Happy Spring everyone! Now we move from luncheons to camping (and food activities). Snowbirds coming back. Or getting RV's out of storage, ready for another season of adventures. Repairs, oil changes, tank flushings, tire rotations, a new wax job, our maintenance lists expand.

But my winter was great. A quick visit to La Manzanilla, Mexico to walk the beach and visit family members who think that they should be in warm weather always.

A sibling cruise from Seattle to Alaska then to Hawaii and back to Seattle. Just let me tell you a little secret. We've never traveled together and we're all over 70, so sharing a cabin was not the greatest idea. But we all made it back in one piece and are still talking to each other. Whew!!!!

Can't wait to see you all in Cashmere. Have a great Spring. If you'd like to join us for an outing, call Ken Chartrey, (509) 937-2019.



There will be a Chapter Parade of Flags at the opening ceremony on Thursday at 7:00 P.M.

Bring your chapter flags to show your chapter's colors and be prepared to tell us about your chapter.



PET PARADE

Don't forget the pet parade at the Cashmere Rally. Dress up your pet and be prepared to show off!

Categories are:

- ✓ Best Dressed
- ✓ Most Unusual
- ✓ Best Behaved
- ✓ We'll come up with others too!

Attractions in Cashmere and Nearby

CASHMERE has a variety of activities for a variety of visitors. Enjoy a casual stroll along the Cottage Avenue Historic District. Craftsman-style bungalows are a reminder of the early 20th century in an orchard town.



The town's main attraction is Liberty Orchards **Aplets & Cotlets Candy Kitchen**, 117 Mission Avenue. Tour the kitchens that produce these unusual fruit-and-nut confections and have a free sample to help you decide what to take home!

Also worth a visit in Cashmere is **Cashmere Museum and Pioneer Village**, 600 Cotlets Way. Wednesday – Sunday 10 to 4pm. Admission for seniors 62 & over is \$10 + Military w/ID free. Ride the Great Northern caboose in the Pioneer Village.



You don't want to miss the **9/11 Spirit of America Memorial**, Riverside Park, 201 Riverside Drive in Cashmere. A Memorial dedicated to all who perished on 9/11/2001.

Just down the road in **WENATCHEE**

The Apple-industry displays are part of the focus of the **Wenatchee Valley Museum & Cultural Center** at 127 S. Mission Street. There are interesting exhibits on local Native American cultures and the first transpacific flight. Model-railroading buffs will enjoy the HO-scale Great Northern Railway.



Herman Ohme and his family spent 60 years creating **Ohme Gardens**, 3327 Ohme Rd. It's a lush alpine garden covering nine cliff-top acres north of Wenatchee. The gardens wind along the top of a rocky outcropping that overlooks the Wenatchee Valley, Columbia River, and Cascade peaks.

In **Leavenworth** is **Village Art in the Park**, the annual outdoor art show that takes place in the heart of Leavenworth.



Further down the road in LEAVENWORTH visit the **Nutcracker Museum**, 735 Front St. Ever been on a Nutcracker Hunt? Visit the Museum and go on the Nutcracker Hunt. From preschoolers to teens to adults – there's a hunt created especially for you by the Nutcracker Lady!

Driving the Happy Wheels News-bus!

Barbara Erickson, Happy Wheels Editor

As everyone is saying and feeling, Spring is on its way and so are we who travel in our home on wheels! The itch to be on the road less traveled is slowing down for me. It seems there are fewer “roads less traveled” and more rigs, campgrounds filling up, and just families enjoying the open road. Now maybe that’s a good thing???

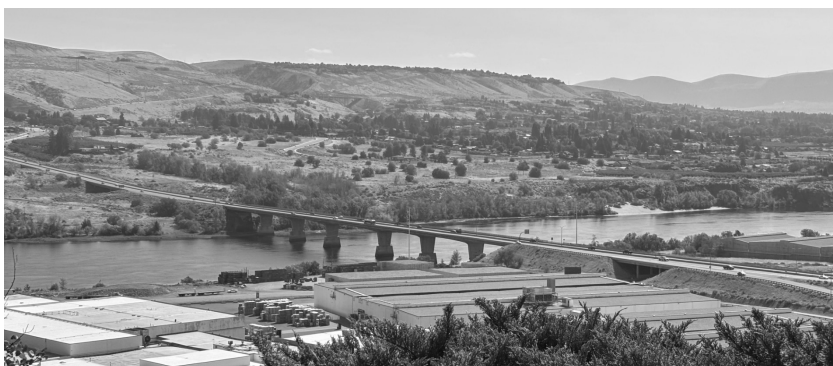
We just got back from a very pleasant trip to Hoquiam River RV Park with the Sams of Puget Sound. Being our first outing of the year, it was a bit of a shake-down cruise and I’m glad we were somewhere with a mechanic nearby! So, with the rig in shape, there are still plenty of places in Washington State we have not visited. I’m looking forward to finding new places to go with the help of the articles the article contributors submit. Want to share your outing sites with the rest of the Washington State Good Sams? Submit an article about your great adventures!

And talking about sharing articles, I just want to take this opportunity to give a huge shout-out to the chapters who submit articles for this newsletter. It takes a lot of time and effort to write and submit articles, so to each article contributor: THANK YOU! You are keeping the members of this Club informed!

This issue of Happy Wheels will probably reach our mailboxes as we are enjoying Lynden. And for those of you reading this issue who are not joining us; know that you are missed and take joy in recalling your past memories of Lynden. Each year, I look forward to dining at the Fairway Café and ice cream cone treats from Edaleen Dairy Store! I’m also trying to get to the actual dairy, maybe this trip. The Dutch Bakery is also on my check it out list. It’s right across the street from the 100 year old Mercantile Building now housing the Inn at Lynden. I have visited the Inn and its bevy of shops reflecting historic downtown Lynden.

As you remember good times in Lynden, also reset for our Cashmere outing. I hope you are already anticipating the good weather and fun times in Cashmere... September 16 – 20! I’m remembering the Aplets & Cotlets Candy Kitchen. We always seem to stop at the store – tasting the new flavors on the sample table and then purchasing boxes to take home. Last year we went to the 9/11 Spirit of America Memorial where former Governor Gary Locke was the keynote speaker. Wenatchee and Leavenworth are also close by and if you have the time, worth a few extra days stay to visit. We really like Wenatchee and have eaten at every Wild Huckleberry Restaurant in the area. Just check with anyone with Roamin’ Wheels!

Until our paths meet again... maybe Cashmere?



A view from Ohme Gardens

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