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From the PRESIDENT...

Greetings from McKenna,

Hope everyone is enjoying the summer in the Pacific Northwest. There is so much to do and see, you can have a different destination every day and still not see everything it has to offer. I am looking forward to reading everyone's articles in the Happy Wheels to get ideas of new places to go for camping too!

We have spent the last month moving. What a chore, but it does lend itself to sorting out "stuff" and purging the closets for donations to our favorite charities. We will be living in a 5th wheel while we await our modular home to be delivered and set up. Then we will have another opportunity to sort as we unpack. I have moved five times in the last eight years so I am getting good at the sorting and unpacking.

I really enjoy our Good Sam rallies too even though our numbers are significantly less than in previous years. Some of it is related to the fuel prices but also our chapter members are decreasing. At Lynden we only had 42 rigs but we still had a great time. The comedian was entertaining as he took us back in time, reminiscing about the "good old days". I enjoyed his auctioning the singing fish and the golf ball ice bucket just as much. Bean bag baseball was fun as usual, just with fewer teams but it was just as rowdy as the number of homeruns and strike outs were almost tied.

I want to acknowledge our new Webmaster, Tony Black of Sams of Puget Sound, who has done a phenomenal job getting our state website back up and running. If you haven't yet, please go look at the website: https://washingtonstategoodsams.com/.

Hope to see you in Cashmere. Get those registrations in so we know how many to plan for. The theme is Harvest Time and I know the caterers are planning a wonderful meal for us.

Royce Poynter

Where's the next rally in 2027?

Washington State Good Sams Club is heading for the
Northwest Washington Fair & Event Center in Lynden, WA
With the theme: Fun At The Fairgrounds

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VACANT

Hello, I'm your new point of contact for Dogs for Better Lives,

I wanted to share a little about this charity that we support. Our donations help train assistance dogs for people with special needs: guide dogs for the blind, hearing dogs for the deaf, and—my personal favorite—dogs for children with autism. Volunteers raise puppies until they are 18 months old, after that the dogs receive advanced training and are then matched with someone who needs their help. This is a wonderful program, and they truly appreciate our support.

This year, Dogs for Better Lives is sponsoring our Pet Parade! So please dress up your pet—best costume and/or best behaved—for the Pet Parade! See you in Cashmere!

Helen Kluck (360) 820-7440 Email: campingqueen16@icloud.com

I am looking forward to seeing all of you and having a great time at Cashmere.

A Fisher House ™is a "home away from home" for families and caregivers of veterans and service members receiving treatment at major military and VA medical facilities. VA Fisher House accommodations are provided at no cost to guests and located within walking distance of the treatment facility.

I did see the amazing ad on YouTube the other day? It was all about Fisher House and all that Fisher House provides. I was very pleased and surprised to see the ad.

Everyone drive carefully and keep RVing. See you in Cashmere.

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Ronald McDonald Houses of Washington

www.rmhcinlandnw.org www.rmhcseattle.org

Can you believe that August is here already, where did the year go? I hope everyone has been able to get in lots of camping with all this warm weather we have been having.

September is right around the corner and we'll all be meeting in Cashmere for the fall outing. Remember for Ronald McDonald houses in both Spokane and Seattle they gladly accept blankets, pillow cases, caps for the little ones, bibs, etc. Spokane House still collects the aluminum can tabs.

Looking forward to seeing everyone in September.

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Washington State Good Sams Club Sunshine



Sympathy

John and Jonna Jensen — Good Guy Sams
Linda Benson — Moses Lake Sams
Ron Meyers — Lo-Ke-Co Camper Sams

Get Well Wishes

Jim Russell — Lo-Ke-Co Camper Sams
Bobbye Simons — VP for Kitsap area and Hood Canal Sams
Jo Boyett — Tired and Retired Chapter
Theresa Black — Sams of Puget Sound

CHAPTERS: Please report member illness or sympathy or congratulations to Dee Cluett by emailing to: etno1@hotmail.com.



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 SAMS RALLY

Theme: "HARVEST TIME"

Wednesday September 16 - 20, 2026

Chelan County Expo Center

5700 Westcott Drive, Cashmere, WA.



Is this your first Cashmere Good Sams Rally? Yes ☐	If YES use $25 First Timer **(FT)** discounted registration 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 ☐	Home Phone	Cell
Do you need handicap parking? Yes ☐ First come first parked Please display your handicap sign in the windshield	Chapter(s)	Member at Large ☐	

The President & Registrar ask you to **register 2 weeks prior** start of the campout or **ASAP**

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) ➡	$
# Extra night(s) you plan to attend ☐ **x** $35 Per Night = ➡		$
Circle ----- Monday ----- Tuesday		Total $

Number of People ☐

# of Pets ☐

Make check payable to: Washington State Good Sams

Mail registration & check to: Robin Leaden, WSGS Registrar, 17242 11th 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 Cashmere 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 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

Red Haute Samanthas
Submitted by Debbie Talbott

Hi everyone. Summer's here and I hope everyone is having a good time camping.

My name is Debbie Talbott and I am planning a get together at the Cashmere Rally in September. We will be doing a craft project and having refreshments together.

I am not sure on which day of the rally this will happen, but I am sure they will put us somewhere. In the past it has happened around noon or so on Friday or Saturday.

Look at the schedule when you get your Happy Wheels.

Look forward to seeing you and having a great rally.

Daffodil Ramblers
Submitted by Mica Wilder

We have had some fun times on our campouts! In April we went to Westport, American Sunset. Eleven rigs from four different clubs came so we could use the clubhouse, which was great for potlucks and games. Some members also went crabbing.

Next campout was at Dosewallips State Park where we had a herd of about a dozen elks wander through the camp sites. What a sight! We had six rigs attending for games, a potluck and hot dogs over a campfire. No burn ban!

In June, nine rigs went to Ocean City State Park where we were welcomed by Camp Hosts Dave and Dee Cluett. Two grandkids also came along and had a fun time. Our club camp host posted a schedule of events on a whiteboard at their campsite. Which included "hot dogs at 5:30" which apparently was misinterpreted by a passersby who told the ranger that someone was selling hot dogs for $5! A few members considered using it as a fundraiser, but we all had a good laugh!

If anyone wants to join us for a future campout, contact President Jerry Knudsen at 813-909-2469.

Section 8
Submitted by Roy Grinnellt

Section 8 Sams reunited at the Lynden State Rally, and we got together for a nice dinner out.



In September, we are planning a two-night pre-rally in Monitor at the Wenatchee River County Park before the Cashmere State Rally. We are looking forward to fun and games there.

If you are interested in learning more about us, please contact Roy Grinnell at grinnellrm@comcast.net.



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Roamin' Wheels
Submitted by Nadine Dawson

Lynden was our shake down outing! We found out we need to brush up on our Bean Bag Baseball skills. Looks like we are going to have many B.B.B. practices at our outings. Maybe by Cashmere we'll be ready to WIN!

May and June outings were slim, some of our members were booked with outside activities, cruises, weddings and family obligations.

We just returned from Glen Ayr Resort in Hoodsport. Many of us attended the Wild Felid Advocacy Center tour in Shelton whih is about a 49-minute drive from the Resort. The big cats were beautiful especially the Bengal tiger. They had just eaten when we were there, so they were relaxing and very happy. This is a must see if you are over in the Shelton area. It is located on Harstine Island. (Reservations only.)

The Glen Ayr resort has a beautiful deck overlooking the water of Hood Canal. Part of the time the water was like glass. We enjoyed a potluck with games and socializing. We went out to dinner one night at El Puerto de Angeles and again on our last night at the Fjord in Hoodsport.

Some went sightseeing in Shelton to see what kind of trouble could be roused up, turns out not much! The first few days were hot and the last two were cooler and a little damp at times. However, that didn't stop us from having a good time.

We were delighted to welcome John Beam and his lovable dog, Shadow, as new additions to our chapter. We also enjoyed having Ken and Donna Armitage join us as visitors for this outing, and we look forward to seeing them again at our next one!

If you are interested in joining us as members or just camping with us, please leave me a message or text at 425 478-1614, Bothell.

Moses Lake Sandy Sams
Submitted by Phyllis Sievert

So glad that summer is here. Makes for some nice campouts.

Our May outing was at the Yakima Elks. The lodge was so gracious as to allow us to have our Wednesday meeting and potluck dinner in their hall, out of the wind. They set up tables for us, with white tablecloths and water. We sure did appreciate that. Thursday. night for dinner, we ate in the lodge restaurant.

Our June gathering was at Sun Lakes RV Resort. Always a nice place, but we were "blessed" with wind. Paul and Nancy Boehm were so gracious as to have our Wednesday meeting and potluck in their new motorhome. And our Thursday leftovers dinner was also in their motorhome. Very much appreciated, Paul and Nancy. Thank you. And... we were so very fortunate to have our campout just the week prior to the big fire that broke out there.

In July, we celebrated the 50th anniversary of the Sandy Sams RV Chapter, at the O'Sullivan Sportsmen RV Resort. They have a very nice clubhouse, which was decorated by our anniversary committee members. Thank you, folks, for all your work. We had a delicious potluck lunch. After which we played "throw the bag in the baskets," a game President Judy brought. And evening potluck with leftovers... and again in Paul and Nancy's beautiful new motorhome. Thursday night we had dinner at the restaurant at the Legacy Golf Course.



On a sad note, Saturday., July 11 was the funeral of our member, Linda Benson. She will be missed.

Our August campout will be at Peach Beach Resort, south of Goldendale.

Come join us! Call our President, Judy Ostler at 509-948-9952.

Sams of Puget Sound
Submitted by Barbara Erickson

We are in the midst of summer and Sams of Puget Sound are galivanting around the State of Washington enjoying the RV life! So this year, we have had exciting outings, I'll relay the fun times:

MAY. After the Lynden outing, we gathered at Cedars RV Resort, where co-hosts Jim & Deb Harden and Jim Beachell & Diane Julum treated veryone to dessert night, and organized a breakfast, a potluck dinner, and dinner at Nopol Restaurant. Food brought everyone together, along with time spent around the campfire.



JUNE. Co-hosts Ken & Janna Stevens and Sharon Hurster & Chuck Stewart led us to Pine Near RV Park & Campground in Winthrop, where the campground was busy with RVers and more than 150 Cascade Bicycle Club riders using it as headquarters for their "Winthrop Gravel Tour." We quickly learned that cyclists are early risers! We still had plenty of time to explore, visit the Farmers' Market, enjoy a nightly campfire, conversations, and relax.

Later in June, we also enjoyed our annual Seafood Fest on Hood Canal.

AUGUST. Our next outing took us to Ocean City RV Resort in Ocean Shores. On Thursday morning, we enjoyed breakfast at Copalis Cove Pub, followed by dessert night—always a favorite tradition. Co-hosts Robin and John Leaden, along with Steve and Barbara Erickson, provided a "Build Your Own Banana Split" dessert, and the hosts also supplied pancakes and eggs for the potluck breakfast while attendees contributed an assortment of goodies.



We also enjoyed several side trips, including the Coastal Interpretive Center, and a few of us went to see The Odyssey at Ocean Shores Cinema. Of course, because a statewide burn ban was in place, we gathered around propane campfires.

We love camping, good food and a good campfire. If you are of the same ilk, please contact our president, Ken Stevens at kenjanna@msn.com to join us at our monthly meeting or an outing. We would love to have you!

Pet Parade



There will be a Pet Parade at the
Cashmere Good Sams Club Rally.
Bring your pet and be prepared
To show off your pet.



Categories are: Best Dressed, Most Unusual, Best Behaved

Hood Canal Sams
Submitted by Holly Byczynski

Hood Canal Sams, Tramper Sams, and Rainier Ramblers (not a Good Sams club) have come together and joined one another to get enough rigs to have some fun outtings.

Because this is my first outing this year, I am unsure how many have shown up or where they went or what happened at the outings before this one.

I am sure we spent July 13 - 16 at Hoquiam River RV Park. It is a favorite spot for many of us, and we try to go there every year. We had a total of seven rigs. We started Monday off with gathering for "pupus" and then games to end the evening.

Tuesday morning all gathered for a breakfast of egg cups and homemade fruit breads provided by our hostess, along with a potato dish and fruit. Tuesday evening we had a baked potato bar with all the "fixin's" and lots of yummy sides to go with. The evening was wrapped up with a great game of Under the Bus!

Wednesday we had several members drive down for the day. We all sat around catching up. Then played some cards and went to dinner at the 8th Street Pub. Fabulous food! Then most of us gathered for games, and we bid farewell to our guests.

Thunderstorms woke most of us early Thursday morning before departing on our way home.

Great Campout had by all!

Contact John Pais (360-490-2795) or Holly Byczynski (360-490-9779) if you are interested in joining one of our outings, or would like to join our chapter..







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.

Lilac City Sams
Submitted by Sara McReynolds

Lilac City Sams are on the move

We have been busy moving around the PNW for campouts in May and June. Great fun each time.

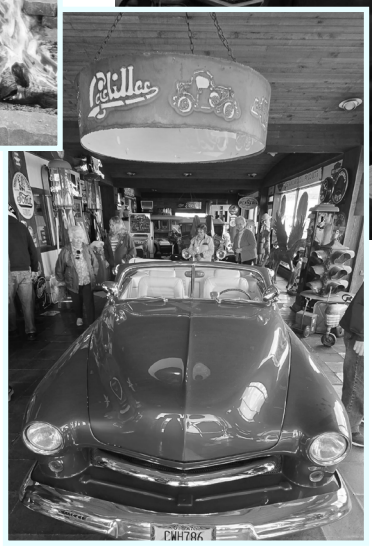
May took us to the shores of the Snake River in Clarkston, WA for a campout at Hell's Canyon Resort. Our hosts were Valerie Harper-Murdock, Gordon Gibbs, plus Ted and Betty Higley.

June found us in Libby, MT at the Woodland RV Park. A nice, peaceful location. Several members were treated to an expedition to a car exhibit in town. They had a great time looking at all the automoble artifacts. AJ and Tammy Parker, plus Kelly and Sherri Rhoads were the hosts.

For July, we will be traveling to Sun Lakes Resort, near Coulee City with Bob & Lonni Olson, Elaine Phau, and Dean Olson as hosts. I hope to view the light show at Grand Coulee Dam.









It's time to start planning what your Chapter can bring to the Cashmere Rally to help fill the Goodie Bags.

We expect to fill about 50 bags. Please bring your items by Wednesday morning, September 16, and then stay to help stuff the bags.

You may purchase or make something to include and remember to add your Chapter's logo. Members will enjoy searching through the bags—or simply dumping them out—to discover what's inside. The more items, the better.

What-Com Sams
Submitted by Patricia Kazarow



Many thanks to everyone who contributed to our lunch sales at the State Rally in Lynden. We are very grateful for your support! For those of you who missed it, our creative artist Teresa Gelder made Dave Cluett's button design come to life on the stage backdrop

In June, we headed to the La Conner Marina and RV Park. Our host Marlene Reasoner invited us one night to enjoy a "Happy 250th Birthday America" old-fashioned picnic. We were encouraged to come "decked out in our RED, WHITE and BLUE." She promised that we would also "have some fun" after dinner. First, we divided into RED and BLUE teams. Then, who could have guessed that we all could quickly learn how to "slurp up" an M & M candy from a dish into a straw and then deposit it into a nearby cup!!! Several other games just as engaging rounded out this festive evening (see pictures).

We also had time to explore charming La Conner. There is truly something for everyone to enjoy: an amazing array of specialty shops; fabulous places to eat and drink; interesting museums and historic landmarks as well as just places to sit and watch the boats as they travel through the Swinomish Channel. One of our "birder" members did just that and registered eleven new birds for his "life list" on the Merlin Bird ID App.

July will find us camping at Howard Miller Steelhead Park in Rockport; we will round out the summer in August at Red Mountain Campground in Maple Falls.

Regarding general Chapter news, we have welcomed four new members this year. 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!







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.

Cariboo Trail Good Sams

Submitted by Les McKay

The Caribou Trails Good Sammer's of Okanogan County camped out at Oroville the 3rd weekend of May. A "50's" theme was carried throughout the outing. Dinner at a 50's style diner, games, a potluck dinner, and socializing were the highlights of the outing.

The month of June took our chapter to Conconully State Park for a "Spirit of 76" campout; hosted by Steve and Karen James, Andy and Debbie Lampe. After our hosts decorated the screen room with beautiful patriotic decorations we left for dinner at the Sitting Bull Restaurant in Conconully, WA. There was a contest for the best "Spirit of 76" decorated RV. The prize was won by Ed and Diana Parker.

Andy manned the grill the following mornings. Blueberry pancakes were featured the first morning and biscuits and gravy the second morning. We are blessed with a great cook who is eager to provide meals for us. Following dinner on Friday evening, Debbie prepared a delicious Trifle cake, blueberries, strawberries, and whipped cream in accordance with the weekend theme. Saturday afternoon Karen challenged us with two games that we all enjoyed. A traditional American hotdogs and sides potluck dinner followed and of course desserts! Each night Steve provided us with a gas fire to congregate and socialize into the late hours of the night.

Our next campout will be at Twin Lakes, Inchelium, WA the 4th weekend in July. The theme this time will be "Christmas in July"





NOTICE OF VOTE TO AMEND

WASHINGTON STATE GOOD SAMS CLUB BY-LAWS

At the 2026 Lynden Rally the Presidents voted to submit an amendment to the Club By-Laws, to change the word "audit" to "financial review".

Clubs should vote on this before the Cashmere Rally, and Presidents will then approve or disapprove the amendment at the Cashmere Presidents' meeting.

Explanation: Our By-Laws (Article VII, Section 4) require that each year three members of the Board (the Chapter Presidents) audit the financial records kept by the Treasurer to confirm they are accurate and complete.

This is done at the Cashmere Rally, and the results announced at the General Meeting.

The IRS has recently noted that "audit" is different than "financial review". An "audit" is performed by a Certified Public Accountant, and is required for organizations with more money and activities than we have. What we are required to do and have been doing is a "financial review".

To keep our By-Laws correctly noting what we are required to do and are doing, we need to change the word "audit" to "financial review".

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 the **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.

The **Cashmere Community Farmers Market**, 600 Cotlets Way, Cashmere Museum. Leashed pets welcome. Check to make sure it is open, though!

AND just down the road in **WENATCHEE**
Wenatchee Valley Museum & Cultural Center is located at 127 S. Mission Street. Because of their upcoming Branch Out transformation, there are currently no featured exhibits; however, permanent exhibits—including The Saga of Wenatchee, the Liberty Theater Pipe Organ, and the Great Northern Railway Diorama—remain open for visitors.

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.

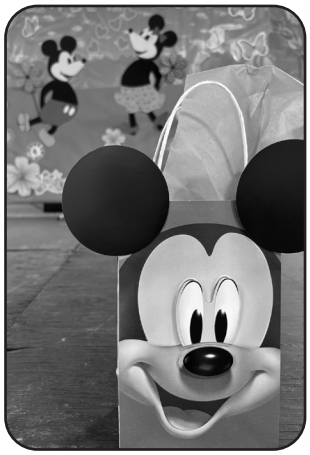
Further down the road in **LEAVENWORTH** visit the **Nutcracker Museum,** 735 Front St. Ever been on a Nutcracker Hunt? Visit the Museum and go on the Nutcracker Hunt.

Village Art in the Park is the annual outdoor art show that takes place in the heart of Leavenworth. Friday through Sundays in September!

LYNDEN RALLY APRIL 29 – MAY 3 2026

By Nadine Dawson, Article Contributor

We began our "Spring Fling" outing with beautiful weather but with a bit of a chill in the air. Royce Poynter began her presidency with grace, making very few changes to our rally. There were fewer rigs present than other years. Many from Eastern Washington didn't make it, probably due to the high fuel prices. We had 42 rigs of friendly, happy people! A big "Thank You" to Al, Ruth and Ed for doing an exceptional job parking the incoming rigs.



Wednesday began with setting up tables and chairs. What-Com Sams did a wonderful job with the stage decorations. Thank you! After transforming our room into the necessary format, Mary and Roy Grinnell taught those interested how to play Hand and Foot. Military Sams presented the always-special Opening Ceremony. Thank you to the Military Sams. We ended the day with a fun game of Card Bingo hosted by Ed and Dave.

Thursday began with a delicious breakfast of pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, and orange juice prepared by Daffodil Ramblers. We love those breakfasts! The First Timers got to go to a meeting to find out what we are all about. Dee Cluett had an excellent turn out for her Mexican Train Tournament. It was later announced that the winners were 3rd Place – Diana Supler-Varner 91 pts. Daffodil Ramblers; 2nd Place – Janna Stevens 75 pts. SOPS; 1st Place – Sharon Huster 66 pts. SOPS. Congratulations! The Military Sams held a Flag Retirement Service to retire old flags properly. Next was Line Dancing Lessons given by Joan Collins. Everyone enjoyed a tasty complimentary dinner of chicken in gravy over mashed potatoes, vegetables, salad, rolls and dessert. Thank you for a scrumptious meal! We ended the day with a Comedian, Jay Fiske, who brought his funny stories right to our level of thinking plus he gave us a sample of his humorous auctioneering talents. He was good!

Friday, we started the day with donuts served by Vally Good Sam Drifters. The Presidents held their meeting. It was followed by Dave Cluett officiated the Cribbage Tournament. It was later announced the winners to be, 3rd Place Mary Grinnell 348 pts. VGSD; 2nd Place Phyllis Sievert 355 pts. Sandy Sams; and 1st Place Nancy Boehm 388 pts Sandy Sams. Well Done! What-Com Sams fixed us a delicious lunch, your choice of pulled pork or a hotdog, with coleslaw, cookies, chips and a drink. People lined up to listen to Jeff Jackson's Seminar on Retirement Homes and Assisted Living. That serious subject was followed by a rousing Bean Bag Baseball Game. The Beavers, with many talented First Timers, walked away with the overall WIN! We ended the day with an Ice Cream & Berries Social put on by Good Guy Sams and a "Trivia for All" hosted by LO-KE-CO Camper Sams. The Trivia Winners were 1st Place – Mary, Roy, Max, Anne, Bobby & Brian 22 pts and 2nd Place went to Table 3 – Jim B., Jim H., Dawn, Debbie & Diane 21pts. Hats Off to These Intellectuals!

Saturday, Military Sams served us donuts before the General Meeting. Royce did a good job of updating us on the WA. ST. Good Sam news. We voted to have the theme for Lynden 2027 be "Fun at the Fairgrounds". Mary and Roy Grinnell hosted the Hand and Foot Tournament. The winners were, 1st Place – Sheila & Roy; 2nd Place – Royce & Mary; 3rd Place – John & Bryan. Compliments to the winners! Next, a repeat of the Friday Lunch. Yummy still! We went right into a craft sale and the Valley Drifters silent auction ended. Dee Cluett held the Pinochle Tournament. Winning this tournament was, 3rd Place – Dawn Humphrey 2410 pts., Member at Large; 2nd Place – Nelsine Anderson 2520 pts., VGSD; 1st Place – Paul Boehm 2670 pts., Sandy Sams. Praises to these winners! This evening, we accepted donations for our charities. Our entertainment was the Mount Baker Toppers. They sang memorable songs with some humor yet a calming performance. Fun!

Sunday, the State Team served donuts. Military Sams finished our rally with the Flag Closing Ceremony and Fellowship Offering. We ended with our wonderful door prizes and "hit the road"!

Driving the Happy Wheels News-bus!

Barbara Erickson, Editor

What a joyful time to be an RVer! We may have overbooked ourselves with outings again, but every trip has been a pleasure. So far, we have camped at:

Riverbend RV Park in Twisp where we visited the Methow Valley Farmers Market and coffee at the Blue Star Organic Coffee Roasters where I had my first peanut butter miso cookie. Visiting local businesses is always a treat!

Dosewallips State Park, Brinnon where we were treated to a surprise sighting of the famous elk herd, the elk had visited the previous week and were not expected back… but they came! Besides the elk, the highlight of this trip was dining at the Quilbilly's Restaurant and Taproom in Quilcene. [Elk]

Port Ludlow RV Park, Port Ludlow, was another interesting trip. Our other major volunteer organization is the America's Boating Club, where educating recreational boaters about safe boating. This is a very rustic campsite, but it is full hookup!

Pine Near RV Park in Winthrop, one of my favorite walking destinations. From Pine Near you can easily walk to town and then take the Susie Stephans walking trail and reward yourself at the end of the walk with a latte from Katie's Pony Expresso. [photo]

Wenatchee River County Park in Monitor, and where ice cream at the Hot Rod Café is a must; and walking through Monitor – pear orchard heaven! [photo]

La Conner Marine and RV Park in La Conner. This rustic park grows on you. It is within walking distance of La Conner, or the Marina Office can shuttle you into town. A visit would not be complete without breakfast at the Calico Cupboard. We also discovered the Pie Dive Bar after spotting its sandwich board sign following a big lunch at the Seafood & Prime Rib Restaurant. Curiosity won, and we went in. The coconut cream pie and chocolate bourbon pecan pie, served with a small dish of ice cream, were well worth the stop. It is another family-owned business worth supporting. [photo]

We still have many trips ahead before putting the rig away for winter. I always enjoy reading your articles because they inspire ideas for venturing beyond our usual comfort zones—Conconully State Park is on my bucket list, once we can fit it into the schedule! Some of you have written about joining outings with other chapters, which is a wonderful idea. Thank you to every article contributor who takes the time and energy to share something in this newsletter. I am grateful.

And don't forget the Cashmere Washington State Rally! It is September









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