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From the DIRECTORS...

Hello, Washington State, Good Sam Club Members.

The Times They Are A-Changin'. What a song!

Events during the course of the COVID-19 crisis has caused all of us to change. Things like shopping, dining out, family picnics, shaking hands, church services, elective health procedures, and cruises. These are just a few of the many, many things we needed to change (should not do). But what Dee and I had *The Hardest Time A-Changin'* was, NOT GOING CAMPING!

Dee and I were camping at Belfair State Park when the COVID-19 crisis turned ugly. The State Parks closed. After that the things we were so used to doing, *Started A-Changin'*. We were told how best to stay safe and healthy, and we practiced social distancing. We stayed home alone - together. *Our Times They Were A-Changin'*.

I have canceled this year's three State Outings to help keep us all safe and healthy. I cannot say how hard it was for me to do that. It had to be done. Dee and I are keeping the same themes for next year (2021). The agendas are going to be the same as what we had planned. So, a lot of our work for next year is partly done. However, there are fairground contracts that need to be made and signed. The fairgrounds already have the dates we need saved for us. I will sign the contracts after the Good Sam Club is taken out of pause, *When The Times They Start A-Changin'*.

The number of Washington State Good Sam Club members attending State outings and joining chapters is declining. I had scheduled Seminars to address this problem at this year's State Outings but guess what! You guessed it; *The Times They Are A-Changin'*. I will have the seminars next year and I hope to make some additional changes before then.

Campgrounds have started to re-open and many more non-Good Sam Club Members have gone and bought RV's and are now going camping. *Their Times They Are A-Changin'*. These new campers are making it hard for our chapters to find an RV campground that will fit us in. Chapters need to start looking now for campgrounds to go to. I know that we are spoiled and need power, water, and a dump hook up, but *Just Consider A-Changin'* and go back to the basics, DRY CAMP. Your RVs will hold what you need for 3-4 days, right? Also, group sites at state parks are opening (I think). Do we really need a meeting hall? We can put up a couple of 10x10 ft. shelters and survive the rain and whatever. It will be fun.

Dee and I wish you all stay healthy. I will keep all of you informed when *Things Are A-Changin'*.

Remember, social distance, wear a mask, wash your dirty hands while you are camping, this crisis of COVID-19 is not over. Keep a positive attitude. We will get through these *Times That Are A-Changin Together'*.

NOTE: Lyrics to Bob Dylan's *The Times They are Changing* can be found on Page 5 of this issue.

UPCOMING 2021 STATE EVENTS

LYNDEN STATE CAMPOUT

April 30 -May 2, 2021

Theme: "Up, Up, and Away!"

MOSES LAKE SUMMER RALLY

June 3 - 6, 2021

Theme: "Fun In The Desert"

CASHMERE STATE CAMPOUT

September 17-19, 2021

Theme: "Apples and Cinnamon: Yum Yum"

NOTE: Early arrival dates for each event are not included

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FAR EASTERN WASHINGTON

Volunteer needed for this area



Hope you are all well and staying safe. It looks like we will be having a long summer ahead with very little camping. When we can get back to it, I know it will be fun.

I checked with Dogs for Better Lives and they are doing the same as the rest of us are – working from home and staying safe. The trainers have the dogs at home so that they can continue working with them.

Other news – there are improvements and updates to the original buildings and a new power grid to save on power bills. The best news of all is a new litter of lab puppies is due in a couple of weeks. How fun it would be to watch them grow.

Hope we can all get together in the fall. Keep safe and healthy.

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First, I hope all of our state Good Sam members are in good health. If you have lost a loved one for whatever reason, our condolences to you and all involved in your loss. This challenge we are all going through is hard, but hopefully, it will make us stronger. The number of Heroes stepping up during this crisis is amazing. It is humbling to see what people are accomplishing. To all the heroes, Thank You for all you are doing.

I understand if Fisher House is not on your mind. Our communities need of your support. We all need to do whatever we can to help our citizens in immediate need. I have not been able to reach either of the state Fisher Houses to find out if they are open. If they are open, I'm sure any amount of assistance would be greatly appreciated.

If your chapter has raised money for either of the Fisher Houses, and you want to submit your donations, please send checks to me and I will personally make sure they are delivered to the JBLM and Puget Sound VA Fisher Houses. I ask that donations be sent to me so I can document your donations for this year. If you have already donated directly to one of the Fisher Houses, please send me an email with your chapter name, which house received the donation, the date and the amount of the donation. My contact information is listed on page 2 of the Happy Wheels.

Hope to see you all at Cashmere, God be willing. God bless you all.

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Greetings from your Ronald McDonald Rep.

I hope you are all staying healthy. It has been quite a year. We'll all have lots to catch up on next year.

Ronald McDonald House was not allowed to admit new families during this COVID crisis as families left. Just this week they have been given the go ahead to allow families to come in. They will only be able to run at 50% capacity.

How can we help? Currently they could use some pillowcases for the kids beds that they will also get to take home with them. They could use hats, mittens, scarfs and knitted or crocheted slippers. If you have items you would like to donate, please contact me.

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Washington State Good Sams Sunshine

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The Times They Are A Changing

Bob Dylan

Come gather 'round, people
Wherever you roam
And admit that the waters
Around you have grown
And accept it that soon
You'll be drenched to the bone
If your time to you is worth savin'
And you better start swimmin'
Or you'll sink like a stone
For the times they are a-changin'

Come writers and critics
Who prophesize with your pen
And keep your eyes wide
The chance won't come again
And don't speak too soon
For the wheel's still in spin
And there's no tellin' who
That it's namin'
For the loser now
Will be later to win
For the times they are a-changin'

Come senators, congressmen
Please heed the call
Don't stand in the doorway
Don't block up the hall
For he that gets hurt
Will be he who has stalled
The battle outside ragin'
Will soon shake your windows
And rattle your walls
For the times they are a-changin'

Come mothers and fathers
Throughout the land
And don't criticize
What you can't understand
Your sons and your daughters
Are beyond your command
Your old road is rapidly agin'
Please get out of the new one
If you can't lend your hand
For the times they are a-changin'

The line it is drawn
The curse it is cast
The slow one now
Will later be fast
As the present now
Will later be past
The order is rapidly fadin'
And the first one now
Will later be last
For the times they are a-changin'

VOICES OF OUR LOCAL CHAPTERS

Desert Drifters Sams

Submitted by Renae Koop

July has arrived, and our camping group has actually had the opportunity to go on a couple of trips.

In May the group traveled to La Grande Hot Springs in La Grande, OR. Only a few rigs were able to attend this campout, and even though the hot springs were closed, and the weather was not too cooperative, it was a nice opportunity for those who went to just get away for a few days.

In June the schedule switched up a bit. The original plan was to go to Northern Quest in Airway Heights, near Spokane, but it was decided that the new plan would be to go to Willow Creek campground in Heppner, OR. Again, it was just a small group that was able to go. The report from some of those who attended was that the campground was nice. It sits on the banks of Willow Creek Reservoir, which is created by Willow Creek Dam. The weather was hit and miss with a little sunshine, thunderstorms, and rain, but they were still able to put in a little Bocce Ball and do a little exploring. The town of Heppner is pretty small, but the group actually got to go inside and sit down for pizza, which is pretty exciting these days!

At the end of July, we are headed to beautiful Coeur d' Alene, ID where we will stay at Tamarack RV park. We were looking forward to attending the Julyamsh PowWow, a Native American festival, but since that has been canceled, we will just have to create our own festival. I'm certain that just being able to spend time with our friends will make it an enjoyable weekend.

August will take us to Osburn, ID, and then on to Anaconda, MT.

Cariboo Trails Sams

Submitted by Bob Chiles

I wish I could report that camping has been great! Unfortunately, that is not the case. We have cancelled two (2) camp outs and will have one coming up in August that will not be recognized as a Good Sam event. Those members who would like to camp do so of their own accord.

We recognize that camping as a group our size is very tough to do, especially with the established COVID-19 guidelines. We have members who will not camp due to individual health conditions, those who will not camp because of COVID-19 concerns, and those who will camp recognizing their individual rights, and proceed for the time being on their camping venture.

Whatever the individual decision, Cariboo Trail Good Sam members recognize our members decision as their right, and wish each and every one health and happiness.

Currently, we will follow established COVID-19 guidelines and do our best to keep from getting sick or spreading sickness to others. We wish good health to all.

Good Guy Sams

Submitted by Barbara Smith

Hello All from the Good Guy Sams

Well I hope summer comes soon. It is cold outside and we are ready for some warmth and some fun.

We are going to Westport near the end of July for four days at the American Sunset RV Resort. Looking forward to getting out and seeing some sights at the ocean. WE will be out in the clean ocean air and of course, taking precautions.

Then near the end of August we will be going to Sisters, Oregon staying at the Garden RV Resort. We are hoping things will be open by then so we can browse in Sisters and of course there are many things to do in the surrounding area.

Please take all precautions and this too shall pass.

Corrections: May 2020 Issue

The *Welcome New Members!* article provided incorrect names for three of the new members. What a way to welcome new members. The Editor sends apologies.

Their names should have been:

Ad and Tommi Addison, Hood Canal Sams
Dewey and Lori Honcoop, What-com's Good Sams
Ron and Jan Holtrop, What-com's Good Sams

Lilac City Sams

Submitted by Betty Higley

It is another month of no campouts. However, we have not forgotten what it is like to have friends. In May Hells Canyon Resort was supposed to be our campout location and the travelers that we are, five rigs went anyway and had a great time. We played Corn Hole (a bean bag toss game), visited in the grass area between RV's, and watched from our RV when it rained, and some learned to play Farkle and Chicken Foot.

We tried to camp in June. It was looking good for a campout. Not happening! Several of us went to Wolf Lodge RV in Coeur d' Alene for four days. No meetings just kept our distance and had fun. We did go out to eat at Wolf Lodge Restaurant for a yummy steak dinner. It's always good to be with Good Sam Friends.

July, we changed plans again and are camping in Kingston, Idaho where we are at this writing. Country Lane River Resort is rustic and right on the Coeur d' Alene River, and a nice restaurant. Meeting was held for the first time since March. Yay. We have a potluck planned tonight.

Jack and Julie Mayer remember Long Beach, WA as the best time with a Good Sam Group. She remembers Anne McCabe was wrapped up like an Eskimo it was so cold. From this outing they joined LCS in 2002. From Lincoln City to Wilbur and beyond, their campers have changed 5 times to the 5th wheel they have now. Camping always with a dog and always a Border Collie. Many campouts included breakfast and caravan with the group. Julie was a President of LCS for four years. The past six years she has been Vice President. Their passion is to camp and see the ocean.

Single Sams of Washington

Submitted by Vicki Lieske & Robert Reichle

Single Sams of Washington is a smaller friendly group of RVer's looking for others who would like to join us in our adventures. We meet monthly for lunch and trip planning through the winter months at 11:30 am till about 1pm. We use the luncheons to plan our camping outings for the months from April through to October. While most of us are single we welcome couples to join us, for the luncheons or our outings. We also have members who no longer RV, but stay in local hotels and join us during the day to share in our adventures.

Our upcoming outing schedule looks like this:

July 21-24 Whispering Pines RV Park, Cle Elum

August 18-21 Copalis Beach Resort, we will be joining the Beachcombers Chapter

October 20-23 Elma RV Park

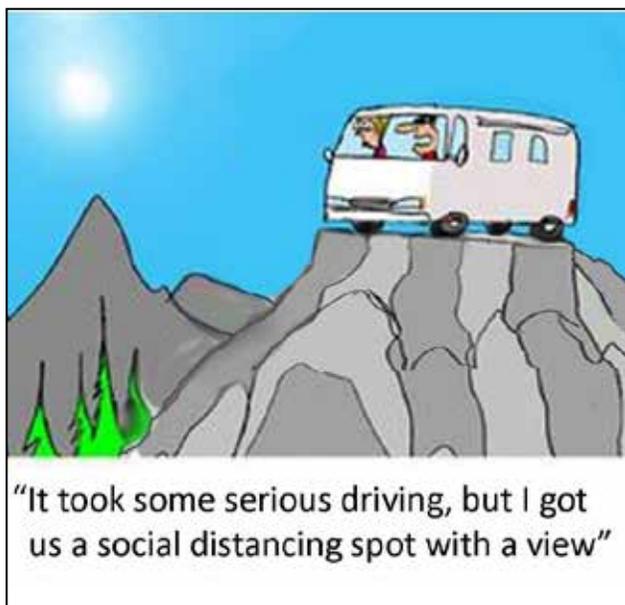
November 17th we are back for a Luncheon

December 17th our luncheon and Christmas Celebration

We have been discussing ways to make everyone feel safer in these troubling times and have some ideas to help us stay safe and still have some fun.

- 1) Always wear masks and social distance
- 2) Have plenty of hand sanitizer available
- 3) Hold events outside whenever possible
- 4) For BBQ events, everyone brings their own meat but, just have one person doing the grilling for the group
- 5) Potlucks get turned into a cafeteria style event, where food is brought by everyone, but is served by a few wearing gloves to participants as they pass their plate by the server.

If you would care to join us at any of our events, or just need more information, please call our president, Carol Eggleston at 425-222-7957. Hope to see you at one of our events.



Three River Sams

Submitted by Delphine Palmer

This has not been a good year and, certainly, not for RVing. I want to give a special thanks to all of the work done by John Jensen our Wagonmaster. He has been busy scheduling, canceling and rescheduling our Chapter's campouts this year as parks open, close and then reopen as guidelines change.

In June, Three Rivers Sams were able to travel to the new STARGAZER RV Park in Goldendale. This park only opened on December 1. We were the 1st group to camp there and thoroughly enjoyed ourselves. The park is very nice with pull through parking, 50/30 amp service and a great clubhouse. Bathrooms are huge and everything was exceptionally clean. The owner Ray and camp host Larry couldn't have been more helpful. Unfortunately, we couldn't go to the observatory and Monastery as we had planned due to COVID-19, so we played cards, visited, and boy did we eat. We highly recommend this park. And they just got their Good Sam Park rating. Our Chapter was also looking forward to our annual long trip to the coast in August. However, once again, many of the sights we wanted to visit are closed until further notice.



Speaking of the virus: Around 5:00 a.m. recently my neighbors took their boat out fishing on the Columbia River. While I was enjoying my coffee around 6:30 a.m. I thought I would send them a text while they were out on the water:

WARNING: Only keep the fish wearing masks!

Around 9:30 a.m. I got the following text back:

I am so happy they followed my advice! (You must look closely to see the fish is wearing a mask!)

Everyone stay safe and Virtual Hugs to each of you!

All Camping World Members Are Invited To Join A Local Camping Chapter Of RVers In The Washington State Good Sam Club. Make Friends For Life.

Chapters are looking for owners of any type or size of RV to join a local camping Chapter.

A Chapter is comprised of a group of Good Sam Club Member RVers who go on camping outings together. Members typically live in nearby areas of the chapters, all around Washington State. (See map page 14.)

The Good Sam Club embraces true RV fellowship through a shared sense of community and enjoyment of RVing. Become a member and join in on the camping fun and make the most use of your RV, Trailer, Motorhome, Fifth Wheel, or Truck Camper. Attend State RV events joining with many other Chapters three times a year at Lynden, Moses Lake and Cashmere.

The Good Sam Club and its Chapters promote the use and enjoyment of recreational vehicles. Whether new to RVing or a seasoned RVer, add more fun to your experience with: Chapter Campouts, Travel, Adventure, Tours, Sightseeing, Games, Entertainment, Potluck Dinners, Campfires, Swap Stories, Rest and Relax, and Have Fun.

The best way to experience a Chapter is to actually visit one. Come and join in on the fun at an outing and experience first-hand what it is like.

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Fort Vancouver Sams

Submitted by Gay Rochel

I imagine our second quarter of 2020 was much the same as many chapters have been experiencing. No meetings in April or May. In June we were able to hold our first campout of the year at Lewis & Clark RV Park in Astoria, Or. Due to the restrictions in Oregon at that time only nine rigs were able to attend.

It was a rainy four days but members were able to grab a few sun flurries from time to time. For the most part things ran pretty much as any previous campout with the exception of attempting to determine exactly how far apart six feet really is! It was food for our members to be able to share how their lives have been since March of this year. We are happy to report that our members have been healthy and looking for the bright spots in each day.

This is our 20th Anniversary as a Good Sam Chapter. A badge has been designed to honor this mile stone. We will be affixing these to our vests in the near future. In the spirit of celebration we want to honor our members by addressing their years of membership: Bobbi and Don Rodgers, 17 years; Judy and JR Crosby, 9 years; Shari and Dennis Clevenger, 8 years; Berni and Doug Batchelor, Christine Bauman and Mary and Tony Moreno, 7 years; Hilda and Darrell Nelson, Nancy and Dan Swan, 6 years; Maggie and Denny Melton, 5 years; Marge and George Angell, Gay and Jim Rochel, 4 years; Sharon and Joe Durbin, Debbie and Ron Moon, Gale and Jeff Parker, Janice Williams-Lebya, and Joanne and Rick Zimmer, 2 years; Kathy and Wayne Davis and Helen Doheny, 1 year.

Be safe dear friends, protect yourself and others and we WILL defeat this horrific virus!!!!!! Happy Travels.

River City Sams

Submitted by Gloria Van Buren
Hainline

The River City Sams have had a rough Winter and Spring with the loss of two wonderful members Everett Burts and Richard (Dick) Monroe. Their lovely wives, Willow and Kathy continue their friendships with the members of the club, and we hope they will join us in all activities. We will miss these fine men and their leadership, but their friendship will not be forgotten.

We suspended meetings and camp outs throughout the Spring, but decided to try a social distanced bring-your-own dinner at a local park in June. It is tough to see your friends and not be able to shake hands or hug, but we did well for each other, and it was nice to just see other people. Everyone brought what they wanted to eat, and we brought our chairs and distanced ourselves for a nice time together-apart.

Our only camp out at Pine Near Campground in Winthrop enjoyed a five-rig gathering. We socially distanced and each ate their own meals in their own rigs with the exception of the last night when most met around a fire eating the dinner each had brought. Everyone respected the needs of others and worked to keep our friends safe. That is the way we will get through this engagement. RVing truly is one of the safest ways for travel and camaraderie.



Roamin Wheels

Submitted by Iva Metz

WHOA! No camp outs, no luncheons, only correspond with friends by phone.

Now with so many things gone, how about a bit of History?

The Roamin Wheels Chapter was organized in 1979 (40 years ago) by the Assistant Director for this area. He belonged to a Chapter called the Rain Birds, their Mascot was Tweety Bird. So, who was always trying to catch that Bird? "Sylvester", so we adopted him as our mascot. We were always roaming around, Homer Metz drew up our back patch, showing Sylvester rolling a hoop down the road.

Mickey Kinsman named our Chapter, so we all jumped in with both feet to support WA State Good Sams. While at a State Meeting in Tacoma, we were told the theme was to be "Hee Haw Holiday" Homer suggested that we should instigate a fun game, we called the Cow Chip Throwing contest. That turned out to be so much fun, we continued doing that the the next 16 years. Everyone that threw a chip would receive a ribbon, showing how far they were able to toss the chip. This was always enjoyed by young and old.

Since we are all house bound, doing the best we can, I must tell you that I have thought several other times, that things seemed too much for us to endure.

I can remember the Dust Bowl Days in KS, the Great Depression, WWII, where food, gas and many other things were rationed, so now I am sure I will be able to come through this Virus. I feel that we are all strong enough to come through this also.

Stay In! Stay Well! and we will see you down the road.

Daffodil Ramblers

Submitted by Jerry Knudson

The Daffodil Ramblers were finally able to get together over the 4th of July weekend. This was our first chance for all of us to get together this year. We met at American Sunset resort in Westport. Even with the new lifestyle required these days, our hardy group was able to adapt and we had a great time. The area was full for the weekend, yet people appeared to be following the new rules pretty well. Of course the fireworks were as grand as one usually sees in Westport.

We've not yet held our first official meeting of the year, but are planning for it in August. Even with not being able to get together, we have kept in touch through social media. Plans are in the works to go to Harmony Park in August also. We are now looking forward to more adventures and to make up for camping time we have missed.

That's about all there is to say without just babbling so I will leave you with this. What do you call a bear with no teeth?.....A gummy bear.

Happy Camping everyone.

Good Sam Sneakers

Submitted by Diane LaRue

Hello everyone, hope you all had a great Mother's Day, Father's Day, and 4th of July.

We are still in the stay at home, stay safe, and stay healthy stage with the corona-virus that is out. Our Chapter is still not able to hold our meetings. Do not have any plans to come together yet, might be after the first of the year before it will happen.

Take care everyone and stay home, stay safe and stay healthy, but still have fun.

What-Com Sams

Submitted by Patricia Kazarow

The What-com's Good Sam Club sends greetings to everyone with wishes for the health, wellness and safety of all Good Sammers.

The picture below shows our Chapter parked at the Swinomish Casino RV Park during our campout there last October.

We are so looking forward to a return of our normal outings and activities! Happy Trails!



Coffee in the morning is a ritual with our club. The Club has three coffee urns that need to be transported to and from the Moses Lake Summer Rally in 2021, and the Cashmere State Campout 2021.

A "**VOLUNTEER**" is needed to take on this vital task so we all can get our morning fix.

Interested? E-mail Dave: etno1@hotmail.com.

There must be **someone** that can't go without their morning FIX. This is your chance to step up and take part in this time-honored tradition. Making the morning coffee is easily done by using timers that will automatically turn them on in the morning.

Valley Good Sam Drifters
Submitted by Lloyd Hartley

This year is almost set to be the year that wasn't. We feel bad that the first year of Cluett's state directorship has resulted in the cancellation of all three state outings that they worked so hard planning. We thought the cancellation of the Cashmere and Section 8 outings due to forest fires in 2012 was bad, but it was nothing compared to what has happened this year. We pray for a normal year in 2021.

Our chapter had a great turnout the last weekend in May at Whispering Pines RV Park in Cle Elum. There were ten rigs represented including one guest couple. With the virus issue, potlucks became bring your own and sit around and eat together keeping social distancing. The able bodied took a couple of hikes through the beautiful area surrounding the park. Visiting around campfires made it seem almost like a normal year.

Our chapter monthly meetings have been put on hold due to closures of meeting venues. Many of our die-hard members have kept the camping tradition by doing their own thing. They always extend invitations to join them, but we don't get feedback on their camping experiences. Our next planned outing as a chapter is to the Navy Pacific Beach Campground north of Ocean Shores in August. We are fortunate to have a retired Naval officer in our chapter who can get us into military facilities. At last count, we have 16 rigs including guests attending.

We always have individual members going somewhere who are anxious for company, so feel free to request information to see what might fit your schedule.

For us, we have been so busy procrastinating, we are even falling behind on that.

For further information about the Valley Drifters, contact our president Dorothy Hartley by email at hartley90@comcast.net or at (253) 631-5100.

Sandy Sams
Submitted by Phyllis Sievert

Not much news to tell about for this issue. Thanks to the Covid-19 virus, all of our chapter campouts for the year have been cancelled. Sure do miss the comradery, the good food, and all the story-telling and chatter that goes on at our get-togethers.

We are all trying to stay well & safe, and hope that all of our friends are doing likewise. Hopefully, by early next year, life will be mostly back to normal, and we can resume gathering from where we left off.

Till then, Happy Trails!

Washington Good Sams Celebrate 50 Years!



History of the Good Sam Club

The Good Sam Club got its start back in 1966 when a small Southern California magazine, Trail-R-News, published a letter from a subscriber that recommended distributing decals to trustworthy RVers willing to offer assistance to fellow RVers. The publisher liked the idea and came up with the name the Good Sam Club, based on the parable of the Good Samaritan who helped a traveler in need. Bumper stickers were printed, the Good Sam got his now familiar halo and wide grin.

In 1968 the Club's first regional Chapter, the Ute Salt Shakers of Utah, was chartered. Hundreds of chapters soon followed allowing members to enjoy the camaraderie of group RV outings while making a difference by volunteering on service projects. In 1974 Good Sam honored the first Chapter of the Year, Northern California's SAC Sams for its outstanding volunteer efforts.

In 1969, the Club's first Directors were elected to guide members to local chapters and host regional events known as Sambores, now called Rallies. The Club now has Directors in nearly every state and province. By the mid-1980's Good Sam had grown to 400,000 members. In 2000, membership surpassed one million, and today 1.3 million members belong to the club.

The Trailer Life Directory, created in 1972, is still the Club's official campground directory identifying and rating more than 11,700 RV parks. In 2013, the Trailer Life and Woodall directories united to form a new "super directory" utilizing Trailer Life's rating system plus enhancements from Woodall's equally esteemed campground guides.

Good Sam offered the first legislative parking kit in 1974 to help fight anti-RV parking ordinances. Since then, the Club has influenced local, state and national legislation on RV issues ranging from parking rights to outdoor recreation on public lands.

Good Sam started offering RV insurance in the '70s, launched its RV Tours and Caraventures program and in 1984 the Club's popular Roadside Assistance program was launched, followed by other programs from RV financing to extended RV service to mail-forwarding, all aimed at making life on the road safer and more enjoyable.

In 1980, Dogs for the Deaf, now Dogs for Better Lives, became the Club's official charity. Over the years, Good Sam Chapters have raised so much money in support of Dogs for the Deaf that the Club is now the charity's largest single donor group. Good Sam Chapters have raised money for many other worthy causes and volunteered for programs ranging from Adopt-a-Park to Adopt-a-Highway. Since 1996, Chapters have helped during Good Sam's Annual Cleanup Days, tidying up North America's public lands.

The first Action Line letter appeared In 1981, with Good Sam acting as a third-party mediator to help settle consumer disputes. Now, almost four decades later, Action Line has petitioned businesses on behalf of tens of thousands of members to help resolve their differences.

Good Sam has answered members' technical questions in the pages of Highways magazine since 1989. In 1992, renowned RV expert Bob Livingston took over the Q&A column, named it Tech Topics, and developed it into one of the most comprehensive technical advice forums found in any RV magazine.

In late 2010, Camping World Chairman, Marcus Lemonis, became CEO of Affinity Group, Inc., owners of Good Sam, and renamed the company Good Sam Enterprises. Lemonis is also a co-founder of Freedom Roads, a network of RV dealerships affiliated with Camping World. In 2011, Good Sam Enterprises moved its headquarters to Bowling Green, Kentucky, where Camping World was founded in 1966. At the end of 2011, the company combined the Good Sam Club and Camping World President's Club under the Good Sam name, giving the 1.3 million members the best of both Clubs, including discounts at Camping World and Good Sam RV parks and the convenience of a single membership card.

After over 50 years, the Good Sam Club is now the world's largest organization of RV owners and one of the most recognizable brands in North America. The Club not only unites with Camping World to provide substantial member savings, it partners with Pilot Flying J to offer fuel discounts and with NASCAR events and drivers to promote the Good Sam name.

Although Good Sam has experienced tremendous growth during the past 50 years, at least one thing has remained constant-the Club's role as a Good Samaritan. In a meeting with state/provincial Directors in late 2011, Lemonis stated that his goal is to return to the roots of the Club, raising the bar on community service and volunteerism and making Good Sam one of the largest philanthropic organizations in the world. Times have definitely changed since 1966, but Good Sam continues to embrace the Club's original spirit of helping others.

MEET OUR WAGONMASTERS: Ron and Doreen Adams



As Wagonmasters for the Washington State Good Sams, we have been able to help people who attend the three state events that are held each year find a good place to park their RV. We've really enjoyed this job and will probably continue to do it for a long time. We hope you all enjoy coming and will also attend regularly.

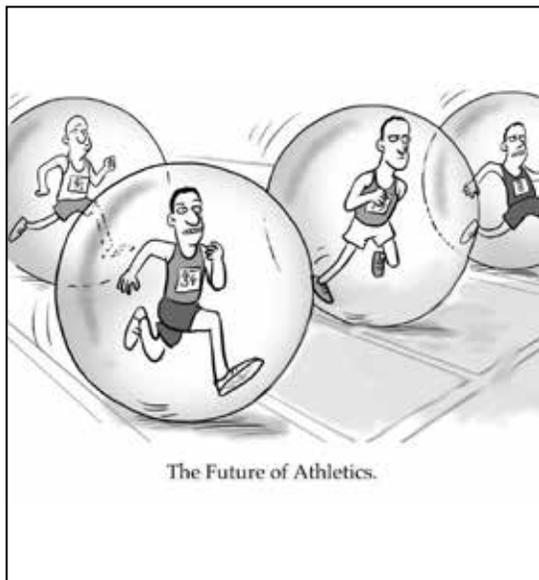
The friendships that we've made as a result of this job are lifetime. We still get in contact with State Directors that we've worked with and we've appreciated their expertise in organizing our events.

Our job gets easier every year. Everyone is happy when they arrive, and we try to make the process of finding a suitable parking space enjoyable. Hopefully we're successful.

EDITOR'S NOTE: You will usually find them at the entrance to the grounds or riding around in those "carts". They do a lot of good work! Witness the results of their efforts!



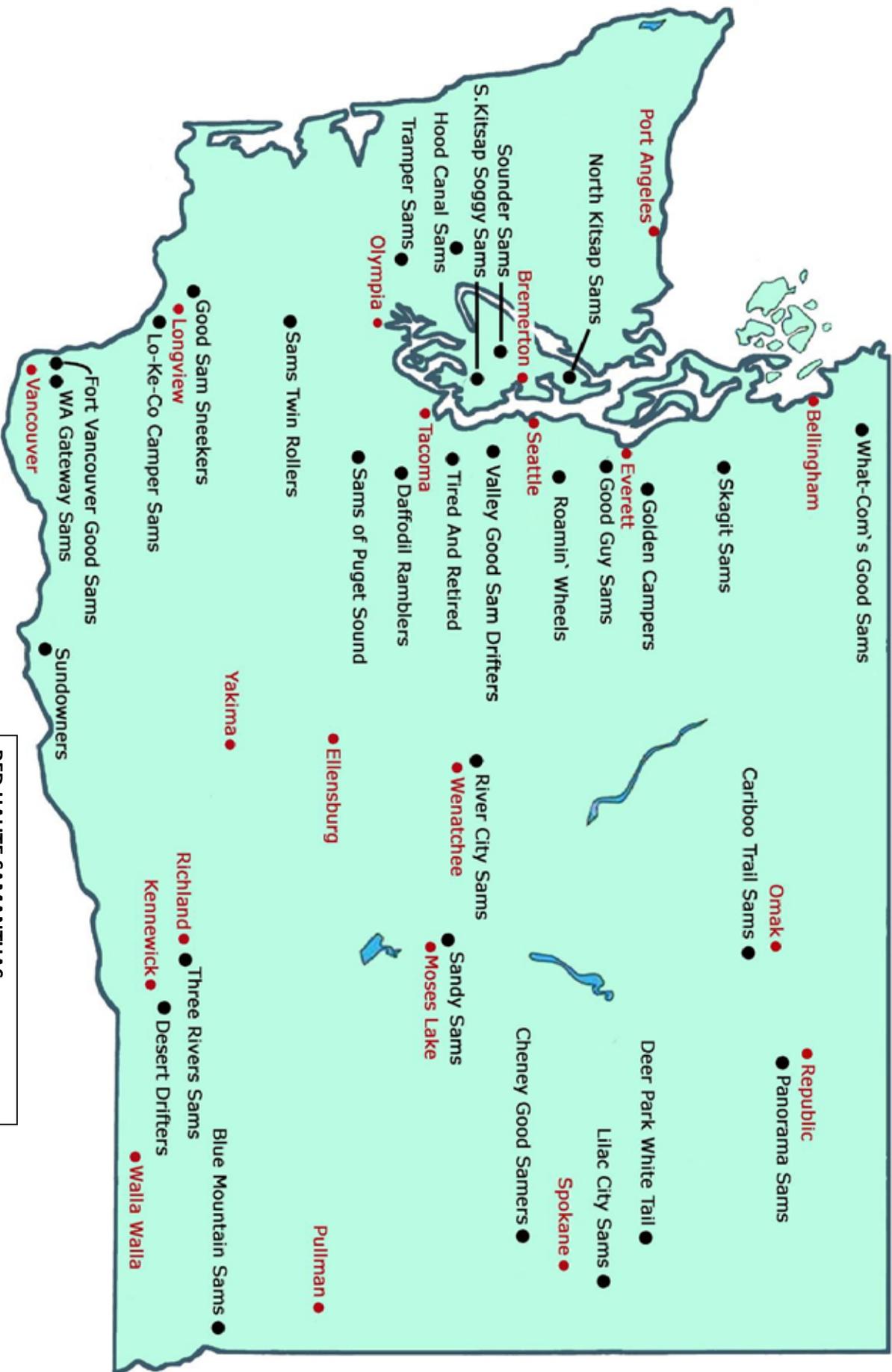
Photos taken by Steve Erickson at the 2019 Moses Lake Rally



The Good Sam Club Pledge

*As a member of the Good Sam Club
I pledge to give aid to others in need,
respect nature and the environment,
give back to the community
and those less fortunate,
treat others with dignity and respect,
and to wear a smile
(like Good Sam and Good Samantha's)
and promote
the pledge of the Good Sam Club to others.*

CHAPTER LOCATIONS



STATEWIDE CHAPTERS

RED HAUTE SAMANTHAS	SINGLE SAMAS
MILITARY SAMAS	GOLDEN THREADS
SECTION 8 SAMAS	

Driving the Happy Wheels News-bus!

Barbara Erickson, Happy Wheels Editor

Did you ever wonder where the various Washington chapters are located? I have wondered and been asked multiple times to place the geographic names somewhere in the column so the chapter's geographic location would be readily available. That didn't work for me, so I made mention to Dave Cluett, and no more than an hour or so later, he came up with this map that provides you with a handy reference that shows where all the chapters are. (See Page 14) So when you read an article written by the Cariboo Trails Sams or the Good Sam Sneekers and you wonder where are they. Pull out this map and look them up.

Dave's done a darn good job! BUT if you feel the "dot" doesn't quite represent your area, please don't hesitate to contact Dave. He will move that "dot" to the location that you feel better reflects your chapter's "home." You will find Dave's contact information on Page 2, Washington State Team.

LOGO: This quarter, Roamin' Wheels provides our featured logo story: About five or six of our friends wanted to form a Good Sam Chapter, so we contacted Assistant Director Pat Brendle. He invited us to meet with him at the PUD Building in Lynnwood. He told us about what chapters did, how they supported the State Good Sams, etc. He appointed Homer Metz as our president pro tem. He then told us to carry on and wished us well. Our Charter Members WERE -- Homer & Iva Metz, Aswell & Nada Martin, Joel & Beth Wold, Wayne & Harriette Gleason, Mickey Kinsman. Later Floyd & Olive Grubb. Frank & Helen Tyler, and Richard & Maxine Zimmer. Iva Metz is the only Charter Member still active.

Homer Metz cut out the first wooden Sylvester for each of the members that is hung on a display rack outside our President's MH. Each Sylvester is fixed with a metal hook (top and bottom) so we can hang them all together when in camp.

PHOTOGRAPHS: You may have noticed more photographs accompanying the articles lately. I am including photographs as I have room. Remember we have a **300 word limit**. If I have to increase the size of your column to fit photos in, I will do so as *space permits!* or I will inevitably have to omit the photo. Space limitations also determine the layout of the articles and size of the photographs.

2021 STATE EVENTS: With COVID-19 inserting itself into our gatherings this year, the dates for the 2021 season are available! Mark your calendars and cross your fingers that the sites will be open and ready for us!

The following dates do NOT include the Early Days.

Lynden State Campout	April 30 - May 2	Theme: "Up, Up, and Away!"
Moses Lake Summer Rally	June 3 - 6	Theme: "Fun In The Desert"
Cashmere State Campout	Sept 17-19	Theme: "Apples and Cinnamon: Yum Yum"

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1/2 Page (approx * 5" x 8")	\$150.00
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