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From the DIRECTORS...

Hello Everyone – I hope all of you have been out in your RV and having a great time this summer and not worrying about high fuel prices or lack of camping spots.

We have a very important State Good Sam Rally coming up September 15-18 at Chelan County Fairgrounds in Cashmere. I have emailed information to all of you about what is happening with the Corporate Good Sam Club and the Directors. As of December 31, 2022, Corporate Good Sam will no longer support the Directors Program. Basically, what this will mean is they will no longer support our State Good Sam Club.

This really isn't much different than what has been happening in previous years. They have given the States and Provinces less and less support every year. Really the only thing they are now doing for the Clubs is providing the liability insurance for the Rallies (which costs less than \$200 a Rally) and they only give \$100 in Camping World gift certificates per Rally to use as door prizes. That's about it.

The important thing is, as Washington Good Sam Club, we are already incorporated with Washington State. So no significant change is needed if we choose to proceed as is. Also I will continue to fulfill my obligation and continue as your State Director thru 2023. Then when my two terms are complete we need someone else to step up to be the Director.

So at our next Presidents meeting in September at the Cashmere Rally we have a very important vote to decide the future of the Washington Good Sam Club. We are hoping that the Chapter Presidents or Proxies of all the Chapters will be there for this vote.

Besides this very important meeting, we have a Cashmere Rally program that is full of fun with all our normal activities and also some new ones. We hope that all of you can join us there. It is only \$40 per night for full hookups and use of the buildings. It also includes door prizes, lots of games, seminars, crafts, entertainment, and fellowship. We will also have a memorial in remembrance of those members who we have lost this past year. So, check out the program agenda and fill out the included 2022 Cashmere Good Sam Rally registration and come to this year's Fall Rally whose theme is "Trash to Treasure".

We hope to see all of you at Cashmere. And keep on RVing and having fun.

Dee & Dave

WA State Good Sam Director

Upcoming 2022 - 2023 Washington State Good Sam Rally

Cashmere Good Sam Rally	September 16 - 18, 2022	"Trash To Treasure"
Lynden State RV Rally	May 5 - 7, 2023	"Springtime Festival"
Moses Lake State RV Rally	June 1-4, 2023	"Highway to the Fun Zone"
Cashmere State RV Rally	September 15-17, 2023	"Boldly Go Where No One Has Gone Before"

Note: Event Date Does Not Include Early Bird Days

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Thank you to everyone who supported the Dogs for Better Lives display table and raffle in Lynden. This was my first time doing this, and I very much appreciate the support from Dogs for Better Lives as well as your support! It does make a difference and Dogs for Better Lives is that much better for it!

Dogs for Better Lives has officially opened a training campus in Falmouth, Maine. This is a bit of a different training center in that they will operate as a boarding and doggie daycare facility along with being the home for assistance puppies in training!

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We had a great time at the Moses Lake State Rally at the Grant County Fairgrounds.

Thank you all for the donations to Fisher House supporting families of sick or injured veterans. The managers at both the Seattle and JBLM Fisher Houses greatly appreciated your help. There was a large number of blankets also donated and the staff at Fisher House were amazed and thankful.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the Cashmere State Rally in September. Stay healthy and keep safe.

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Ronald McDonald Houses of Washington
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I recently read an article about a 92 year old Wisconsin woman that had collected a million pop tabs to donate to her local Ronald McDonald House. Of course, she had a lot of help from her friends. Until joining Good Sam I had never heard of people collecting pop tabs for charity. RMHC of the Inland Northwest is happy to receive aluminum pull tabs. A little research found that it takes approximately 1,128 pop tabs to equal a pound. On average, they raise \$6000 from this program annually.

Many chapters also raise funds from recycling the entire can and donating the money. Either way, it is all appreciated.

Thanks also to the following for their recent donations: Golden Campers, Tired and Retired, Roamin' Wheels, Deer Park Whitetail Sams, Sounder Sams and Sandy Sams. Also appreciated are the many blankets and pillowcases.

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2022 CASHMERE GOOD SAM RALLY

Theme: "Trash to Treasure"

Friday September 16 - Sunday September 18 , 2022

Does not include early bird days

Chelan County Expo Center

5700 Westcott Drive, Cashmere, WA.



Is this your first Cashmere Campout? Yes

Last Name		First Name(s)	
Address		City	State/Zip
E-Mail	Do you want Confirmation? Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	Home Phone	Cell
Do you need handicap parking? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> First come first parked		Chapter(s)	Member at Large <input type="checkbox"/>
Please display your handicap sign in the windshield for the Wagonmaster			
The Director & Registrar ask you to register at least 2 weeks before start of the campout or ASAP			number of People <input type="checkbox"/> # of Pets <input type="checkbox"/>
Registration fee covers	Friday & Saturday nights	Amount Due	
1 RV and occupants	\$40.00 x 2 nights =	\$80.00 (US Funds)	
Circle extra night(s) you plan to attend x \$40.00 Per Night = \rightarrow		+\$	
Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Total \$
<p>Make check payable to: Washington State Good Sam Club Mail registration and check to: Jody Mason, WA. State Registrar 12206 Banner Rd. SE, Olalla, WA. 98359 Refund requests must be emailed to the State Registrar at: afchfe9@gmail.com or postmarked with U.S. Mail no later than 5 days from the start of the event.</p>			
<p>I/we understand the Washington State Good Sam Club has taken reasonable safety precautions and I/we accept full responsibility for the welfare of our RVs and all persons in our RVs while attending the Washington State Campout.</p> <p>Signature Required _____ Date _____</p>			
For Registrars use only \rightarrow	Date Received/Check #/Amount Due	Refund Date/ Amt./ Check #	

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

RV check in times are from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM, for exceptions contact the State Wagon Master Ron & Doreen at: 360-224-6183 or email at doreen50@yahoo.com

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

If you wish to park with friends or your chapter you must arrive together.

Power, water, and sewer hook ups are included at your site.

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

We will follow all COVID guidelines in effect at this date.



Washington State Good Sams Sunshine

Sympathy

Dixie Parizek, Sounder Sams

Donna Fugere, North Kitsap Sams

Jack Herrick, What-Com Sams

AND

Get Well Wishes for

Shelley Russell, LO-KE-CO Camper Sams

Sandy Helyer, LO-KE-CO Camper Sams

Steve Erickson, Sams of Puget Sound & Roamin' Wheels

**CHAPTERS: Please report member illness, sympathy or death to
Barbara Erickson by emailing to: bj46@msn.com.**

CASHMERE REGISTRATION INFORMATION

The Registrar, the Wagonmaster and I are asking you to help us by registering at least two weeks early prior to each Event. Please fill out your registration and send it to Jody Mason, WA. State Registrar.

Members that pre-register early makes the Wagonmasters and the Registrars job much easier and provides a more accurate count of members attending the Event. Registration forms are in the Happy Wheels and on the State website at: washingtonstategoodsams.com

If you missed the Lynden and Moses Lake Rallies you missed out of all the good fun we had. Dee and I are asking you to mark the Cashmere Rally dates on your calendar. Even if your chapter does not attend, individual members can still come to the rallies. The more members that come to the rallies the more fun we can have.

There is a very important vote at the meeting in Cashmere. We ask that you attend the Cashmere Rally to voice your opinion as to the future of the Washington State Good Sam Club.

VOICES OF OUR LOCAL CHAPTERS

Valley Good Sam Drifters

Submitted by Sheryl Michler

It has been a quiet past three months for the Valley Drifters. We have had no club sponsored outings during this time, but have been busy going and doing individual activities. We have continued to meet monthly via Zoom and have plans for some outings in the future. Our next gathering will be at the end of July at Whispering Pines in Cle Elum. We are all looking forward to seeing each other again in person! In September, we will be well represented at the Cashmere rally and then in October, we will venture south to Pendleton, OR and the campground at Wildhorse for a no host outing. These “no host” outings have become quite popular within our group as they are easier to organize and require only making a reservation for yourself and then letting the group know who they can contact to make their own reservation.

We’re hoping that the Veterans’ Day lunch will take place again this year in Auburn. This has always been a fun event and it has been missed these past two years. In December, we will finish the year with our annual Christmas party.

Even though it has been a relatively quiet summer, there is much to look forward to in the coming months.

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, Dorothy Hartley, by email at hartley90@comcast.net or call 253-631-5100.

Deer Park White-tail Sams

Submitted by Sharon Crump

Boy, the summer is flying by. Camp out to Wilber was great. Country Lane is always so accommodating. Their little restaurant serves great meals and is easily turned into a great meeting room. Weather was cool but pleasant.

Then came the Rally at Moses Lake. While the attendance was down, the campers mixed more easily together. Working puzzles at warp speed, great nightly entertainment, and plenty of games to energize us all.

A great couple of presentations by the local Pampered Chef associate had us all licking our chops. Great tools to use for fun snacks and soups. Thanks!



Now we are camping at Wine Country RV in Prosser. Summer is really here! We are checking out our air conditioners and mine definitely needs a tune-up. But exploring this quaint town, we can see the ravages of the Covid pandemic on this little town’s businesses. Still shop keepers are making the best of it. So many things to see and do here.

Hope that you are all enjoying the summer. See you in Cashmere.

Good Guy Sams

Submitted by Robin Leaden

Good Guys Sams have had no chapter outings this year, but we did have enough rigs at Lynden to serve strawberries and ice cream for the rally. There were some tense moments when we discovered the ice cream was too hard to dish up, shortly before we were supposed to be serving it. But the group dug in (literally) and we got the job done.

We had three rigs at the Moses Lake rally (out of a possible four), so after hearing about the change in the national organizational structure, we had a meeting at the rally and decided that we support Option one, keep the State organization going as it has been. Our decision has been forwarded to Dave Cluett, and we will vote that way at Cashmere.

We had a great time at both Rallies, and even had some success in some of the fun activities offered there. At Lynden we had two members on the winning bean bag baseball team, and at Moses Lake, another member won a prize playing cribbage.

Although we didn’t do too well in the other activities, we had a good time trying.

We are looking forward to Cashmere, and the Big Vote, and hopefully the continuance of the Washington State Good Sam organization! See you all there!

What-Com Sams

Submitted by Patricia Kazarow

First, many thanks to everyone who contributed to our lunch sales and basket raffle at the State Rally in Lynden! We are very grateful for your support.



Although many legends, stories and historical accounts about actual white elephants (a rare and sacred animal forbidden to do any kind of labor rendering it thereby “useless” to its owner) have been written, how, you may ask, did the term ever make its way to become a way to raise money? Well, the short answer is that in mid-18th century England, it became a transformative metaphor for any possession that has great intrinsic value but little practical use for its owner. In the middle of the 20th century, it was common to see the term “white elephants” at church bazaars where people could donate such items for sale to others who could use them.

In Cashmere, we will use this exciting, different and fun way to raise money for our charitable giving. Please bring your wrapped, new or like new useable items to Cashmere where they will find new homes to the highest bidder!

Our latest campout was at Howard Miller Steelhead Park located near Rockport. 27 Chapter members and two guests enjoyed four days and three nights of great food and fun! We also found the area so inviting to explore with its close proximity to both National and State Parks, historic venues and scenic vistas.

While our Chapter continues to add new Good Samers, in June we mourned the passing of one of our members, Jack Herrick who enjoyed working on his many hobbies and flying small planes. Regarding general Chapter news, our contact person for any questions you have about the What-Com Sams is our President, Max Archer who is available by call or text at 360-305-2119.

Happy Trails everyone!

Cariboo Trail Good Sams

Submitted by Bob Chiles

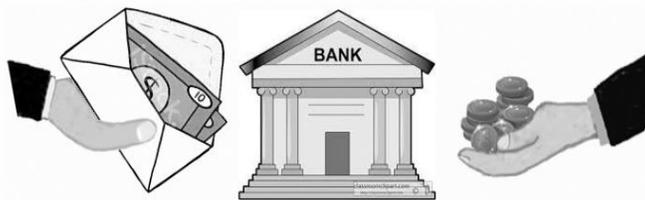
Our first two campouts were accompanied by rain. Lots of rain. Usually pleasant in summer months, unless there is so much that it causes flooding and mud slides, etc.

We are looking forward to our campouts at Black Beach Resort in August, and Wenatchee County RV Park in September.

At our campouts the topic of new members is usually a conversation piece. We have a few members who are finding RVing a lot of work and/or health issues are becoming an issue. Guess that's what happens when the calendar days move forward instead of backwards.

We will be at Monitor (Wenatchee County RV Park) during the Cashmere State Campout. A few of us hope to visit Saturday's event.

In the interim, take care, be safe and stay healthy!



Robin Leaden has Graciously accepted the nomination of TREASURER for the years of 2023 and 2024.

Voting for this position will take place at the Cashmere General meeting.

Robin is a chapter member of: Good Guy Sams, Roamin' Wheels, Sams of Puget Sound and Section Eight

Desert Drifters Sams

Submitted by Renae Koop

Happy 10th anniversary to the Desert Drifters!

It has been 10 years since the beginning of the Desert Drifters. We have been so fortunate to have had so many fabulous trips as a group. The group began in 2012 and included 10 charter couples (20 members). Half of the original couples are still actively involved and enjoying the group. Over the years a few of the original members have moved on, and a few have passed away. We currently have 20 couples (40 members). And we continue to travel and enjoy!

Since the last publication we have had several camping trips. April took us to Boardman RV Park. The weather was a bit chilly with a few short rainstorms, but that sure didn't stop us! And the company was terrific!

In May we camped at Mardon Resort in Othello. We had 10 rigs at Mardon. It was another fun weekend. We enjoyed dinner at the restaurant in the park on Friday, and our server, Chris, did a great job keeping us entertained. The weather really tried to be nice, we had a few moments of rain, wind and sunshine. All in all it was another fun time.

There were only 4 rigs that travelled to Moses Lake to the Samboree, but those who attended had a lot of fun. They enjoyed workshops, Giant Jenga, Cow Pie Shuffleboard as well as Bean Bag Baseball.

Blue Anchor RV Park in Osburn, ID was our destination for July. We listened to live music in the RV park on Friday night and more live music at the Blues Festival in Wallace, ID on Saturday. We also had a tour of the Historical Railroad Station, the Sierra Silver mine, and even the Oasis Bordello. Several people rode the Gondola to the top of Silver Mountain and enjoyed dinner and live music up there.

We sure have a great time on every trip!



Original photograph of the Desert Drifter Sams!
Courtesy of Renae Koop

Lilac City Sams

Submitted by Betty Higley

In April Charlene Janson, Elton Priel, and Les & Marty Spillman hosted at Hells Canyon RV Park, Clarkston, WA. We had two days of rain that kept us in our RV's for awhile. Several of us had the huge Effie burgers at Effie's Restaurant. Our meeting was held in the clubhouse. At our meeting Karen & Roger DeShaw donated several filled gift baskets. We added them as winning items during the raffle. The next day Marty Spillman gave a special informative talk about the different wines in the area and the proper way of tasting them, including samples.

May was in Wolf Lodge Campground in Coeur d'Alene, ID and hosted by Rodger and Karen DeShaw. It rained there as well, so the meeting was held in the Higley RV. Wednesday was a potluck meal, Roger cooked hamburgers by the gazebo. More gift baskets were raffled for charity. We enjoyed a great dinner at Wolf Lodge Steakhouse on Thursday.

Krahenbuhl's are great camping enthusiasts. Carol's childhood was tent camping often at Priest Lake or Indian Creek. She and her family would pick huckleberries in season. She met Charlie Krahenbuhl and they later married. This is when Charlie's life changed.

Camping became a routine in their lives together. Their two sons enjoyed their camping routine and later took up "boat" camping at Dworshak Reservoir. The Krahenbuhl's purchased a small trailer that Charlie renovated using it for many years of camping. Years later Charlie upgraded by totally rebuilding a '63 Aladdin, it is now their camping trailer of choice. When camping, Charlie lights the gas firepit. You can find the two sitting near the warmth of the fire and reading their latest books. Joining LCS has brought them great pleasure to be able to camp with friends.

Sounder Sams

Submitted by Gitta Brown

Sounder Sams finally made it to its first outing this year - 4 days in June at Ocean Shores for the annual Sand & Sawdust Festival. And a few of us couldn't resist taking home a piece or two of those wonderful wooden creations.

This was our second time at the Festival, and once again the need for speed took over most Group participants who tackled the slick version of GoKarts events. This time some of our ladies joined the fun - ignoring their well-coiffed hairdo's blowing out of bounds LOL! And of course we never miss the ice cream store next door - once again depleting their supply of Moose Tracks.

Again we stayed at the very nice and clean Ocean City RV Resort, where we enjoyed the usual Group happy hour and dinner traditions. The weather turned out to be almost like summer - so on the 3rd evening we didn't feel the need for blankets and a fire pit to keep us warm.

Unfortunately our Group turned out to be smaller than anticipated, because several members had to stay home due to illness, and a couple of them actually weren't feeling good at the Park either.

On a sad note, one of our long time members, Dixie Parizek, passed away on May 10, 2022 at only 72 years of age. Despite many health challenges for years, she never complained and always had a smile on her face. Her passions were her family, friends, and despite painful arthritis creating the most beautiful quilts for her causes, especially for people who were facing their own adversities. She will be missed by everyone who knew her.

Everyone is looking forward to our next outings, which are planned for North Bend in August, and then for September everyone is excited to once again experience the Balloon Festival in Prosser.

Meanwhile, we continue to have our monthly Chapter meetings, as well as the ladies luncheons and men's breakfasts.

Happy summer everyone!



Sandy Sams

Submitted by Phyllis Sievert

The camping season is, thankfully, underway. May found us at the Country Lane Campground in Wilbur, with 9 members and 2 guests present. We didn't spend a lot of time outdoors, again, due to the weather. Though it was milder than in April. Since we could no longer use the campground's restaurant for our meeting and potluck dinner, Al & Cheri Wallace graciously had all of our gatherings in their 5th wheel. Thank you, Al & Cheri and Ann & Gordy for co-hosting. Much appreciated. David & Lorrain Church were initiated into membership. Welcome! We always appreciate having new members join us.

Four rigs from our chapter attended the Good Sam Rally at the Moses Lake Fairgrounds. At the Rally, our chapter members were busy on Wednesday, June 1st, decorating the stage for the activities at the Rally. A lot of planning and work preceded the actual decorating. A big "Thank You" to our President, Lee Lihou, for taking the lead on this big project, with the theme, "Desert Fun - Desert Sun". We really enjoyed all the activities at the Rally... the entertainment; the Senior games; and, of course, Bean Bag Baseball.

At our chapter meeting Thursday afternoon, June 2nd, we had 14 members and two guests present. We were glad to be able to have our potluck in the 4-H building during its "quiet time".

July 12-15, we are going to the Umatilla Marina RV Park, on the Columbia River. In August, Al & Cheri Wallace are graciously allowing us all to come to their property in northern Idaho for our campout. I understand that we can almost throw a stone across the Canadian border from there.

Happy Trails to all. Stay well and healthy!! Phyllis Sievert, (509) 762-2429.



WASHINGTON STATE PARKS

In 2022, the Discover Pass free days are:

- Wednesday, March 9 - Billy Frank Jr.'s birthday
- Saturday, March 19 - Washington State Parks' birthday
- Friday, April 22 - Earth Day
- Saturday, June 11 - National Get Outdoors Day
- Sunday, June 12 - Free Fishing Weekend
- Sunday, June 19 - Juneteenth
- Saturday, Sept. 24 - National Public Lands Day
- Monday, Oct. 10 - World Mental Health Day
- Friday, Nov. 11 - Veterans Day
- Friday, Nov. 25 - Native American Heritage Day

Roamin Wheels

Submitted by Iva Metz

The first campout for 2022 was held at Howard Miller Steelhead Park in Rockport.

Mike & Linda hosted with 11 members present. We played several games, one of which was Cornhole. This was a new game for us, but we enjoyed that a lot. We went to breakfast at Lonestar Cafe in Concrete. Dick & Judy joined us there and invited us to come to their lot along the river for a picnic lunch. Mother Nature had other ideas and brought us some rain, so no picnic.

We had planned to have our May meeting at Funfest, but that was cancelled, so we met back at the Pancake House for lunch and a meeting.

Some of our members were planning to go to Moses Lake for the State Rally and have our campout there. Two of the RV's were suffering with problems (RV Virus, perhaps). One had a slide that would not work properly, another one started for the Rally, but the motor was making a weird noise, so they left the RV home and drove over in their car to attend the State Meeting. Where there is a will, there is always a way.

Della, our new Chairperson for the Ronald McDonald House, told us about some of her ideas for our donations in the future.

We wish you Happy Camping for the rest of 2022.



Breakfast at the Lonestar Cafe

Sams of Puget Sound

Submitted by Diane Julum

The Sam's of Puget Sound have been enjoying a great variety of venues this season (Pine Near RV in Winthrop, WA; Toutle River RV in Castle Rock, WA; and Elma RV in Elma, WA). Although the sites vary, one commonality has emerged. Without exception there has been RAIN at least once with every campout. Our members remain optimistic that they will dry out and they remember to smile at the liquid sunshine. One of the ways to overcome the drizzle is with our gathering around the evening fire pit. Our fires bring out the s'mores and hot dogs, as well as, camp stories and exaggerations.

Our gatherings are averaging 8 to 10 rigs and often 16 to 20 happy campers. We are looking forward to entertaining 2 potential new members and we often have two or more guests.

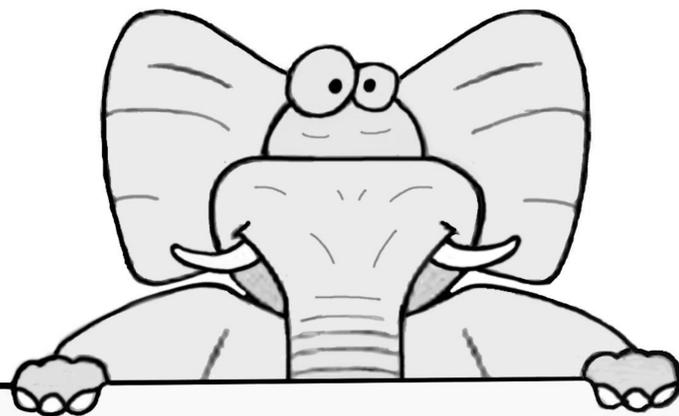
Besides our fire pit s'mores & hot dogs, SOPS have been treated to some awesome wildlife. This past trip to Elma had what is believed to be a Barred Owl, bunnies, song birds and at the local racetrack, miniature horses!



Hosts around the campfire

Our future SOPS activities include our Hood Canal Beach Cabin Seafood Fest at Belfair, WA (July 23) and Stargazer's RV Resort at Goldendale, WA (August 11-14). Numerous field trips are planned for our Stargazer's campout. See our webpage at: (<https://samsofpugetsound.weebly.com>) for upcoming events and activities. Our September outing has been cancelled. We will have our September meeting at the State Rally in Cashmere, WA September 16-18.

We always welcome new members or members from other chapters to join us at our campouts. For details and information, contact our Chapter President: Jim Harden, (360) 870-5530 or jdharden@msn.com.



Remember at the Cashmere Rally we are holding a White Elephant Auction. We ask every Chapter to bring 1 – 3 items to be auctioned off. These items are to be nice items and in good working order. (No junk) Items can also be newly bought. Bring the item wrapped so no one can tell what it is. The wrapped item will then be auctioned off and the winning bidder would then open the item for all to see.

Cheney Good Samers

Submitted by Trudy Weston

Although the number of participants this year has been lower than others, the camping still keeps happening. We were off to Steamboat State Park in April taking advantage of the Off Season State Pass for Seniors, and fees of just \$10.00 per night. While there, some of our group hiked to Lake Lenore Caves on Lake Lenore.

Next we were off to Dent Acres (Corps of Engineers) and their half-price per night for seniors. The water was way down as you can see in the photo.



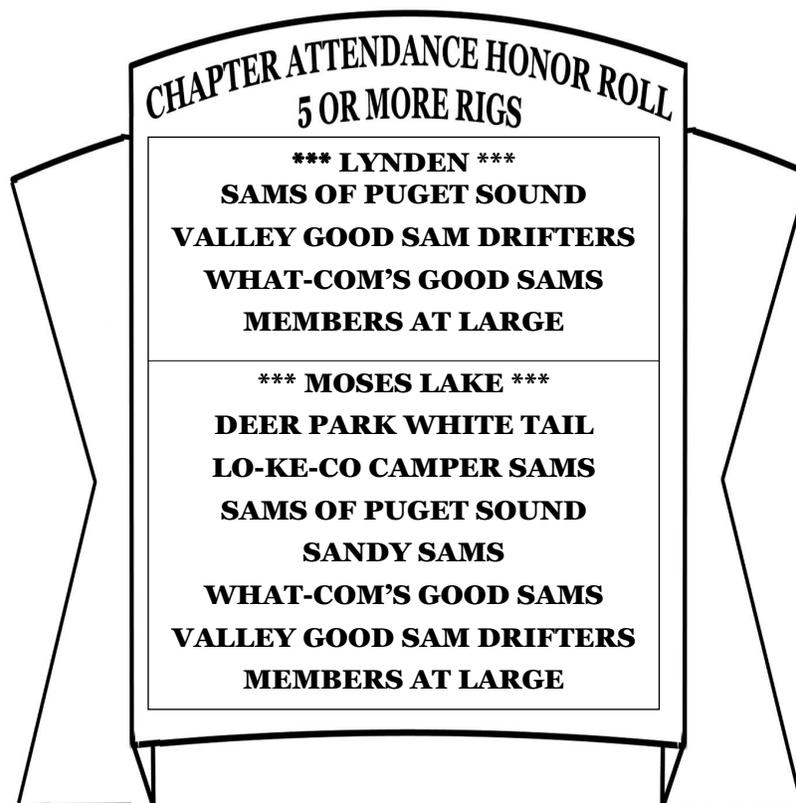
We love any return to Boyer Marina and RV Park (KOA). This year there was a friendly beaver roaming the campground chewing twigs from windfalls. He left us alone and we all left him alone, too. A wonderful new change at Boyer is that all the paths to the Lower Granite viewpoint and grain elevators have been smoothed and repaved. Renting bicycles is less of a bouncy ride; actually more relaxing.

Some of us were then on to Fishhook State Park (Corps of Engineers) near Pasco. Coming from the Spokane area and taking Hwy 395 down to Pasco we always stop at the Country Mercantile Store full of chocolate, more chocolate and lots of other great items.

Several members also stuffed in stays at Lyons Ferry (KOA) and enjoyed the Lyons Ferry Fish Hatchery. In almost all cases reservations for these trips were made months ago, even for Mon-Thurs reservation dates.

For less stressful camping, plan way ahead and snag your spaces early.

Hope to see you out camping.



Volunteer Needed! Have a little time to Give? Support the Washington State Team and chapters! Now's the time to step up and Volunteer!

VOLUNTEER NEEDED FOR WA STATE GOOD SAM SECRETARY



State Secretary Duties: As far as the main duties go, there are two: take the minutes at the 2 State Meetings (at both the President's Meeting and the General Business Meeting) and maintain the Membership Data Base.

Ability to attend all regular and special meetings at the State Rallies, with responsibilities for recording the minutes of the meeting with time and place, how called and authorized, the notice given thereof, the names of those present, reading minutes of the previous meeting and recording roll call.

In cooperation with the Treasurer, maintain records on all members of the State Organization, including Chapter members and State members-at-large using the Membership Data Base.

At the State Rallies the current secretary will instruct you on the use of the Membership Data Base and all other tasks needed for filling this position.

2022 Cashmere Good Sam Rally Agenda



Thursday, Sept. 15

- 8:00 - 5:00 Early Bird Parking
- 10:00 Please help with table and chair set up
- 12:00 Lunch on your own
- 2:30 - 3:30 Registration Table Open
Game sign up, Chapter Raffle Setup
- 3:00 - 4:00 Kleen Tank Seminar (Scot Gureck)
- 5:00 - 6:30 Dinner on Your Own
- 6:30 State Team Meeting
- 7:00 Card Bingo (Ed & Bill) (bring cards)

Friday, Sept. 16

- 7:30 - 9:00 Donuts (Lilac City Sams)
Bring your own Coffee **
- 9:00 - 10:00 WA State Presidents Meeting
- 10:00 - 12:00 Cribbage Tournament (bring boards)
- 10:00 - 12:00 Mexican Train Tournament (Dee)
- 12:00 - 1:30 Lunch on your own
- 1:00 - 2:00 Registration Table Open
- 1:30 - 2:00 First Timers Meeting
- 2:30 - 5:00 Bean Bag Baseball for All (Ed & Bill)
- 5:00 - 6:30 Dinner on Your Own
- 7:00 Opening Flag Ceremony – Military Sams
Announcements
White Elephant Auction (What-Com Sams)
Proceeds go to all three Charities
Entertainment – Surprise Game for All

Saturday, Sept. 17

- 7:30 - 9:00 Donuts (N Kitsap Sams)
Bring your own Coffee **
- 9:30 - 10:30 General Meeting for All
- 10:30 - 12:00 Computer Security Basics (Roy Grinnell)
- 12:00 - 1:00 Lunch on your own
- 1:00 - 3:00 Craft & Flea Market Sale in building
- 1:30 - 3:00 Sudoku Class – Advanced Class
(Learning New Strategies)(Carol Eggleston)
- 3:00 - 5:00 Pinochle Tournament
- 5:00 - 6:30 Dinner on your own
- 7:00 Announcements / Raffles / Donations
Bring your Buttons and raffle tickets
Entertainment "Daybreak Canyon Bluegrass"
(family band)

Sunday, Sept. 18

- 7:30 - 9:00 Donuts (Daffodil Ramblers)
Bring your own Coffee **
- 9:15 Retire the Colors - Military Sams
Memorial, Fellowship (offering)
Door Prizes-bring ticket
(Must be present to win)

****Coffee no longer provided by the state ****

Please follow COVID State safety guidelines.

Stage Decorations by Deer Park White Tail

Lynden May 6-8, 2022

Lynden was the first State Rally of the year. And the weather was not cooperating. But despite or maybe in spite of it, we all had a great time! The theme was true: Happy Days Are Here Again! We actually parked in a different spot and noticed that the fairgrounds, Northwest Washington Fair & Event Center, had additional hook-up sites – power and water - southwest of the Expo Building which came in handy for many of our rigs.

Friday was the official opening of the Rally and we got up early to get our donuts, which by the way are served Friday, Saturday, and Sunday mornings. It is bring-your-own-coffee and allows social time to begin your day. This year, What-Com Sams offered hot dogs and pulled pork for lunch on Friday and Saturday. Wonderful to have a good meal onsite and support their fundraising! Thank you, What-Com Sams!

Display tables were featured and greeted you right as you entered the doors of the Expo Building: Dogs for Better Lives, Skagit Sams raffle opportunity, Ronald McDonald House information table, along with a What-Com Sams raffle and display table. There were other tables – Military Sams and a Silent Auction just to name a few as I'm sure I won't have every table identified as my memory fails.

The games are always well attended, and the list of official winners follows, but everyone who participated is a winner – if you had not participated, we wouldn't have games!

- **Mexican Train:** 1st place: Mary Grinnell, 2nd place: Nelsine Anderson, 3rd place: Charlet Dalbec all from Valley Good Sam Drifters.
- **Cribbage:** 1st place: Carol Eggleston, At Large, 2nd place: Jim Russell, Lo-Ke-Co Camper Sams, 3rd place: Jerry Knudson, Daffodil Ramblers.
- **Pinochle:** 1st place: Nancy Boehm, Sandy Sams, 2nd place: Al Lamoureux, Sounder Sams, 3rd place: Ruth Lamoureux, Sounder Sams
- **Senior Game Challenge:** Women - Bobbye Simons 88, Hood Canal Sams and Men - Dan Humphrey 91, At large
- **Bean Bag Baseball:** The Ducks!

The Friday evening entertainment was provided by an excellent group called “The Rewinders.” And the music was so happy that a Conga Line soon appeared and grew as the music played on... and after that bit of exercise, Good Guy Sams provided ice cream and strawberry treats! Yum!

Saturday evening's entertainment was Tim Kraft's rendition of Frank Sinatra – another evening of great entertainment and dancing.

Donuts served by Roamin' Wheels and the closing ceremony by the Military Sams on Sunday ended our fun-filled time in Lynden. If you would like to see photos of the Rally, visit: [Washington State Good Sam Club - WA State Good Sams - Home \(washingtonstategoodsams.com\)](http://WashingtonStateGoodSams.com) and click on [GALLERY] on the horizontal menu.

Barbara Erickson, Editor



Moses Lake 2022

The Moses Lake state rally was held on May 2, 3, 4 & 5 at the Grant County Fair Grounds. The weather was on the cool side with a mix of sun, clouds and rain. There were 63 rigs, 110 adults, and 39 pets. The numbers were down a little from last year but only by a few rigs. There were games, a craft fair, a couple of vendors and the annual flag retirement ceremony. We had entertainment Thursday, Friday, and Saturday evenings with lots of good music and a little dancing. There were seminars on photography and, of course, Sky Med. There was enough going on to keep most people busy most of the time.

There were two meetings held by Director Dave to discuss the events concerning Good Sam corporate and the Good Sam program. As you know they want to sunset the state/provincial directors' program. At the state team meeting it was decided to continue as we are since we haven't been getting much support from corporate lately anyway and have been pretty much on our own. At the general meeting, the information was presented to the participants with the understanding that they would take the information back to their chapters for discussion and let Dave know the consensus of each chapter so it can be presented at Cashmere for a final vote on how to proceed from there. All of the chapter presidents were sent the information by Dave and it should have been forwarded on to the chapter members.

Game winners are as follows, name only but not their chapters to keep this short for Happy Wheels. Giant Jenga: Cindy Everett, Al Lamoureux, Bobbye Simmons and David Luchini. Cribbage: Steve Raddysh, Dan Humphrey, and Janet Pantoja. Mexican Train: Judy Hudson, Nancy Abbott, and Melody Whitney. Pet Parade: Harlee (Kelly & Sherri Rhoads), Rhody (Holly Byczynski), and Sadee (Phyllis Sievent). Game Challenge: Melody Whitney, Eric Jackson, Karen Blasdel, & Ed Nelson. Pinochle: Paul Boehm, Dan Humphry, & Al Lamoureux. Bean Bag Baseball was won by the Sharks (Ken Kirkland, Peggy Kirkland, Elaine Burr, Carlene Hyson, Al Lamoureux, Jody Mason, Julia Rea, Steve Thurston, & Karen Myers)

The photos of the rally are posted on the State web site so go have a look.

Hope to see you at Cashmere in September.

John West
Photographer.



Photos courtesy of John West



Puzzles courtesy of Sharon Crump, Deer Park White-tail Sams

Driving the Happy Wheels News-bus!

Barbara Erickson, Happy Wheels Editor

The time has come for me to learn to drive the "Boat," as we affectionally call our RV. After an incident in June at Toutle River RV Park as we were visting our Sams of Puget Sound Chapter for the day, Steve is unable to drive for six months. So all the plans we had for being on the road June and July vanished. There was no one to drive.

It was time for me to step up - no more knitting while Steve drove. And now with one drive behind the wheel along SR9 in Lake Stevens behind me, I've "mastered" staying between the lane lines, easy right and left-hand turns and roundabouts! Far more interesting and disconcerting is looking in the side mirrors and seeing the lines of cars patiently following me. There is no where to turn off (safely for me) along this stretch and I wished I had a "Student Driver" sign on the back of the rig.

A roundabout provided me with the opportunity to head back from whence I came and probably to the relief of the drivers behind me! I was feeling guilty about only doing 55, when I'm sure the other cars wanted to go much faster, but the wise words from fellow chapter members popped into my head... reminding me to drive at a speed comfortable for me and not to worry about other drivers. And besides, you have been behind those semi's that strain to go up a hill. We follow patiently behind and I'm actually grateful when they follow their designated speed limits. Saves on fuel too! or so I hear.

So my goal is to be able to deliver Steve, Gloria, Petey the fish, and I to a couple of outings in August. As you read this article, I will have three or four more test drives (including freeway drives) behind me and almost will be on the road. I'd love to say you will be able to witness my driving skills (maybe even backing up) at the Cashmere State Rally; but we will be in Raleigh, NC at a United States Power Squadrons (boating education) Governing Board meeting. The two have resided on the same week for the past two years now, much to my chagrin.

And speaking of Cashmere, I hope you have registered and are ready to vote on what the future of the Chapter will be, volunteer to help, renew friendships and make new friends, and of course have a lot of FUN! There is a tentative agenda posted at the Washington State Good Sam website: <https://www.washingtonstategoodsams.com/>. Take a look at the offerings and if you have not registered, what are you waiting for?

A closer look at the agenda shows there will be a White Elephant Auction organized by What-Com Sams and the "Daybreak Canyon Bluegrass" family band all should be a hoot! I wish we were going to be there.

The schedule for 2023 rallies is also available. Mark your calendars now so you won't miss out on all the fun. And if you have not been at a State Rally, check out the articles about the 2022 Lynden event on page 13 and the Moses Lake 2022 recap on page 14. These will give you a flavor of what happens there and oh, by the way, the Gallery of photographs will also give you an idea of what you are missing! Access the Gallery at: <https://www.washington-stategoodsams.com/gallery.html>.

In the meantime, summer is here and I hope you are enjoying being on the road! The Article Contributors have provided a wealth of information in their articles for this issue. They are finding some wonderful places to go camping and their stories allow us to create lists of various places we should visit. Photos, as always are welcome, and we try to publish as many as space allows.

Until we meet on the road again, Happy Trails and camp safely!



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