



# Happy Wheels

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## From the DIRECTORS...

Dee and I are hoping you are all well and enjoying this new year.

Washington State Good Sams will retain that name as an organization in 2023 and beyond. We hope your Chapter and members will all remain part of our State Good Sams. If your chapter is considering about disbanding, we are asking you to continue at least until after our next State Rally and meeting in Lynden in May.

The State Rallies fees are lowered to \$35 a night and are one day longer with activities starting on Wednesday (former early bird day). The dates are: Lynden - May 3-7, and Cashmere - September 13-17. If you want to come earlier you can register to come on Monday or Tuesday.

As Dee and I informed you before, we already have our entertainment for the Lynden Rally. On Thursday night we have "The Rewinders" who we had at Lynden last year and everyone really enjoyed them. Friday night we will be playing a special game Dee and I watched at the Oregon Rally last year. Saturday we will have the return of "Double Trouble". Mark and Steve entertained us for many years in the past and was a favorite of many members.

Also at Lynden and Cashmere we are planning on having a catered dinner one night, free to our members, as a thank you from our State Organization.

At the Cashmere Rally we have lined up "Heidi and Diane" one night, and another night "Daybreak Canyon Bluegrass", the family band we had last year that everyone loved.

If you have never attended a WA State Rally or if it has been a while since you have, we hope that you will come and enjoy all of our activities. We will soon have the Lynden program agenda and we will then send it to you and post it on our website.

I am very excited for our "Washington State Good Sams" as we will be working on our own as an organization without the National Good Sam Directors program support. We will continue with doing everything we have done in the past and more.

Have a happy and healthy new year. Stay safe.

Dave & Dee Cluett, WA State Good Sams Director

WASHINGTON STATE GOOD SAMS RALLIES IN 2023		
Now is the time to <b>reserve these dates</b> on your camping schedule. The State Rallies are for your enjoyment.		
<p><b>May 3 - 7, 2023</b>  <b>Lynden Good Sams Rally</b>            Theme:  <b>"Springtime Festival"</b>            The year's first Rally for all of our Chapters to get together.</p>	<p><b>At the Rallies</b>            the agenda includes:            Games, Evening Entertainment,            Raffles, Craft Sales,            Many Door Prize Drawings,            And the Membership Meeting.</p>	<p><b>September 13 -17, 2023</b>  <b>Cashmere Good Sams Rally</b>            Theme: "Boldly Go Where No One Has Gone Before"            Gather together again to continue the enjoyment of RVing.</p>

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Since Dogs For Better Lives was founded in 1977 more than 1700 dogs have been placed with people across the Unites States. Originally called Dogs for the Deaf, they expanded to include assistance dogs for a variety of needs. I spoke with them and learned that

DBL has an upcoming fundraiser on Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup> called **Bone Appe’ TREAT** that will be a hybrid event. You can watch in person or online. It will be a dog treat competition featuring 5 competitors who will present their human- grade dog treat recipes. During the hour-long program, viewers can vote for their favorite by making a donation of a dollar or more. There will also be moving stories about the dogs they train and the people they serve. They also mentioned how appreciative they were for all the money that the Good Sam Chapters have donated in the past.

To find out more about this event please type “Dogs for Better Lives” in your browser and click on “News”.

See you in Lynden!

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Hello everyone! Seems like a long time until we all hit the road again and I really miss it.

I hope we are planning to do the auction again soon. It was a lot of fun and a great way to raise money for the charities. With your support, we can serve those who serve our country and sacrifice for our freedom.

Fisher House Mission Statement:

To construct and furnish Fisher Houses, provide assistance, and scholarships to military families & children, and enhance the quality of life for veterans & armed forces members. Thank You,

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**Ronald McDonald Houses of Washington**  
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Greetings from your Ronald McDonald charity representative.

A few facts that I found on their website that I found interesting. There are 380+ house programs, 265+ family room programs and 40+ care mobile programs. These programs are worldwide. In 2021, systemwide, 10 new Ronald McDonald house programs opened, one house program increased sleeping rooms and 10 new family room programs opened.

For every dollar donated 80 cents goes back into the programs. This is based on RMHC 990 financials.

We are proud of the donations that we receive from our chapters to pass onto the Ronald McDonald charities. Keep up the good work fellow campers. Oh and by the way, we will be accepting donations at the next state rally in Lynden.

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**2023 LYNDEN GOOD SAMs RALLY**  
 Theme: "Springtime Festival"  
 Wednesday May 3 - Sunday May 7, 2023  
 Northwest Washington Fair & Event Center  
 1775 Front Street, Lynden, WA.



Is this your first Lynden Good Sams Rally? 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 Please display your handicap sign in the windshield for the Wagonmaster		Chapter(s)	Member at Large <input type="checkbox"/>
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	Wednesday thru Saturday nights	Amount Due	
1 RV and occupants	\$35 x 4 nights = \$140 (US Funds) →	\$	
Circle extra night(s) you plan to attend x \$35 Per Night =		\$	
Monday	Tuesday	Total \$	
<b>Make check payable to: Washington State Good Sams</b> <b>Mail registration and check to: Robin Leaden, WA. State Registrar, 17242 11<sup>th</sup> Ave. NE Shoreline, WA. 98155</b> Refund requests must be emailed to the State Registrar at: <a href="mailto:robinleaden@aim.com">robinleaden@aim.com</a> 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 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 Campout.			
Signature Required _____		Date _____	
For Registrars use only →	Date Received/Check #/Amount Due	Refund Date/ Amt./ Check #	

There will be a complimentary catered Dinner on Thursday. (5 PM)

NOTE: Early bird days are now included in the four day registration fee of \$140.

No RVs will be allowed to enter the Fairgrounds RV Park on Sunday April 30<sup>th</sup> due to prior fairgrounds event.

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

RV parking is from 8AM to 5PM, for exceptions contact the State Wagon Master Ron & Doreen at: 360-224-6183 or email at [doreen50@yahoo.com](mailto: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 EXPO building. Please check your program for registration times.

If you wish to park with friends or your chapter you should arrive together. Power and water are located near 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](mailto:etno1@hotmail.com) cell 206-718-3955

For updated state rally news and other information check the State Website at : [www.washingtonstategoodsams.com](http://www.washingtonstategoodsams.com)



## Washington State Good Sams Sunshine

### Sympathy

Richard Amos - Previous State Director, Good Guy Sams, Section 8

Al Boyett - Tired and Retired Sams and Military Sams

Robert Henkel - previous State Director and Valley Good Sam Drifters

Louise Henkel - Valley Good Sam Drifters

William Hughes - Valley Good Sam Drifters

Iva Metz - Roamin' Wheels, Charter Member

Kermit Shaul - Lilac City Sams

**AND**

### Get Well Wishes for

Pete Acalin, What-Com Sams

John Leaden, Good Guy Sams, Roamin' Wheels, Sams of Puget Sound & Section 8

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



## VOICES OF OUR LOCAL CHAPTERS

### Sandy Sams

Submitted by Phyllis Sievert

HELLO 2023!!!

Hope you all had a safe & sane New Year's celebration!

Our winter months have been a little subdued, compared to our campouts; with monthly dinner meetings instead, but we still have a good social gathering and fun.

October and November we met at Bob's Cafe in Moses Lake.

At Bob's Cafe also in December, but due to the weather, we did not have a quorum for a meeting. So, we entertained ourselves singing a few Christmas carols - laughing through "Jingle Bells".

January we met at the Red Door Cafe for lunch, rather than dinner, due to the unpredictable weather. February & March we will still have dinner meetings.

I think we are all looking forward to the weather warming up... for the snow to melt... and getting the RV's on the road again in Spring. "Til then...Sayonara!!!"

Moses Lake President, Lee Lihou, Phone 509-431-0151.

### Hood Canal Sams

Submitted by Walter Cothran

The camping schedule for Hood Canal Sams in 2023 starts with a joint campout at American Sunset with the Trampler Sams. We will have several such campouts this summer and invite anyone interested to come along. We are always seeking new members so call Walt at 425-890-3612 and we will welcome you.

4/10-13 American Sunset, Westport

5/3-7 State Meeting, Lynden

6/12-15 Elks Club, Bremerton

7/10-13 Navy Facility, Pacific Beach

8/7-9 Hoquiam RV Park, Hoquiam

9/13-17 State Meeting, Cashmere

10/9-13 Hoquiam RV Park, Hoquiam

We hold our monthly meetings at the campout during the summer and at Spencer Lake Grill north of Shelton on the other months.

COME JOIN US FOR CONVERSATION, GAMES, FOOD AND FOOD AND MORE FOOD.

### Good Guy Sams

Submitted by Robin Leaden

Our group got together for a BBQ in early April, and got caught up on each other's news.

Several members have sold or are selling their RVs, for a variety of reasons, so the informal get-togethers are our best way of keeping in touch. We had a great time as usual, and thank the Jensen's for hosting again!

Non-group activities of members have included working, socializing, gardening, socializing, traveling, socializing, remodeling, hanging out with family and friends, and enjoying the coming of spring.

We still don't have any group outings planned, but will see each other at the State Rallies, and will again be serving Ice Cream and Berries at Lynden! We hope to see you all there!

## BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND

Thursdays evening entertainment will be the  
**REWINDERS**



## What-Com Sams

Submitted by Patricia Kazarow

“If Winter comes,  
can Spring be far behind?”



This is the last line of the famous poem “Ode to the West Wind” by prominent British poet Percy Bysshe Shelley (1792-1822). This work was inspired by his witness of this autumnal, destructive force in the wooded areas of Cascine Park, in Florence, Italy to which he had recently moved.

In the poem, he describes the “Wild West Wind” that causes leaves to drop and “wingèd seeds” to be buried until “Thine azure sister of the Spring shall blow.” His optimism regarding the inevitable passing of winter and the appearance of spring is as palpable for him as it is perhaps for all of us as we wait for our camping adventures to begin! Here’s what’s happening in our Chapter...

In January, we begin our non-campout meetings at the Asian Bistro in Ferndale; in February, we will meet at Bob’s Burgers and Brew in Birch Bay; in March we will be at Rustler’s Front Street Grill in Lynden.

In April, we will be “on the road again” traveling to North Whidbey RV Park in Oak Harbor for our much-anticipated start of the camping season. There we will finalize our plans as hosts for the Washington State Rally in Lynden. Our backdrop and table decorations will support this year’s theme “Spring-time Festival.” The menu for the lunch that we will serve Friday and Saturday is a pulled pork sandwich or all-beef hot dog, chips, coleslaw, a cookie and a drink for \$7.00. All proceeds will support our three main charities: Ronald McDonald House, Fisher House and Dogs for Better Lives.

## Lilac City Sams

Submitted by Betty Higley

Winter months bring snow here and we have had lots of snow and some rain. Love the snow, but not the ice.

Our chapter has enjoyed lunches at Darcy’s Restaurant in Spokane Valley along with a short meeting during the non-camping months. December we celebrated the Christmas season with a gift exchange. Fun by all. It is nice to gather with our group and a few couples come from long distances. Gathering together is the important gift we have to each other.

Gift giving took the form of three donations from our Chapter. Donations were sent to Dogs for Better Lives, placed wreaths on the graves of our Military in this area, and donation made to Honor Flight to help send our Military Seniors to Washington D.C.

The girls plan to gather together and have a day of lunch and playing cards. We gather even when it is snowing. However, we look forward to our first campout in 2023.

We lost one of our enthusiastic members in December. Kermit Shaull will be remembered. Valerie talked about Kermit and their families. Kermit and Valerie each had 5 children. He loved camping. He also did many jobs at the senior center. He drove the bus on senior trips. He would encourage Valerie to be the tour director on the trips they took. He was open to people. Kermit touched many lives. We will miss him. Until then...

Photo is from our Paddle boat dinner and 2-hour cruise in August. It is a great photo and wanted to share.

Here’s to camping as Spring isn’t too far away. Blessings to all.



## What-com Sams continued

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 calling or texting to 360-305-2119.

Happy Trails everyone!



## Deer Park White-tail Sams

Submitted by Sharon Crump

So much fun to gather with friends at least once a month. November was a gathering at the Beckels' home. Last gathering without snowbirds. They will flee to the south, while the rest of us will "shelter" in place. Yummy luncheon and lively conversation.

December found us at the Kellys' house. Warmed by hot soups, salads and breads. A fun gift exchange game and I lost the tool kit that I really wanted. More fun when you can "steal" it from someone, not so rewarding when someone "steals" it from you.

January was a lunch at the Pizza Factory in Deer Park. Discussing new events in each others lives and soooo looking forward to our new camping year.

As I reflect over the past year with my camping friends, I recognize that our group is aging and each of us have new adversities in our lives. As we reach out to support and encourage each other, I realize how blessed we are to experience life together. Friendships made and strengthened through a common love for each other and our Savior. The world may be in chaos but we will remain calm and steady because our eyes are focused on what really matters.

May you be blessed this New Year, as you continue to serve one another. Looking forward to seeing you soon. I'm off to visit the Spokane RV Show. Always fun to "window" shop indoors.

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White-tail Sams at the Pizza Factory

View of a sunset from the Crump's house on Deer Lake



## Sams of Puget Sound

Submitted by Diane Julum

It is the start of another camping year; thank goodness! We ended icy December with a Christmas gathering at Puerto Vallarta Restaurant, Puyallup. Where we had a great time and of course the anticipated gift exchange! We all went home with cherished gifts. Our January through March meetings are held at various restaurants.

January we met at Brank's BBQ. We thank outgoing President, Jim Harden and Treasurer, Carolyn Nelson for their leadership this past year. We welcome and thank our new President, Ed Nelson, and Treasurer Bob Kreb for stepping up.

One of the first things we will be doing is getting sweatshirts with our Sams of Puget Sound logo on the back. We all enjoy sitting around the campfire at our outings, but even with the fire pits, it gets chilly. And what better way to sit and enjoy each other's company than to be well dressed!

We would like to introduce you to our newest members - Patricia and Tony & Theresa! They are seasoned RVers, just looking for a group to hang out with! We are thankful they decided to hang out with us!

We are all eager to get back on the road. Fuel prices are coming down, and with that, a flurry of activity to set up our chapter's summer schedule!

Our camping schedule is set:

- April – Olde Stone Village RV Park, McMinnville, OR
- May – Lynden State Rally & Pine Near RV Park
- June – John Wayne's Waterfront Marina
- July – Toutle River RV Park
- August – Midway RV Park
- September – American Sunset RV Park

Check our website: if you would like to join us on a trip or our chapter, please contact Ed Nelson at [bmistymom1@centurylink.net](mailto:bmistymom1@centurylink.net).



## Valley Good Sam Drifters

Submitted by Sheryl Michler

Happy 2023 and happy camping ahead!! We have finished 2022 and are ready for the new year.

Recapping our most recent events, we were happy to join the large number of people at the Auburn Senior Center for their annual Veterans Day luncheon in November. We were inspired as so many of the attendees told us their military branch and the number of years they had served. (As usual, there was a little rivalry between the branches.) The entertainment was enjoyable and one of our members even won a queen sized quilt which was part of the auction.

In December, we celebrated at Nikki's Restaurant in Covington for our annual Christmas gathering. We exchanged holiday wishes, memories of the past years outings, and looked forward to the outings planned for this new year.

Our first outing of 2023 will be in late February/early March at Cape Disappointment.

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](mailto:hartley90@comcast.net) or call 253-631-5100.



## Desert Drifters Sams

Submitted by Renae Koop

Happy New Year!

In just a couple of months, we will begin our 2023 camping season! I, for one, am sure looking forward to it! But in the meantime, we continue to enjoy the company of our group when we meet each month for dinner and a meeting at Shooters Bar in Finley.

Our Christmas meeting/party was a small one with only six couples able to attend. But that didn't stop us from having a good time! There was a Christmas Sweater contest, a Christmas Sock contest, and even a Christmas Hat contest! The winners of each category received a prize specifically for the category. Following the contests, we had a White Elephant gift exchange, which is always a fun time, with plenty of laughs!

We will meet at Shooters again for our January and February meetings, and in March we will resume our camping season with a trip to nearby Wine Country RV Park in Prosser. That trip will be followed by revisiting a couple of places that we enjoyed last year such as Boardman Marina RV Park and Mardon Resort. Also on our schedule this year are a few spots that our group has enjoyed in past seasons, such as Wildhorse in Pendleton, Blue Valley Park in Walla Walla as well as Star Gazer RV Park in Goldendale, where we are planning to have a joint campout with the Sam's of Puget Sound group. This could be a fun way to get to know other campers and make new friends!

A couple of new places on our schedule this year, that are still pretty close to the Tri-Cities are the Tucannon River RV Park out of Dayton, and Vantage Riverstone in Vantage, WA.

The 2023 camping season looks to be filled with some fun times, fun locations, and great friends! Our hopes for everyone are safe traveling and good weather too!

## Fort Vancouver Sams

Submitted by Jim Rochel

I have a question for you. If something ever happened to Washington D.C., where would the U.S. capital be moved to? The answer is, Port Angeles, Washington as designated by Abraham Lincoln (All-American Stumpers in The Bathroom Trivia Book). I just thought that you would like to know.

We are all discussing, sometimes to great lengths, what to do about the fact that Good Sams National is abandoning the chapters. We all need to make that decision by November 11, 2022. I am not reporting about any decision made by Fort Vancouver Good Sams as that needs to be announced by our Chapter President. It has been a difficult decision for us to make. However, we have not let that decision interfere with our campouts over the past quarter nor have we allowed it to hinder our fun.

Our 2022 camping season has been interesting and fun in this past quarter with trips to North Whidby RV Park on Whidby Island, Washington in July, Cape Kiwanda RV Park at Pacific City, Oregon and Stargazed RV Park in Goldendale, Washington.

At the North Whidby Island campout chapter members took the ferry to Friday Harbor, Washington, visited the Naval Air Museum in Oak Harbor and visited restaurants in Anacortes, Washington. Gasoline at the Indian Casino in Anacortes was a \$1.00 a gallon cheaper than here at home.

Our visit to Cape Kiwanda, a little off the beaten track, was fun with walks on the beach and enjoying some great weather and a few side trips. Everything was a little on the expensive side though.

Stargazed RV Park was great. We visited the Washington State Parks Observatory near town on a clear starry night and learned a great deal about the heavens. Some also visited the Maryhill Museum and Stone Henge. Goldendale was far less expensive than Cape Kiwanda.

For information about Fort Vancouver Good Sams contact Debbie Moon, Chapter President, at 770-365-2941 or debinusa@aol.com.

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Article was intended for the November issue, but was inadvertently omitted. Apologies to Fort Vancouver!

## Cariboo Trail Good Sams

Submitted by Bob Chiles

Not much RVing going on in Okanogan County! Started off with a huge snowstorm in mid-November (unusual) and several more storms that currently left substantial snow on roof tops, yards, etc. Between the snow, cold and rain, Okanoganites are experiencing a winter we haven't had in quite a while.

On the good side, club members Ed and Diana Parker once again hosted a holiday gathering at their home. Lots of delicious food, interesting conversations and a fun and pleasant time.


We have started our monthly winter meetings which consists of dinner and club meeting involving club business and discussion on our 2023 camp outs.

Not long ago, we welcomed new members Ron and Karen Laymance to our club. They like to RV and will be fun and active members.

Looking forward to Spring, with the melting of snow, and some warm and sunny weather.

Wishing all Good Sams families a happy and healthy 2023. Be particularly careful of the remaining winter months with the cold and increased sickness that happens at this time of year.

Take care!



**LYNDEN RALLY  
COMPLIMENTARY CATERED DINNER  
THURSDAY MAY 4, 5:00 PM**

This year's Rally will include a **free catered dinner** so it is very important to send in the registration early **for an accurate count** of members attending the dinner.

## Roamin Wheels

Submitted by Nadine Dawson

Here we are beginning the New Year, 2023. We are definitely continuing our chapter and hoping we have an even better year than 2022.

Last year, camping was a bit difficult with all the smoke from wildfires especially the Bolt Creek fire. That fire played a big part in making our travels to Eastern Washington difficult. Many of us simply cannot breathe in the smoke, so we diverted our trips to places with better air quality. Those of us that went on our outings enjoyed ourselves.

Many members of our chapter were limited on the outings they could attend due to home remodeling, RV troubles, family obligations, other once in a lifetime trips, a few recoverable health issues and some that didn't want to travel too far from home with the extraordinarily high fuel prices. It appears the fuel prices are coming down, so hopefully all of our chapter's outings will have better attendance. I really have a good feeling about 2023!

We are working on a fantastic camping agenda for 2023.

As you know from the last Happy Wheels, Iva Metz, wife of Homer Metz a former Good Sam Director, was ill and needing Get Well Wishes. That Happy Wheels was barely published before Iva passed away. She died November 5, 2022, at the age of 98. She had a full life and was rarely sick. She was proud to not had to take any medicines until just before she passed away. She and Homer were the founding couple of Roamin' Wheels. She treated our chapter as her child. She is survived by two sons, one granddaughter and I believe, two great grandkids. She is leaving a large hole in our chapter; she will be missed. RIP!

If you are looking for a chapter to join, contact Nadine Dawson at 425.478.1614.

## Cheney Good Samers

Submitted by Trudy Weston

We enjoyed a wonderful holiday lunch at the Spangle Harvester that closed out our 2022 year.

Although camping opportunities have been nonexistent for November and December, we are just one reservation away from having our entire 2023 season booked.

Some of our future sites include Peach Beach RV Park, Beverly Beach State Park (OR), Osoyoos [RV Resort] Park, Chief Timothy State Park, Steamboat Rock State Park, Maryhill State Park, Lyons Ferry KOA, Sun Lakes Park Resort, Boyer Ferry Marina and more.

Anyone interested in joining our group please contact President Nancy Curry at: [currynancyj@gmail.com](mailto:currynancyj@gmail.com). After joining the Chapter you will be presented with an edoc or snail mail of our season schedule.

Come join us. A camping we shall go...

### DEE AND I ARE IN OUR FOURTH YEAR AS DIRECTORS AND WE ARE ASKING FOR NOMINATIONS FOR A VOLUNTEER TO REPLACE US AT THE END OF THIS YEAR.



The new Director/President will serve a two year term (2024-2025).

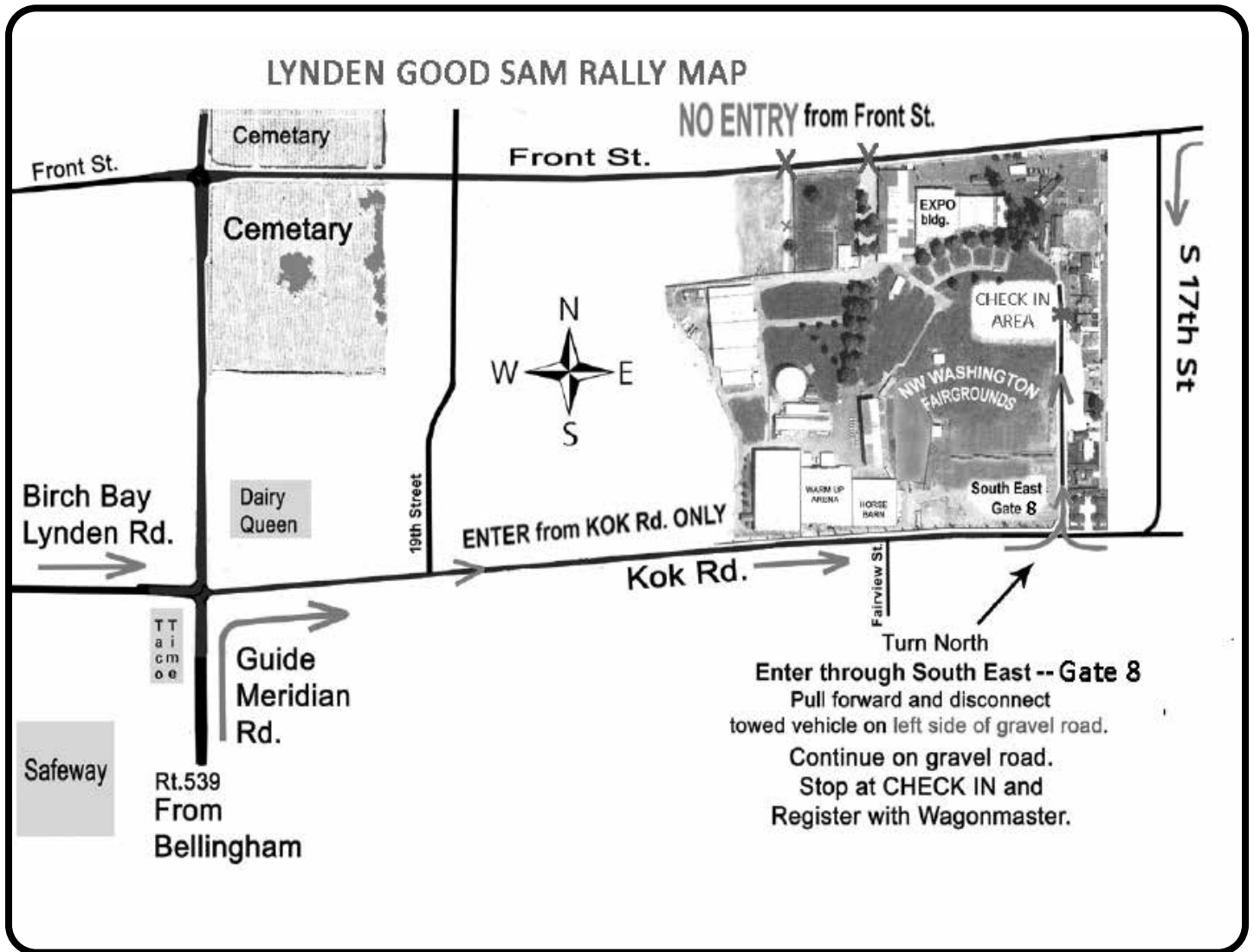
2023 will usher in a new era of the Washington State Good Sams as we are no longer under the management of the National Good Sam Club Support.

With this transition over, the duties of Director/President will be a much easier and less chaotic job. I now look forward to this year's activities.

Chapters, please consider nominating a fellow member for the position of Director/President for the vote conducted at the Cashmere Rally.

I will transfer all digital files, paper files, materials and supplies to perform the duties. I will instruct and help the incoming Director/President on the use of these files from the time of the Cashmere Rally election to the new year or as needed.





## REGISTRATION INFORMATION

The Registrar, and the Wagonmaster are asking you to help us by registering at least **two weeks** early prior to each Rally. Please fill out your registration and send it to, Robin Leaden, 7242 11th Ave NE, Shoreline, WA 98155.

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](http://washingtonstategoodsams.com).

This year's Rallies will include a **free catered dinner** so it is very important to send in the registration **for an accurate count** of members attending the dinner.

If you missed the Rallies last year you missed out of all the good fun we had. 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 will have.







## LYNDEN RALLY PRESIDENTS MEETING INFORMATION

At the Presidents meeting we will be voting on accepting the new Bylaws. Once they are approved we will then make a few corrections to and update the "Certificate of Incorporation" issued to our WA State Good Sams Club organization in 1986 by the WA Secretary of State.

If you have any other items to discuss please email me a heads up so I can research it.

The meeting will be at the Peoples Place building  
Friday morning 9 - 10AM



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batteries	M E M O R I E S F M W E P J B T S N C G H	mosquitoes
cabin	D O X P O S Q L M U R I C Z T A K A Y A K	mountains
campfire	I C S J B C H O L T A G M E P N C T W F O	nature
campsite	F A Y Q E X C M T E C V R M O D I U S L G	outdoor cooking
canoeing	Z M O H U K J A A W P I F G I L T R M A E	raccoon
chipmunk	U P N Y G I M Q R L E E X C V N S E B S N	reservation
compass	D S K O F R T B W S L K R A J M G G Z H O	roasting sticks
flashlight	N I G N I K O O C R O O D T U O N P M L I	s'mores
hammock	A T V A H T U J E G X B W F C I I Q D I T	sleeping bag
hiking	L E F C D Y A R H S N M Z U P E T K O G A	summer
insect repellent	S B O S W M I V T R A I L E R Q S J E H C	swimming
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kayak	K N U M P I H C J E Q L A O K W O T I B V	trailer
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# Oregon and Idaho Rallies Invitation

## From Director Dave and Dee

Oregon's dates are June 7-11 at  
Polk county Fairgrounds  
Rickreall, Oregon



Idaho's dates are June 13-18 at  
Elmore County Fairgrounds  
Glenns Ferry, Idaho



Dee and I are planning to attend the Oregon Rally and then travel to the Idaho Rally. We will leave Oregon on the 11<sup>th</sup> and travel to Wild Horse Casino in Pendleton for one night and then travel to Idaho's Rally in Glenns Ferry.



Attend Oregon's Rally  
and take part in the Marriage  
Vow Renewal Celebration.



Idaho's  
Famous Dutch Oven Cookoff  
Come to the Rally and taste all  
the dishes for just \$2.00.

Dee and I attended Oregon's Rallies the past two years and it has been four years since we attended an Idaho Rally. We always have fun at their Rallies and are looking forward to this years Rallies.

# Driving the Happy Wheels News-bus!

Barbara Erickson, Happy Wheels Editor

Here it is the start of a new year and if you are like me, you are ready for the camping season to begin. We are not as brave as some campers who will camp during the winter. However, we may just take our first trip, our shakedown cruise if you will, in March with our real camping beginning in April. Nothing has been booked yet. I know RV Parks are filling up, so we need to be intentional about making reservations.

I am happy to see the Washington State Good Sams Club will continue to hold its State Campouts! Looking forward to heading to Lynden for the Spring campout – Wednesday through Sunday, May 3 – 7 are the official days. One day longer since we no longer have the Moses Lake campout. We like to go early; will you be there? Fill out the registration form in this issue and send it to our new Treasurer, Robin Leaden. See page 2 for her contact information.

Director Dave and Dee have another great event planned out. It looks like a great time if you are reading this issue of Happy Wheels from cover to cover. Going a bit early gives us an opportunity to visit Edaleen Dairy Store for great ice cream treats and not miss any of the scheduled events! A catered meal and the serving of strawberries and ice cream by Good Guy Sams are something to look forward to.

While I did mention our new Treasurer, Robin, I should also mention we have a new Secretary and a new Sound System person. Mary Grinnell and Roy Grinnell respectively. I thank all three of you for stepping up into these leadership roles.

This seems to be a challenging time for all of us. Volunteers stepping up in all organizations seems to be on the “tough to do list” and with chapters deciding whether to remain a part of this organization or open a new, but different chapter of their lives. No matter what is decided, I think the thing one misses most is the camaraderie. Friendships hold us together.

So I hope to see you all at the Lynden Campout. We missed the Cashmere campout last year and I’m so looking forward to seeing y’all again. So don’t hesitate. Go fill out the registration form and mail it along with your check to make that reservation.



**Reminder:** We will be collecting non-perishable items for the local food bank at the Rally. While you are preparing for your trip please consider purchasing a few extra items to donate. It will make a difference to needy families. Thank you.

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