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From the DIRECTORS...

Welcome to spring. At least that's what the calendar indicates. I hope you are all getting those rigs ready for camping season. Doesn't it seem like it has been a long time since we have sat outside our rigs with the fire pit burning? We have a fire pit on our deck and have had it going a few times this winter, but let's face it – the winter was brutal and long, way too much snow on this side of the mountains.

Now we are on to sunshine, flowers, and Lynden and Moses Lake. I hope you will join us at both of these State functions. Lynden is important as that is the first Presidents' Meeting of the year and the first State meeting. Moses Lake is always fun, seminars, vendors, classes and games. One new game this year – Giant Jenga! Dick and I saw this played last year someplace in the Cashmere area. It was a very fun time. Grab your chapter members and make both of these state events a destination. It takes all of us supporting our state events to make them successful.

The programs for Lynden and Moses Lake are on the website. Moses Lake is subject to possible changes but I know you all like to have an idea of what is happening at the events as soon as possible. It has been difficult to get vendors to come to Moses Lake. We really need to support them. Even though there is no charge to them to participate it still costs them to come to the event.

Please consider a skit for your chapter in Moses Lake and also participate in the talent show at Cashmere. I need to know if you or your chapter is going to be a part of this entertainment and we make sure to get you on the program and that our MC will be prepared. COME ON – JOIN US!

Please join Dick and I in our last year as your State Directors. Let's all make this year one to remember. But we really do need you to make that happen.

Donna & Dick

UPCOMING STATE EVENTS:

JUNE 6 - 9 2019 WA STATE RALLY: "SOMEWHERE OVER THE RAINBOW"

SEPTEMBER 13 - 15 2019 CASHMERE FALL MEETING: "APPLE CIDER TIME"

(EARLY BIRD DATES NOT INCLUDED IN ABOVE DATES)

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Providing Assistance Dogs Since 1977

Dogs for Better Lives had an exciting event happen at the end of the year. Nine lab puppies were born on the 16th of December. They were located in DBL whelping room where they were nurtured by their mom, Charm. At eight weeks, the puppies were placed with volunteer foster families. During their first year, the puppies are regularly brought back to the facility to have classes and basic training. At one year old, they will be assigned to one of the certified dog trainers. They will spend the next 4 to 6 months undergoing extensive training. It can take up to 2 years from birth for Autism Assistance Dogs to be placed with a client. Three Autism Assistance

Dogs were placed this fiscal year. Six children are currently on the waiting list. Autism dogs are now being placed in the state of Washington. It will be interesting to watch the puppies progress. One young lady from the Central Point area, fostered a dog for her senior project. DBL still goes to the shelters to rescue dogs. No dog is ever returned to the pound. There is some short video's on their web site about some of their clients and dogs. One of these is Snow's story. The link is <https://vimeo.com/298054606>.

A big thank you to Fort Good Sams for their donation. Your donations help to make this possible. Thank You!

Another season of camping has started. Please travel safely. We will be anxious to see all of you once again. Happy Tails!

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Both the Puget Sound VA Fisher House and the JBL Fisher house send their Thanks and appreciation for all your efforts.

In case you do not receive a Thank You for a cash donation, the Thank You may come to me. Anytime cash is donated, I write a personal check to Fisher House. Sometimes even when I put a sticky note on the check with the address for the chapter who donated the cash, the volunteers still send the Thank You to me. I guarantee Fisher House received the

money.

If you want to send your donations directly to the Houses, that is great, but please let Diana Supler-Varner know so your chapter receives credit in the yearly report.

Hope you all have a wonderful time in Lynden. Look forward to seeing you in June at Moses Lake!

Diana Supler-Varner

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Ronald McDonald Houses of Washington
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HI, Kathy West here. I am the new Ronald McDonald House representative for the Washington State Good Sam staff.

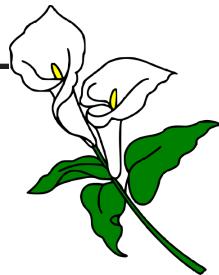
I would like to thank everyone for their donations in the past to the Ronald McDonald Houses of Washington. Please continue to bring blankets, afghans, hats, etc. as well as your pennies and pull tabs. There will be wish lists for the Seattle and Spokane houses at the state rallies so you can see what they are in need of. If you would like to donate any of the items, we will see that they get to the appropriate houses. Please include your chapter information with your donation so we can be sure that it gets to the appropriate house. The Seattle house has a link on Amazon that will let you purchase your items and Amazon will ship those items to the house. You can also use Amazon Smile for both Seattle and Spokane. Hope to see you at the rallies.

Wish List of items for the Spokane and Seattle houses can be found on Page 5.

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Washington State Good Sams Sunshine

Sunshine - Jean Little

Sympathy

Janice Burger - Golden Campers

Willie (Fay) Stoneburner - Daffodil Rambler

George "Doc" Yochum - Blue Mountain Sams

Stephanie Brown - South Sound Sams

Don Burrows - Good Sam Sneakers

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Ronald McDonald Houses of Washington

Spokane House Wish List

Food Items

Masa flour, Canned food items, Snack size bags of cookies, Individual snack size bags of chips, Individual snack size bags of gold fish, Granola bars, Snack bags of peanuts and trail mix.

Kitchen Items

Garbage bags (tall kitchen with drawstrings), Dishwasher detergent pods, Gallon Ziploc bags.

Household Items

Lysol spray disinfectant, Pledge furniture polish, Windex, Individual antibacterial liquid hand soap.

Miscellaneous Items

Toys / activities for older children and teenagers, Basketballs, soccer balls, volleyballs, and outdoor toys, Lego sets.

Seattle House Wish List

Our ongoing House Wish List is below, or you can [buy an item through our Amazon House Wish List and have it sent directly to the House.](#)

Pantry Goods

For food donations, please follow these guidelines:

All donations must be new products directly from a store to give us the longest possible time to use them.

Please do not donate any food that is near or beyond its expiration date — we cannot use it and it will be thrown away. All items must be 16oz or less in size. We cannot accept home-canned goods.

Canned fruit: peaches, pears, pineapple, fruit cocktail, mandarin oranges

Canned meats: chicken, beef, salmon, SPAM

Canned pasta (Chef Boyardee, SpaghettiOs)

Boxed rice and meal helpers (Pasta Roni, Hamburger Helper, Rice Roni)

Canned non-condensed soups (Progresso style)

Canned chili (all varieties)

Pasta sauce: alfredo and marinara (14.5 oz. cans)

Snacks: granola/snack bars, fruit cups, fruit snacks/leathers, apple sauce pouches, trail and nut mixes, crackers, cookies, chips, microwave popcorn, dried fruit, jerky

Toiletries: full and travel sizes of shampoo, conditioner, body wash, shaving cream, razors, toothbrushes (adult and child), toothpaste (adult and child), floss, feminine care products, deodorant

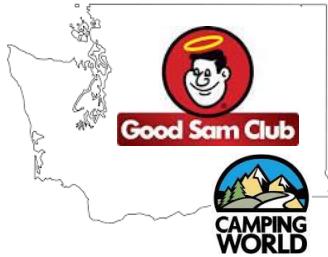
Baby supplies: diapers of all sizes (especially larger sizes), wipes, formula, baby food.

House Supplies

Paper towels, Toilet paper, Facial tissue, Disinfecting wipes, Lysol spray, Tilex spray, Liquid dishwasher detergent, Liquid HE dye-free/fragrance free laundry soap, Dish wash soap, Magic erasers, Ziploc bags, Saran wrap, Aluminum foil

Items for Guests

Tickets to local events and attractions, coffee or grocery gift cards, movie passes, new or gently used DVD's



"Somewhere Over the Rainbow"

WASHINGTON STATE RALLY in Moses Lake, WA

Thursday, June 6th – Sunday, June 9th, 2019

Grant County Fairgrounds, 3953 Airway Dr. NE

Is this your first Moses Lake Campout?

Yes

Last Name	First Name(s)		
Address	City	State/Zip	Phone #
Email	Want Confirmation <input type="checkbox"/>	Chapter(s)	Member At Large <input type="checkbox"/>

Do you need handicap parking? Yes

This is First Come, First Served. Please display your Handicap sign in the windshield for the Wagon Master.

Registration Fee Covers Thurs. Fri & Sat Nights		Amount Due	# Extra People _____
1 Rig/ 2 Persons	\$105.00 (US funds)	\$	# Pets _____
1 Rig/ 1 Person	\$93.00 (US funds)	\$	
Extra Person	\$10/person (US funds)	\$	<u>Daily walk-on rate is \$35.00 per couple (for those not camping).</u>
Circle Extra Night(s) You Plan to Attend = \$35.00 per night		\$	
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Total \$

Are you a vendor?

Business Name and Product _____

Make check payable to: Washington State Good Sam Club

Mail 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 US mail no later than 5 days from the start of the event.

Date Rec./Check #/Amount Due?	Refund Date/Amt/Check #
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I/we understand the Washington State Good Sam organization has taken reasonable safety precautions and I/we accept full responsibility for the welfare of our unit and all persons in our unit while attending the Washington State campout.

Signature _____ Date _____

*Check the state website at www.washingtonstategoodsams.com for updated event news.
RV parking 8:00~5:00, for exceptions contact the Wagon Master Ron & Doreen Adams at
360.224.6183 or email at doreen50@yahoo.com.*

Signature is required at the check-in gate when you arrive. You must also register inside the event building. Please check your program for registration times.

If you wish to park with friends you must arrive together.
Water and power are included at your site.

For other questions call the State Director, Donna (Richard) Amos at 425.344.4916
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Donations for the local food bank will be collected at this event.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT

"SOMEWHERE OVER THE RAINBOW"

JUNE 6 - 9 AT MOSES LAKE

PROGRAM PREVIEW Subject to updates, always check the website:

<https://www.washingtonstategoodsams.com/events.html>

Wednesday, June 5, 2019

- 8:00–5:00 Early Bird Parking
Vendor setup
2:30–3:30 Registration open / Good Sam Store setup
5:00 State team Meeting
7:00 Card Bingo-Deer Park White Tail-Bring cards

Thursday, June 6, 2019

- 7:00 Donuts & coffee BYOC
9–11:00 Registration & Good Sam Store Open
Chapter raffle setup
10-11:00 Safe on-line banking **Banner Bank**
11:00 1st Timers meeting
11-12 Cribbage Class Bob & Roxie
1-2:00 RV servicing tips **Basin RV repair**
1-3:00 Registration & Good Sam Store Open
2-4:00 Giant Jenga game - covered area
4:00 Dinner On Your Own
6:45 Line up For Flag Ceremony
7:00 Opening Ceremonies
Parade of Flags
Announcements
Diane & Company

Friday, June 7, 2019

- 7-9:00 Breakfast 3 Rivers Sams \$6.00 BYOS
9-11 Registration & Good Sam Store Open
9:00 Pet Parade: *Most Unusual, Best Costume, and Best Behaved*
10-11:30 Cribbage
10-2:00 Chair/table massage
11-12:30 Travelling with guns – new rules Reg Clarke
12:30-2:30 Dance lessons – line and COUPLES
2:30-4:30 Bean Bag Baseball-Chapters & At Large team
4:30- Remote Control Cars (outside 4H bldg)

5:00 Dinner on your own

7:00 Announcements

7:30 Chapter Skits

Followed by **3 Cords & A Cloud of Dust**

Saturday, June 8, 2019

- 7-9:00 Breakfast 3 Rivers Sams \$6.00 BYOS
10-11 Good Sam Store
10-11:30 Flag Retirement **Military Sams**
Rotary Plaza (Big Flag Pole)
Bring your old flags and a chair to watch
11-1 Card making class \$10/3 cards Marge Mount
11-2 Craft / Flea Market Sale 4H Bldg. & Sidewalk
12-2 Pinochle (bring cards)
2:30-3:30 GeoCaching
3:30-4:30 Dogs for Better Lives - Michelle
4:30 Awards, Raffles, and charity donations
Bring your buttons
5:30 Dinner on your own
7:30 Announcements
Denim & Diamonds Ball
Featuring **The 509's**

Sunday, June 9, 2019

- 7:30-9 Coffee & Donuts BYOC
9:15 Sunday Service/
Retire Colors / Door Prizes
Must be present to win

*Food will be available for purchase on Thursday, 7am-6pm & Friday and Saturday after breakfast, outside at the blue vendor booth.

*Thanks to Deer Park White Tails for the stage decorations.

*Be sure to visit the **Vintage Trailers**.

***Wine tasting** will be available on Friday, 4:00-6:00. **Camas Cove Winery** in Moses Lake will be providing the tasting.

CHAPTER SUBMISSIONS (See Page #16 for more information)

THIS PORTION OF THE HAPPY WHEELS NEWSLETTER IS THE VOICE OF OUR LOCAL CHAPTERS. WHETHER IT'S A FUNNY ANECDOTE OR SENTIMENTAL REMEMBRANCE, WE'D LIKE TO HEAR YOUR STORY. KEEP YOUR STORY BRIEF, - **UP TO 300 WORDS.** CHAPTER MATERIAL SUBMITTED FOR PUBLICATION IS SUBJECT TO EDITING FOR TIMELINESS, SPACE, AND/OR CONTENT. IT IS NOT OUR INTENTION TO SIGNIFICANTLY CHANGE YOUR MATERIAL. MISTAKES ARE ACCIDENTAL AND FREE!

Three Rivers Sams

Submitted by Delphine Palmer

After a record setting snowfall, we had to cancel our February luncheon at the Clover Island Inn and reschedule our first campout until late March. Finally, Spring sprung, and we held our campout at the lovely Sun Desert RV Park in Othello, WA. Although it was cold, and the lake was frozen it didn't stop our Chapter from having a great time. This resort is among our top favorites because of the lovely grounds, large clubhouse with full kitchen and Barbara, the wonderful Park Hostess!

Naturally the Chapter played lots of games, enjoyed watching the deer and other wildlife visiting the park. Barbara also arranged for a flock of Sandhill Cranes to fly over the park for our viewing pleasure. (I said she is a great Hostess!) We had our normal potluck meals that not only fed our 17 attendees but could easily feed the entire Seahawks team if they had come to visit! Since the team could not make it, the Chapter decided to extend an invitation to all the RVers staying at the Sun Desert Park to join us for our potluck. We had a great time and met a lot of interesting RVers from around the state. We have already decided to make the Sun Desert an annual destination.

Good Guy Sams

Submitted by Barbara Smith

Hello All,

Getting close to camping time and we are so glad to get out and about again.

We will be heading to Lynden in three weeks and are hoping to see many of you there.

We had an outing to Bertelsen Winery in Mt Vernon and what a great time we had. They gave us a private room and treated us to great service and friendly staff and of course the best wine ever. A woman makes homemade chocolates and delivers to the winery, they are delicious. There is a variety of items to munch on while tasting. We will be going back to this wonderful place. After tasting we all went over to the Conway tavern for dinner before going home.

We also had an outing in March to the Rhodes River Ranch in Oso for lunch. Drive on a few miles further and see the memorial for the Oso Landslide. It's worth the short drive.

We have our monthly meetings and lunch in Marysville and that is coming up next week again.

Wishing all of you safe and happy camping this summer and hope to see you along the way.

South Kitsap Soggy Sam's

Submitted by Bill Deckman

The South Kitsap Soggy Sam's have camp outs scheduled for March, April, May, June, August and September.

We camped at Hoquiam RV Park in Hoquiam during March. Some campers traveled to the ocean to dig clams, while others drove to the Westport Winery to sample some very good wine. All reported a good time. Saturday night we enjoyed a wonderful potluck and played a rousing game of card bingo. Sunday morning the hosts provided a very tasty breakfast of eggs, pancakes, and bacon.

Scheduled outings:

- April: John Wayne RV Park in Sequim, WA
- May: Timberlake Campground in Stevenson, WA
- June: Cove RV Park & Country Store in Brinnon, WA
- August: American Sunset RV Park in West Port, WA
- September: Eagle Tree in Poulsbo, WA

Director Donna asks:

Not a Chapter member?

Don't miss out on the fun. Come to Lynden, Moses Lake, or Cashmere as a Member-at-Large.

Roamin' Wheel Sams

Submitted by Iva Metz

I think most of us are ready for spring, January was spring-like, February was winter, snow, after snow, and then another snow. CRAZY!!! We did get in some interesting tours in between the changes of weather.

January – The tour of the Flying Heritage & Combat Armor Museum at Payne Field (This was a collection of Paul Allen's love of WW II Planes and Tanks). The Docent lead tour of the facility was very informative and interesting. He knew all of the planes, what country they were from, where they found some of them, and how they had to find missing parts to be able to get many of them in flying condition again.

February – With all the snow, our luncheon meeting was cancelled. Later another tour was set up at the Seattle Times Paper facility, which has been in business for 122 years and owned by the same family for five generations. They paper they use is from three mills in Washington, and they keep a month's supply of paper on hand all the time.

March – We toured the Cedar Hill Landfill near Maple Valley. The landfill consists of 920 acres, it was started in the mid 60's. The process is to dig a very large deep hole, line it with plastic, which is 1-2" thick. After the trash is dumped it is covered with dirt and gravel. This process continues until it reaches 800 feet. Then another hole is dug, and the process continues. They operate seven days a week. Hole #8 is almost finished, so #9 will be starting soon. Pipes are inserted to drain of any water collection. Methane gas forms and is collected, cleaned to be used for other purposes. Surprisingly there was no smell from the landfill.

Have a great camping summer.

Sounder Sams

Silverdale

Submitted by Gitta Brown

Now that Spring finally sprung in all its glory, it's time to head to the drugstore for allergy meds and hose off all that yellow stuff from our vehicles!

As every winter, Sounder Sams split up into two groups – the hearty tough-it-outs, and the get-the-heck-outta-here snowbirds, escaping to sunny Arizona to become the Sounder Sams South group. Some members stay as long as 5 months. But during the first 3 months of the year, temperatures did at times drop down into the 60s, and even 40s at night.

Needless to say, none of the snowbound tough guys felt sorry for the poor snowbirds, who left propane fire pits and warm clothes at home, believing there would be no need for it. Instead, they sent them photos of their homes buried in snow, just to make sure that the "Southerners" know what fun they're missing out on in the lovely, albeit frigid North!

Some of us had to extend our stay down South several times, waiting for Oregon Passes to be clear of snow and ice, and California floods to recede. But it was finally good to be home again, and catching up on local events with slowly defrosting stay-at-home group members. Despite being a skeleton crew and to not break with tradition, they met up once a month for dinner at a cozy restaurant, even adding a White Elephant gift exchange.

We look forward to another summer of fun outings that will take us to Ocean Shores for the Sandsations Festival, Sequim at the Bay, and Octoberfest in Leavenworth, Hayride and all. And as always, our profound thank you's to our hosts, who take the time to scout out places and events for all of us to enjoy.

South Sound Sams

Submitted by Jan Wyman

Happy spring to you all. It has been a fierce and interesting winter. Now flowers are blooming so all is well.

Our October 2018 campout at Kenanna RV Park in Grayland was so much fun. The weather was great, and we explored the coastal area, the cranberry bogs, and the Cranberry Museum was very interesting. Dinner was an Instant Pot party with Bob Legg and Donna Gbler preparing delicious pulled pork. Thanksgiving campout was at American Sunset RV Park in Westport. It was unanimously voted to donate shoes to the McKenna Nursing Home (\$200), \$250 to Safe Place (an emergency and confidential shelter), and \$250 to Northwest Battle Buddies (a nonprofit organization to train dogs for disabled veterans and veterans with PTSD).

We had our Christmas meeting at the River's Edge Restaurant in Tumwater. Bob Legg found that the McKenna Nursing Home had closed, so the shoes and socks were donated to the Olympia Transitional and Rehabilitation Nursing Home on Lily Road. In addition to the \$200 we donated for the shoes, Wal Mart in Yelm, donated \$200 in gift cards to purchase shoes for the Nursing Home.

Our January 2019 meeting was at Hawks Prairie Restaurant. Our February 2019 meeting was on a beautiful day at Judy's Country Kitchen where Wagon Master, Bob Schroeder, discussed our exciting plans for 2019 campouts. Again, in March 2019, we camped at American Sunset RV Park in Westport. We had beautiful weather which made outdoor activities, such as visiting the beach, a good time. Of course, food was delicious, and puzzles and games were fun.

On a sad note, our dear member, Stephanie Brown, passed away last winter. We miss her. Our thoughts and prayers are with Ernie.

Canyon Sams

Submitted by Terry Stadshaug

We just returned from our first outing of 2019. Columbia Sun RV Park in Kennewick was a wonderful spot for us. We had 17 rigs and 29 members present, as well as two guests. The Holscher's hosted this outing and had a nice schedule of events for us to choose from. Thursday was "on your own" although quite a few went to the Bonefish Grill. Friday most of us went to the "Reach Museum" in Richland. A beautiful, interesting and really well- done museum. At 4 p.m. at the park, our hosts had a video presentation of their East Coast Adventure "12,000 miles/4 months/ Lots of Fun". That evening we had a group dinner at Ice Harbor Brewing Co. What a fun and busy day! Saturday while many went on the Hanford Reactor B Tour, others went to the Country Mercantile, the Columbia Center Mall or other spots around the Tri-City area. We had our potluck on Saturday evening in the clubhouse and had a business meeting afterward.

Our next outing begins in late May. We go to Spokane RV Park at Deer Park for 3 nights, continue on to the Nugget RV Park in St. Regis Mt. for 3 nights and then circle back through Spokane and Moses Lake on the way home. Some may attend the rally at Moses Lake. Following that is our outing June 27th to Old Stone Village in McMinnville Or. On the schedule also are Boardman Marina & RV Park in July, North Whidbey and Silverline at Winthrop in August, Lakeshore RV Park at Lake Chelan in Sept and Whispering Pines at Cle Elum in October. Then we will settle into luncheons through the winter but we sure enjoy our camping outings!!

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What-Com Sams

Submitted by Patricia Kazarow

The What-Com's Good Sam Club brought its rewarding year, 2018 to a close with a Christmas dinner and celebration at the Portal Creek Park Clubhouse hosted by Ron and Doreen Adams. Gifts were exchanged and elections were held for 2019: Max Archer, President; Cam Somerville, Vice President; Mary Somerville, Secretary; Ann Archer, Treasurer; Teresa and Toby Gelder, Historian; Mary Hammond, Sunshine; Ron Adams, Wagon Master; and Doreen Adams, Research Committee Chairman.

Our Club welcomes seven new members! We now number 20 rigs and 37 members. For January and March, we held luncheon business meetings at local restaurants; our scheduled February meeting had to be cancelled because of the large snowstorm! Six campouts have been planned for the spring and summer months. The first one in April will be at the North Whidbey RV Park in Oak Harbor; in May, at the Washington State Good Sam Rally in Lynden with some members continuing on to Funfest at Bonny Lake; in June, at Glacier Peak Resort and Winery north of Rockport as well as the Moses Lake Summer State Rally; in July, at Howard Miller Steelhead Park in Rockport; and in August, at Silver Lake Park in Maple Falls.

We will continue our charitable giving. Our BBQ sandwiches and hot dog sales at the May, 2018 State Rally enabled us to contribute \$600 split among Ronald McDonald House, Fisher House, and Dogs for Better Living. We also collect charity money throughout the year; this enabled us to send \$160 each to the local food banks of Lynden, Blaine and Foothills. We were saddened to learn of the passing of two of our long-time members, Tim Powell and Marylou Fisher. Here's hoping that everyone will experience another fruitful and enjoyable season of camping and camaraderie.

Play It Again Sams

Submitted by Pam Lyyski

In November, we were at Donna Fellows' house. We held our annual auction. It is always fun to see what items we can bid on. The potluck is always good and lots of food. We have a lot of great chefs. Names were drawn to exchange gifts next month.

In December, we were at Homestead Restaurant in Lakewood. We had our Christmas card and the gift exchange. What fun. Our president Carol gave all board members a small gift for a good job. She had a glass filled with candy and socks for every member. The raffle was won by Randy, Fran, and Dotty Williams. Pam won the year end drawing of \$50.

In January, we were at Elmer's Restaurant in Tacoma. Everyone was just getting used to the new year. We are looking forward to camping and warmer weather. Then Randy Lyyski, spent a week in the hospital for pneumonia, followed by a month at a care center. This was the reason for not getting the article to Wagon Wheels in January.

In February, we went to the AAA Buffet in Lakewood for lunch. We missed a few people in this meeting. It is always fun to catch up with each other.

Camping is here! In March, we camped at Midway in Centralia. Even though only four rigs were present, others drove down on Saturday. Saturday lunch included some homemade soup. Pot roast was made for the potluck. So good!

In April, we were at Kenanna RV Park in Grayland. The weather was wet, but we had a good time. Rock painting occurred on Saturday. The potluck was held earlier in the day for the members who drive down for the day. There was a raffle of sorts and everyone ended up with a surprise. It is always fun to get together but we are getting to be a small group.

We are looking for new members. If you are looking for a friendly bunch of seniors, please give our president a call, Carol Thompson, (253) 564-0922. Drive safe and see you down the road.

Desert Drifters Sams

Submitted by Renae Koop

Well... Thank goodness Spring has finally arrived! This has been a long, cold winter. We enjoyed gathering together January and February at Cherry Hills Club House where we enjoyed each other's company and good food, but now that the snow has finally melted, we are ready for the new camping season. Some of those that traveled south for the winter have returned, and some (Debbie and Marshall) are still on the road. Rumor has it that even "snowbird territory" this winter for some travelers was unseasonably wet, cold and windy. But at least those folks were able to escape the snow.

Our first campout for the season was originally scheduled for Crowe Butte Park the weekend of March 21st, but since winter was still in full force, with one last storm on March 12th, we decided to cancel that campout. Several of our rigs were still snowed in!

Our April campout is scheduled for the 18th-21st at Blue Valley RV Park in Walla Walla. At the time of this writing, our April campout is still a week away, but we have great plans for the weekend such as the 50th Annual Whitman College Renaissance Faire, which will be a new experience for some, as well as golf, local shopping and of course wine tasting! All we need is a little sunshine to go along with it. ;) We are looking forward to getting to know the guests that attended our winter meetings and are now joining us at this campout.

Our May campout will take us to Wilbur, WA. Not only will we embrace the small-town appeal of Wilbur, but it is also the weekend of Wild Goose Bill Days. Another fun weekend to look forward to!

Bring on the sunshine! We are all so ready to get this camping season underway!

Apple Rovers Sams

Submitted by Marcia Hogue

Our March luncheon was held at Rodeo City BBQ hosted by Roger & Melissa Simmons. We had 15 members present. We all enjoyed the fact that there was NO SNOW! Our meals were excellent and lots of visiting and catching up on the Winter Blues with all the snow we had in the month of February! At this meeting our former President, Bill McLaughlin, resigned his position. Our newly elected President, Don McInnis then led our business meeting.

April was our first official camping outing. We enjoyed the weekend at Horn Rapids RV Park in Richland hosted by the Hogues. There were 9 rigs and 17 members present. We had the pleasure of Ray & Helen Decoto's son Larry and girlfriend Lorinda and granddaughter Tabby join us. We welcomed our newest member, Dick Kanzig to our chapter. He is a retired operating engineer and a former Ridgerunner member. (World's first jeep club) He knew our member, Carl Gangl from his Ridgerunner days. This is the outing after our winter storage of rigs to see what worked and what didn't. One rig had problems with their water heater, and another had problems when trying to fill up to go home and had a hiccup with his gas tank. Should all be up and running by our May outing. We had fun playing card bingo, pinochle, Mexican train and even a pinochle tournament on Saturday night after eating out at Cousins Restaurant in Pasco. It seems that's what we do best, eat and snack! Everyone had a great time and looking forward to more outings with our chapter "family."

May will see us at Hat Rock RV Park in Hermiston, OR, hosted by Carl Gangl, Cynthia Judkins, and the Hogues. We're just hoping and praying we have good weather and lots of Sunshine!

June will be the Moses Lake State Rally and our end of month June outing at Ft. Stevens, OR hosted by Dave and Carolyn Curry. Going to be lots to see and do!

Deer Park White-Tail Sams

Submitted by Sue Chartrey

November has arrived, our Snow Birds have flown South to enjoy the warmer weather. The 20 of us left behind enjoyed our 1st winter luncheon at the Tecate Grill in Northwest Spokane, WA. Our meeting was called to order by our new President Pamela Kelley. We all voted for our Christmas gift to be Donated to "Honor Flight".

December we were invited to the home of Ron and Pamela Kelley, for a quant luncheon. The setting was a beautiful winter wonderland. Lots of fresh snow in the Deer Park, WA woodlands. The 19 of us enjoyed their gracious hospitality with the Christmas spirit in the air. Thank You... "The Greater Spokane Quilts of Valor Foundation" presented a Quilt to Brandon Chartrey with his wife April, he served in the U.S. Navy from 2009-2015, as an Aviation Electrician. Quilt was Pieced together by: Linda Nilson, Quilted by: Molly Chapman, Bound by: Bobbi Schettler, Awarded by: Pamela Kelley, Embroidered Labels by Glenda Haddican. Thank You!!!

"Happy 2019 New Year!!" Our January luncheon was another snowy day in Spokane at the China Dragon. With 13 in attendance we welcomed our two new members Dwane and Pam Makinson, and a new guest Don James. We were informed one of our snow birds was still here due to illness. We continue to pray for good health, healing and wisdom for the Drs. to be able to help our dear friend Arlene Whitney.

As February fast approaches, we have planned our next luncheon at The Olive Garden Restaurant in North Spokane, WA.

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EDITOR'S NOTE: Article was submitted for the February issue, but was inadvertently omitted.

Good Sam Sneekers

Submitted by Kathy Laird

The early months of this year have been quiet for the Sneekers. Many of our members decided to go south to chase the sun and warmth. For the most part, they found some, but also some cold weather. The rest of us stayed closer to home with shorter visits to places in the sun – Hawaii, Australia, Arizona, California, etc. We continued to have our regular monthly social/business meetings but with fewer members in attendance.

We have been losing members over the past couple of years due to deaths, poor health and moves out of the area. We began a Membership Committee and are implementing several suggestions to rebuild our membership. We have had a web site for a few years now, and it does generate “hits,” but so far, no one has asked for more details or shown an interest in attending a meeting.

We are planning our first outing for the end of April and will be heading to our usual “first of the season” campground at Midway RV Park in Centralia. It makes a good “shakedown” outing since we are close to home if anyone experiences rig problems the first time out for the year.

On a sad note, we lost one of our former long-term members, Don Burrows in March. He and his wife, Betty, were among the founding members of the Sneekers in the early ‘90’s. Betty died about six months ago.

We hope to see you at FunFest in May at Bonny Lake. Our chapter is in charge of the Thursday night dinner, Coffee & Cookies, and Books, Puzzles, DVDs. Come say “Hi” to us and join in all of the fun.

Fort Vancouver Sams

Submitted by Gay Rochel

The Chapter got off to a flying start in 2019 getting much accomplished by revising our membership Handbook and Chapter Guidelines. This has eliminated the need to publish the Notebook annually and allows us to keep it updated. We made our annual donations to local charities, developed a budget for 2019 and welcomed new members.

Thanks for our Chapter Secretary Marge for spearheading the Handbook revision along with her many helpers.

Also, a hearty thanks to our Vice President Jeanne for finding a private room at the Golden Corral to accommodate our Chapter meeting in January, February and March.

In 2018 and 2019 we have welcomed 15 new members: 2019 members: Wayne & Kathy Davis, Helen Doheny, 2018 members: Henry & Claudia Cottle, Ric & Joanne Zimmer, Ron & Debbie Moon, Jeff & Gale Parker, Joyce Zubovich, Janice Williams-Leyba, and Joe & Sharon Durbin. We are also proud of all who have been with us since 2000. It has been a good year and a quarter for Fort Vancouver Good Sams who are now 21 rigs strong.

Our 2019 Camping Season, organized by Wagon Master Denny Melton and Assistant Wagon Master Darrel Nelson is off and running with our 1st campout completed in April at Brookhollow RV Park, Kelso. 16 rigs registered for the campout and we had a good time despite the rain.

The 2019 Camping season will find us at Funfest in May, Kamper's West, Warrenton, OR. in June, Elma RV Park in July, Tillamook Elks RV Park in August, Boardman Marine & RV Park in Boardman, OR in September, and conclude in October at Hee Hee Illahee RV Park in Salem, OR. As usual, we are all looking forward to a good time at each campout this year.

Remember, opportunity may only knock once, but temptation leans on the doorbell!

PARKING AT STATE EVENTS

We are asking all of you Good Samers attending the three state events to help out the parking crew and the Wagonmaster in particular.

First, if you want to be sure to park together, you must arrive together. The parking crew does not always know where the rest of your chapter is parked. It is also a lot easier and quicker to park rigs at the end of a row than to park a rig between two other rigs. Also, if your chapter has a sign to post in front of your Rig Group at the various State Events, this would greatly help the Parking Committee.

Second, we need a lot more helpers so that each person can work a shorter shift. Many of you could spend three or four hours helping with parking and also get the benefit of meeting some new friends. The more involved you get, the more fun you will have!

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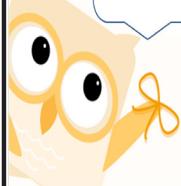
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RAISE IN STATE DUES

There have been some questions concerning the raise in the State dues from \$5 to \$10. This was a suggestion from a member in order to cover printing and mailing expenses for Happy Wheels.

The suggestion was sent to all chapter presidents as something that would be discussed and voted on at the Presidents' meeting in Cashmere. The presidents then should have discussed the issue with their chapter members as the chapter determines what the vote should be at the State meeting. The vote in Cashmere was unanimous to raise the dues.

The State dues have been \$5 since I have been a member. The cost of printing and mailing the Happy Wheels has taken a jump more than once since then.



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I selected Appleland Sams as they were the first chapter listed on the website with a logo. Here's their story:

Appleland Sam's started mid-1970s. Some couples went camping all the time, then they decided to name the group Appleland Sam's. As living in the known Apple Capitol of the world. They have never recruited any new members. We are the only chapter in Wenatchee area always looking for new members. We meet for dinner once a month from October to March. Then April starts our camping season off with opening day fishing at Pearrygin Lake.

If you would like to tell the Washington State Good Sam members about your logo, send me an email with your story and it'll go into the next issue of Happy Wheels. Email: bje46@msn.com

REMINDER: Articles should be 300 words.

Photographs of events are great and are welcome! We have two that came along with their articles below.



Canyon Sams Group Dinner April 12, 2019
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Deer Park White-tail Sams
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