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## *From the DIRECTORS...*

To all members;

Now is the time for all of you to start camping again if you haven't already. There is nothing better than sitting outside around a campfire with friends.

I am hoping all of you have de-winterized your RV and have gotten back to camping with your friends and Chapter. I know some of you continued to go camping this past winter, and some of you were RVing for the first time in winter in the great Northwest. Then there are the snowbirds that go down south during winter. Returning to Washington they will find our state is starting to re-open for all many normal activities that all of us were so used of doing.

Our State regulations due to COVID are changing for the better right now, and we still have safety precautions to abide by, but can deal with them. Remember we all have to respect everyone else's needs for their safety, not only our own.

There are many many new RVers this past year, and many that have just bought a new rig don't know a thing about how to set it up. This is where we can all help them with our expertise and be a Good Samaritan.

Also, by talking to the new RVers, it is a great way to recruit new members to different Chapters. Most of them don't know anything about Chapters even though they may have a Good Sam membership with Camping World. This is where all of us can recruit these new members. So, talk to your camping neighbors and inform them about how much fun it is to belong to a Good Sam Camping Chapter. Direct them to our website at: [washingtonstategoodsams.com](http://washingtonstategoodsams.com). Give them information about your Chapter or an old copy of Happy Wheels. We need your help in recruiting new members.

Also, with all these new RVers, it is more difficult to find an RV campground to go to that have enough vacancies for a chapter outing. So, we need to think way ahead in time to book camping sites at a RV resort. Like they say, if you snooze you lose.

Dee and I have scheduled the three STATE CAMPOUTS like normal. We have the use of the fairground buildings; however, we still have to follow some safety precaution guidelines. I am asking every member to register early, arrive in groups to park together, and be patient with the parking staff. At the State Campout we have lined up great entertainment, and a few new games, we want everyone to have a fun time. Now is the time to get back together and connect with all of your Good Sam Friends. See you soon!

Happy Camping

Dave & Dee Cluett

## UPCOMING 2021 STATE EVENTS

MOSES LAKE SUMMER CAMPOUT June 3 - 6, 2021

Theme: "Fun In The Desert"

CASHMERE STATE CAMPOUT September 17-19, 2021

Theme: "Apples and Cinnamon: Yum Yum"

**NOTE: Early Bird dates for each event are not included**

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Dogs for Better Lives celebrated its 44th Anniversary in April.

Founder Roy Kabat turned his love for animals into Dogs for the Deaf in 1977.

Kabat started out as an animal trainer and trained hundreds of animals in Hollywood for motion pictures and television shows. He retired and moved to Applegate Valley, Oregon when the American Humane Association asked him for advice on training dogs to help people who had hearing difficulties.

Kabat spent two weeks in Denver, Colorado, advising the American Humane Association on dog training techniques. He came home and decided to open a facility where dogs would be trained. The first location was outside Jacksonville, Oregon, then in 1989 DBL moved to its current 40-acre site at the base of Lower Table Rock in Central Point, Oregon. The organization was renamed "Dogs for Better Lives" in 2017.



Today, committed donors, volunteers and staff members continue Kabat's work of rescuing, training, and placing dogs with people in need.

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Spring is here and it looks like a gorgeous one. Looking forward to seeing everyone at the State Events.

For those unfamiliar with Fisher House, it is similar to Ronald McDonald House, only for military families while a family member is in one of the major military hospitals. Fisher House provides free housing, food, support, etc. during the families' challenging times. All the services are financed through funds from donations online and organizations like Washington State Good Sams Club who do fund raisers. Your efforts to help are greatly appreciated by these families.

In Washington State, we are fortunate to have 3 houses, two at Joint Base Lewis McChord and one at the Puget Sound VA Hospital in Seattle. There are other services available for military families, too, through the social workers at the medical facilities including airfare assistance, housing assistance at Non Fisher House facilities and other services.

To the chapters planning to come to the State Events, please think about a fund raiser for each for all the charities. Look forward to seeing you soon. Stay healthy and happy.

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Greetings from your Ronald McDonald Rep.

I hope to see many of you at Lynden. We will miss our Canadian friends.

Thanks to **Ron Cherry** for continuing to send in donations from the Golden Campers over the winter. It is much appreciated. Also a special thanks to **Della Magness** for delivering quilts, blankets and afghans in the name of Roamin' Wheels. I appreciate you making the trip.

Ronald McDonald House is as busy as ever and remember you can donate through Amazon Smile by choosing their charity.

I hope you will think about becoming the new Ronald McDonald House Representative, as I am moving on to other things. See you in Lynden. Remember your masks and drive safely!

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WASHINGTON STATE CAMPOUT, MOSES LAKE - FORM 1

Thursday June 3 - Sunday June 6, 2021

Does not include early bird days

Grant County Fairgrounds, 3953 Airway Dr. NE, Moses Lake, WA.



This registration (FORM-1) is ONLY FOR CAMPING in the SOUTH FIELD with POWER AND WATER

Members wanting FULL HOOKUPS, MUST RESERVE a site in the Pavilion Campground with Grant County Fairgrounds RV Camping. AFTER RESERVING a site please fill out the MOSES LAKE - FORM 2 IF COVID RESTRICTIONS PREVENT THE USE OF BUILDINGS THIS WILL BE AN OUTDOOR ACTIVITES ONLY CAMPOUT

Is this your first Moses Lake Campout? YES [ ]

Are you reserving a Full Hookup site? NO [ ] Continue to use this form to register for the Campout			
YES [ ] You must reserve a site with Grant County Fairgrounds RV Camping at 509-765-3581 or visit website			
Last Name		First Name(s)	
Address		City	State/Zip
E-Mail	Do you want Confirmation? YES [ ]	Home Phone	Cell
Do you need handicap parking? YES [ ] First come first parked		Chapter(s)	Member at Large [ ]
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
Registration fee covers	Thursday, Friday & Saturday nights	Amount Due	[ ]
1 RV and occupants	\$35.00 x 3 nights = \$105.00 (US Funds) →	\$	[ ]
Circle extra night(s) you plan to attend x \$35.00 = (US Funds) →			# of Pets
Tuesday	Wednesday	Total \$	[ ]
<b>Make check payable to:</b> Washington State Good Sam Club <b>Mail registration and check to:</b> Jody Mason, WA. State Registrar 12206 Banner Rd. SE, Olalla, WA. 98359 Refund requests must be emailed to the State Registrar at: <a href="mailto:afchfe9@gmail.com">afchfe9@gmail.com</a> or postmarked with U.S. Mail no later than 5 days from the start of the event.			
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.			
Signature Required _____			Date _____
For Registrars use only →	Date Received/Check #/Amount Due	Refund Date/ Amt./ Check #	

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

RV parking 8:00-5:00, 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 station located outside her RV. Please check your program for registration times.

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

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



**WASHINGTON STATE CAMPOUT, MOSES LAKE - FORM 2**

Thursday June 3 - Sunday June 6 , 2021 Does not include early bird days

**Please complete this registration after RESERVING a FULL HOOKUP site with Grant County Fairgrounds.**

To register for a FULL HOOKUP site, you must **MAKE YOUR RESERVATION BY CALLING:**

Grant County Fairgrounds RV Camping at 509-765-3581 or visit their website.

Full hookup **FEES MUST BE PAID TO GRANT COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS** at their current rate of \$35.00/night.

Full Hookup Sites are **LOCATED IN** the Pavilion Campground at the **FAR NE FAIRGROUNDS CORNER.**

Register early as the Pavilion Campground will be open to the public and some sites may not be available.

**IF COVID RESTRICTIONS PREVENT THE USE OF BUILDINGS THIS WILL BE AN OUTDOOR ACTIVITES ONLY CAMPOUT.**

Have you reserved a site at Grant County Fairgrounds in the Pavilion Campground and paid their fees? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> continue filling out this form No <input type="checkbox"/> Please a reserve site with G. C. Fairgrounds and pay fees		Site # <input type="text"/>
Is this your first Moses Lake Campout? Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	Chapter(s)	Member At Large <input type="checkbox"/>
Last Name		First Name(s)
Address		City State/Zip
E-Mail	Do you want Confirmation? Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	Home Phone Cell
<b>The Director &amp; Registrar ask you to register at least 2 weeks before start of the campout This \$ 5.00 fee is for Washington State Good Sams to cover our miscellaneous operating costs</b>		Number of People <input type="text"/>
1 RV and occupants	Thursday, Friday, & Saturday nights Misc. Fee \$5.00 x 3 nights = \$15.00 (US Funds) →	Amount Due \$ <input type="text"/>
Circle extra night(s) you plan to attend x \$5.00 = (US Funds) →		# of Pets <input type="text"/>
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## Washington State Good Sams Sunshine

# Sympathy

Dean Crump, Deer Park White Tail Sams

Gay Roche, Ft. Vancouver Sams

Mary Somerville, What-Com Sams

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## VOICES OF OUR LOCAL CHAPTERS

### What-Com Sams

Submitted by Patricia Kazarow

Well, spring has finally sprung! Like bears coming out of hibernation after a very long winter's rest, our chapter members have emerged into sunshine, flowers and a full calendar of meetings and campouts.



We first met in March at Rustlers' Front Street Grill in Lynden to reconnect and catch up from our last formal gathering at a 2019 Christmas potluck... hard to believe really. One devastating report was the unexpected passing of longtime What-com's Good Sam member and Secretary Mary Somerville. Her smile, laugh, great personality and hard work will be sorely missed.

April found us at North Whidbey RV Park in Oak Harbor where we finalized our contributions to the Lynden State Rally "Up, Up and Away." These included table toppers and the stage backdrop decoration. Ann Archer also gave a preview of her Lynden workshop. Those who attended it were made aware of the angels that "are all about you" and the opportunity to "have a chance to make one!" In case you missed it, here is a picture of her two prototypes.



Our chapter continues to grow; we now number 27 rigs and 47 members. We are so looking forward to summer camping! June will find us returning to Bryce Creek Camp in Everson; July to Howard Miller Steelhead Park in Rockport; and August to Silver Lake, a Whatcom County Park located near Maple Falls.

In addition to all of our fun times together, we continue to be mindful of Good Samaritan charitable giving. One additional opportunity for all of us to consider both as a chapter and personally are our local missions who provide food, shelter and services to our community and local food banks all of whom can use canned goods, food staples and spices (something we often overlook!).

Be Safe! Be Well! Happy Trails everyone!

### Single Sams of Washington

Submitted by V. Lieske & R. Reichle

Single Sams of Washington is a smaller friendly group of RVer's looking for others who would like to join us in our adventures. We normally meet monthly for lunch and trip planning through the winter months from 11:30 am till about 1pm. We use the luncheons to plan our camping outings for the months from April through to October, and while most other clubs camp on the weekend, we tend to camp during the week Tuesday through Friday to avoid the traffic. While most of us are single we welcome couples to join us, for the luncheons or our outings. We also have members who no longer RV, but stay in local hotels and join us during the day to share in our adventures. Thanks to Washington State going to Phase 3 we were able to have our last club meeting with more people attending. We are still looking for a President and Vice-President.

Our first camping trip is almost here. April 20<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> we go to the Swinomish Casino just outside Anacortes. We currently have 10 rigs registered to attend, with some additional folks staying in the Casino Hotel. We have been advised there are still spaces some back in spaces available. Call the Casino at 360-588-3705 to make reservations. The first night Tuesday, we will be going out to the Rock Fish Grill in Anacortes for dinner. Wednesday we will hang out with each other or tour on your own, and in the evening maybe roasting marshmallows and karaoke, weather permitting after dark. Thursday we all go to breakfast at the Calico Cupboard Restaurant in Anacortes, on your own during the day, and a Potluck get together early evening. Every day we will have a Happy Hour and the opportunity to visit and play games. Any of the days you can visit Tulip Town, however you must get your tickets in advance, online. Friday after a potluck breakfast, we will say our goodbyes.

April 30<sup>th</sup> to May 2<sup>nd</sup> we will be at the Good Sams, "Hands Across the Border Rally" at the Lynden Fair Grounds, 1775 Front Street, Lynden, WA 98264.

May 17<sup>th</sup> to May 20<sup>th</sup> we will be attending the Fun Fest at Swiss Sportsman Club, 9205 198<sup>th</sup> Ave E, Bonnie Lake, WA 98391. Contact LeRoy Helyer 360-600-0249 or [Funfest2021@gmail.com](mailto:Funfest2021@gmail.com) for more information

If you would care to join us at any of our events, or just need more information, please call or email our Treasurer, Robert Reichle at 425-337-2906 or [Robert\\_R\\_R52@Yahoo.com](mailto:Robert_R_R52@Yahoo.com).

**Hope to see you at one of our events!**

**Roamin Wheels**  
Submitted by Iva Metz

I am sure you and I, like so many others listen to TV Channel 5, when Eric Johnson tells us about his Heroes. I am going to tell you about OUR HERO, or should I say Heroine, her name is Della Magness.

Pre-Covid, our Chapter would collect supplies, money, gift cards, etc. twice a year and deliver them to the Seattle Ronald McDonald House, as our donations. Since we have been unable to hold our luncheon meetings, where we would be able to collect our donated items, our friend Della Magness stepped up.

She had been so busy making beautiful quilts, afghans, stocking caps, etc. her guest bedroom was filled, she needed to clean the room. She and her husband, Jerry loaded their car, delivered them to the House, this amounted to \$1800. She graciously gave the credit to the Roamin' Wheels Chapter.

That is why she is our HERO. They were in our Chapter for many years, and now are thinking of re-joining. We hope they will.

Our Wagon Master (Mistress) Barbara Erickson has set up our first camp out on May 2nd through 5th, at Cedars RV Park, Ferndale, WA. She is well on the way to having the rest of the camping trips set up for 2021.

Let us hope we will soon be able to get back to doing things like we used to do.

I am hoping everyone in WA State Good Sam, and others stay well, and we get through this Insidious Pandemic before too long.

We will see you down the road (some day).

**Deer Park White Tail Sams**  
Submitted by Sharon Crump

Hello Fellow Campers!

Deer Park White Tail Sam's had a wonderful luncheon at our local pizza factory. We were all so happy to see each other and catch up on life events. All seem to be managing the Covid pandemic well and everyone is either returning from the south or getting their rigs unwinterized.

We said a sweet goodbye to Dean Crump in February. His dementia had progressed to the point of his body saying that it was time to move on to the next step and "graduate" from mortality to immortality.

Dean and I believe that we are spiritual beings, having a mortal experience. We are grateful for a Loving Heavenly Father and the Atonement of Our Savior, Jesus Christ, that have made this experience possible for each of his Children. I always am amazed to think that He knows us each, individually, by name. He loves us so much and desires to bless us in so many ways. But wait, that doesn't mean that our lives will be easy or without challenges, that's just part of the "mortal" experience. But He is always there, waiting to lift and help us whenever we ask.

I have been so blessed to have spent 37 years with that sweet man. I will miss him, but I know where he is and what God's Plan is for us. So, I look forward to camping with my "Sammers" and seeing you all this summer. With Gratitude, Sharon Crump

**Fort Vancouver Good Sams**  
Submitted by Jim Rochel

Last quarter I spoke about being able to see a light at the end of the tunnel relative to COVID-19. Well that light continues to get brighter and larger as we progress through 2021. Now with most of us over 65er's being vaccinated it opens up some new social areas for us. Hurray! However we still need to be diligent in protecting ourselves and those around us.

The 2021 camping season begins for us in April with our chapter going to Woodburn RV Park near Woodburn, Oregon. Our Wagon Master says we have a large turnout for this campout.

In May we will have a busy month as we will be camping at Brookhollow RV Park in Kelso, Washington an old favorite for our group, followed up with members attending Funfest at Bonney Lake, Washington. Hope to see many of you at Funfest.

June will find us at Lewis and Clark RV and Golf Park near Astoria, Oregon. Our Chapter visited here last year and although restricted by COVID-19 we had a good time and the management was very friendly.

In March we welcomed new members to the Chapter, Julie Rea and Ron and Karen Myers. Welcome fellow campers. FVGS continues to remain a healthy active chapter with new member joining our group keeping us fresh with new ideas.

In this last quarter the Chapter managed to have two meetings within the guideline of Covid restrictions one in January and the other in March.

I will close with a little advice given to me and my brothers by our grandfather many years ago. He said "If you find yourself in a spirited conversation and that you are digging yourself into a hole; stop digging." In other words, know when to shut up.

See you next quarter.

**Reminder: Food Drive at Moses Lake**



We will be collecting for the local food bank at this campout. While you are preparing for your trip to Moses Lake for the "Fun in the Desert" campout, please consider purchasing a few extra non-perishable items to donate. It will make a difference!

**Lilac City Sams**  
Submitted by Betty Higley

It is now April and as of today the 12th we enjoyed 62 degree weather. Yay! This warmth means CAMPING. Our first campout is in Clarkston. You will hear about our first campout the next time I write. In the meantime Lilac City Sams enjoyed a gathering of our first meeting in several months. We met in Ted and Betty Higley's backyard. Hosts served coffee, herbal teas, and cookies. Conversations between members abound since the last time we gathered.

President Kelly and his wife Sherri went south for the winter in their new RV, living-in and traveling for several months. They are as close as the phone and texting which we did many times. It was like going on a storybook adventure with them and their travels. Their adventures this Winter and Spring have kept us in touch. Viva La Camping! It's about to begin!

Charlene Janson & Elton Priel celebrated their 1 Anniversary in Sept 2020, our newest newlyweds. They travel together, bowl together, RV Camp together, attend Church together. They have a newer RV this year and excited for the campouts to begin. When not camping, Charlene is busy quilting.

Elton enjoys bowling with his son.

Scenic photo is from Kelly and Sherri Rhodes; photo of Charlene and Elton in celebration of their 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary; and the quilt is one of my favorite of Charlene's recent quilts.

Happy Camping these wonderful months of April and May 2021. Till we meet again.



**Sams of Puget Sound**  
Submitted by Debbie Harden

Springtime in the Cascades

The Spring weather causes most RVers to want to hit the roads and enjoy weekends of fun in the wilds of Washington. So, Sams of Puget Sound had their first RV campout at Silver Cove RV Resort April 8 -11. The hosts presented each RV with a small welcoming gift and had a fun weekend planned for their members. We organized an Optical (photo) Scavenger Hunt where members identified different places or things around the resort.



Potluck in the Pavilion

There was much food to enjoy capped off with an Eggs-in-a-Bag breakfast on Saturday morning. Ahh yes, the weather. The weather in the Spring was unpredictable as we had sunshine, rain, sleet, and some snow. As the old saying goes wait five minutes and it will change. This didn't deter all of us from having a great and enjoyable outing. Thanks goes to the Ericksons and Hardens for being co-hosts.

Our schedule for the rest of the year:

- May - Pine Near RV Park, Winthrop
- June - State Campout at Moses Lake and Glen Ayr RV Resort, Hoodspport
- July - Elma RV Park, Elma
- Sept - Stargazers RV Park, Goldendale (joint outing with Roamin' Wheels)

## Desert Drifters Sams

Submitted by Renae Koop

We were so excited to actually go on our first campout of 2021!

Our first trip was to Wine Country RV Park in Prosser, WA. Even though some of our members weren't able to attend, it was so nice to be together again with several members of our group. We are hoping that more will be able to travel with us again soon.

The weather was pretty chilly and windy, with even a little thunder and lightning, but that did not keep us from enjoying our weekend. Prosser is well known for wine tasting opportunities and that is exactly what we did.

Saturday evening we had a silent auction where everyone had an opportunity to bid on flamingo items that had been donated by Cathy Emery from her extensive collection. Unfortunately, Rich and Cathy are no longer able to travel with us because of health reasons, so Cathy donated her flamingo collection with all proceeds going to charity. Be assured, Cathy, that everything that was auctioned off has gone to good, loving homes. \$171.00 was raised and will go to charity. And thanks also goes to Shirley Bare for organizing the auction.

This week we will be traveling to Deer Park RV Resort north of Spokane. Since our plans were derailed last year, this will be our first visit to this park. We are looking forward to another weekend of fun! We have our fingers crossed for good weather, but no matter what the weather is we plan to enjoy good food, (a taco feed on Saturday night), good friends, a lot of laughs, and hopefully, some can make good use of the golf course at the park. It will be fun to check out a park that we haven't been to before.

Next month we will travel to La Grande, OR to La Grande Hot Springs Resort. It looks like a busy camping season ahead! WooHoo!

## Red Haute Samanthas

Submitted by Diana Supler-Varner

Spring is here and the colorful flowerers are out. Ladies, it's time for a social gathering. Come join us for an informal Red Haute Samantha's event.

The Red Haute Samantha's is not part of the national group. We are just a bunch of women getting together to socialize. There is usually an activity such as coloring or a craft, refreshments and conversation. If you like, wear a red hat and purple shirt.

At Moses Lake, we could have breakfast at a local restaurant. And if the sun is out and pleasant temperatures, we could gather for an outside tea. Hope you join us for laughter and companionship.

See you in June at the Moses Lake Campout!



Red Haute Samanthas in 2017

## Cariboo Trails Sams

Submitted by Bob Chiles

By now, most Good Sam vehicle owners have taken the time to prepare their equipment for Spring and Summer campouts. Not an easy task as cleaning inside and out takes time as well as checking tires and cleaning holding tanks.

At this time last year, we were dealing with COVID 19 and the numerous restrictions recommended by health officials. Currently, we still have health official's recommendations toward COVID and variants, but recommendations have minimized somewhat. Immunizations has been provided which help the situation substantially.

To date, the Cariboo Trail Good Sam Club is planning campouts as follows:

- May - Riverbend RV Park, Winthrop, WA.
- June - Conconully Church Camp, Conconully, WA.
- July - Open camping
- August - Blacks Beach Resort, Republic, WA.
- September - Wenatchee River County Park, Monitor, WA.

We are keeping our fingers crossed that we will be able to enjoy the above campouts without major COVID issues. Only time will tell.

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

## Time for Goodie Bags!

It is time to start thinking of what your Chapter can bring to the Moses Lake Rally to help fill the Goodie Bags. The number of bags to be filled is about 75. Bring your Goodie Bag items in by Wednesday morning, June 2<sup>nd</sup> and help stuff the bags. You can purchase or make something to add, remember to put your Chapters Logo on it. Members will have more fun digging, rummaging or just dumping the bag out to find the things in it. The more the better.



## Valley Good Sam Drifters

Submitted by Sheryl Michler

It was an exciting campout for the Valley Good Sam Drifters in February. Several members met at Pacific Beach State Park where they were treated to snow on the beach and an ice storm which resulted in at least two RV's being covered in ice and frozen shut. Not too much fun for the people who were inside the frozen vehicles. Even so, our intrepid members managed to escape the RV's and have a birthday party complete with cake.

Speaking of birthdays, March marks the 51<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the Valley Good Sam Drifters, Happy Birthday to us!

Earlier this month, there was a no host campout at Dosewallips State Park which is one of the favorite campgrounds for the club. It's always fun to see the elk and have them come so close to the RV's.

Our April no host campout will be at the Potholes State Park not too far from Moses Lake. We're hoping for good weather and, perhaps, some of the orchards will be in bloom. It is a pretty time of the year.

The state outing in Lynden is on everyone's mind and much planning is taking place in readiness for that event.

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.

## Chaney Good Sam'ers

Submitted by Ron & Trudy Weston

The first official 2021 outing for the Cheney Good Sam'ers occurred April 12-16 at Steamboat Rock State Park.

We were hoping for warmer weather than was available at home and were not disappointed. Daytime temperatures were in the seventies and closing in on eighties. Sunburns surprised a few of us. Evening temperatures were far cooler, but campfires (whether propane or firewood) finished off each great day.

First season roasted marshmallows are always a treat. The park is adding a new camping loop; the road-paving was just beginning, while landscaping moved along and restrooms are complete.

There will be more camping spots for all to enjoy.

Let the camping season begin.



Kathy, Linda, Jim & Nancy and Koko at Steamboat Rock



Jim Lundgren and Koko (difficult to see Koko in black and white)

## Military Sams

Submitted by Diana Supler-Varner

Hello everyone. Hope you are all happy and healthy. Ready to go the State Events again? We hope to see you there.

Military Sams of Washington is a chapter setup for former and present military members to gather at State Events and take part in ceremonies. All former and present military members are welcome to become members.



Some of the activities we participate in are the opening and closing flag ceremonies, fund raising for Fisher House, a Flag Retirement Ceremony at Moses Lake and other activities.



We also try to plan a meeting early at the event and do a dinner on Friday including the families. Please come see us at our table at each event and ask questions.

Members: we are looking forward to seeing you soon. Bring your vests and hats to the events for the ceremonies.

Looking forward to getting back together and seeing everyone.

## Daffodil Ramblers

Submitted by Jerry Knudson

Hello from the Daffodil Ramblers. We've made it through a year of Covid and all its challenges and it is looking better for our chapter getting out and enjoying each other and the outdoors this coming season. We hope all of you are well and getting out and look forward to seeing you at an upcoming campout.

Our group has not been too active in the past few months, and have mostly kept in touch with each other through social media. We are hoping to actually have a meeting this month. Though with Pierce County going back to stage 2, it is iffy at the moment whether or not our meeting place will allow us to gather.

The recent canceling of Funfest again this year has been a disappointment. We were really looking forward to it.

We are on our first group campout of the year as I write. It is nice to be back in the RV again and enjoying being out and getting together with each other. With any luck we will be able to get several campouts in this year. With the vaccine now available, and we are all willing to still follow the guidelines for wearing masks and social distancing, it is a much more comfortable environment.

This week we are at Harmony Park. It is a nice park though in my personal opinion, just a tad bit pricey in comparison. It is well worth the trip down to this area though. Being next to the lake and in the woods, of course with the luxury of the RV, it just does not get any better. Plans are in the works to go to some of our regular campgrounds and we are looking forward to a safe and healthy season.

We're also looking forward to Lynden and too seeing you there. It promises to be a new adventure in many ways.

Stay safe, stay healthy and we will see you soon.



# Good Sam Celebrates 55 Years



In April Good Sam and Camping World celebrated their 55th Anniversary. It was 1966, and with the substantial increase in RV production came an increase in another need, camping supplies. That's when campers at Beech Bend Park requested a store where they could buy supplies. David Garvin, son of the park's owners, successfully launched a business selling RV parts and supplies from the back of a pickup in the park's campground. That little business later became Camping World.

That same year, Trail-R-News, a small RV publication, received a letter suggesting that the magazine provide bumper stickers encouraging RVers to assist each other on the road. The magazine's publisher conceived the idea of Good Sam Club.

Fast forward to 2021 - Good Sam and Camping World are celebrating their fifty-fifth anniversaries. From the back of a pickup to 170 stores and growing, I think David Garvin would be proud of how far Camping World has come.

Good Sam, with two million-plus members and growing, was launched off a bumper sticker idea.

*(Article taken from April RV Magazine written by Marcus Lemonis)*

## PHOTO CONTEST ON THE WEBSITE



Watch for the PHOTO Contest on the State Website. Click on the [CONTEST] tab on the horizontal menu.

The current contest is now closed and the winner will be revealed at the Lynden Campout!

Contest #8 opens up on May 5 and closes on May 25. The winner will be revealed at the Moses Lake Campout. Hint: The photo is taken somewhere within the boundary of Washington State!

The first person who can identify the photo, and the area where the photo was taken, will receive a free registration to a State Event (Lynden, Moses Lake or Cashmere.)

Check it out! Just identify the location, complete the form and you must be present to win!



**WASHINGTON STATE CAMPOUT, CASHMERE, WA.**  
**Friday September 17 - Sunday September 19, 2021**  
**Does not include early bird days**  
**Chelan County Expo Center**  
**5700 Westcott Drive, Cashmere, WA.**



IF COVID RESTRICTIONS PREVENT THE USE OF BUILDINGS THIS WILL BE AN OUTDOOR ACTIVITES ONLY CAMPOUT

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 Please display your <b>handicap sign</b> in the <b>windshield</b> 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 Registration fee covers <b>Friday &amp; Saturday nights</b> Amount Due			number of People <input type="checkbox"/> # of Pets <input type="checkbox"/>
1 RV and occupants	\$35.00 x 2 nights = \$70.00 (US Funds)	\$	
Circle extra night(s) you plan to attend x \$35.00 Per Night = <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>		\$	
Wednesday	Thursday	Total \$	
<b>Make check payable to:</b> Washington State Good Sam Club <b>Mail registration and check to:</b> Jody Mason, WA. State Registrar 12206 Banner Rd. SE, Olalla, WA. 98359 Refund requests must be emailed to the State Registrar at: <a href="mailto:afchfe9@gmail.com">afchfe9@gmail.com</a> or postmarked with U.S. Mail no later than 5 days from the start of the event.			
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.			
Signature Required _____		Date _____	
For Registrars use only <input type="checkbox"/>	Date Received/Check #/Amount Due	Refund Date/ Amt./ Check #	

For updated state campout news check the State Website at : [www.washingtonstategoodsams.com](http://www.washingtonstategoodsams.com)  
 RV parking 8:00-5:00, 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 station located outside her RV. Please check your program for registration times.

**If you wish to park with friends or your chapter you must arrive together.**  
 Power and water are included 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

# Driving the Happy Wheels News-bus!

Barbara Erickson, Happy Wheels Editor

**APRIL IS ALMOST OVER** and by the time you read this issue of Happy Wheels, the Lynden State Campout - Our first State Campout in a full year! - will be over. As I am writing this article and as we prepare for Lynden, I think about how good it will be to see everyone again. I hope you are also preparing to join us there.

Directors Dave and Dee Cluett have been very busy organizing all three State Campouts and with all the evolving changes and with continued safety measures in place, I'm sure it has been a challenge! We can rest assured that each campout will follow the State COVID guidelines and that we all must continue following those guidelines.

April is also the first month we have been able to be on the road. Our first outing was with Sams of Puget Sound to Silver Cove RV Park, then for a few days at our favorite - Wine Country RV Park - and then time at Whispering Pines for the State Team Meeting. It felt good to be on the road!

We are looking forward to the Moses Lake Summer Campout and following that, Cashmere - perhaps my favorite. If you have not attended a State Campout before, you should try it. Both registration forms can be found in this issue and on the WA Good Sams Club website: <https://www.washingtonstategoodsams.com/>. Remember, the Moses Lake and Cashmere campouts have lots of room and our Wagonmasters and their parking volunteers are ready and able to help you find the perfect spot. Reminder: if your chapter wants to park together, you must arrive together!

**LOGO:** Valley Good Sam Drifters. This is a "refresher" of a logo printed in the August 2019 issue of Happy Wheels.

Lloyd Hartley provided the information about this chapter, excerpts as follows: Our official charter was received from Good Sam on September 20, 1970. In May 1971, a committee was appointed "to draw up a passable design for a club emblem." The design by Wayne and Shirley Goetz was accepted in April 1972 and depicts the valley between the Cascades and the Olympics (just a guess on my part, since we have no detailed description of the design). The chapter has always enjoyed campouts far and near. We have gone as far as Albuquerque, New Mexico, for the Balloon Festival and to Death Valley, and as close as the nearby Game Farm in Auburn, WA, with most of our outings being in between.

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

**2021 STATE EVENTS:** Hope springs eternal. Let's all do our part by maintaining social distancing, wearing facial coverings, and following the guidelines about gatherings. Let's all do our part to where our calendars reflect dates that we can actually attend! Mark your calendars, if you haven't already. Hope springs eternal.

**The following dates do NOT include the Early Bird Days.**



**Moses Lake Summer Campout**

June 3 - 6, 2021

Theme: "Fun In The Desert"



**Cashmere State Campout**

Sept 17-19, 2021

Theme: "Apples and

Cinnamon: Yum Yum"

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