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From the DIRECTORS...

Happy Spring!

Hopefully by now you have started out on the road again in your RV's. As for Dee and I, we have already been out camping for over 80 days this year. We like camping out in the winter and enjoy the western WA State Park campgrounds without all the summer RVing commotion.

We hope you all are registered and coming to the Lynden Rally and also coming to the fall Cashmere Rally. The State Rallies fees are lowered to \$35 a night and are one day longer with activities starting on Wednesdays. 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.

We have some great entertainment lined up for both of the Rallies. We also have some new games planned along with the standard good old ones. 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.

Check out the program agendas on the website, washingtonstategoodsams.com.

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 and great friendships. We would love to see you there.

As was voted on last fall, we will continue to be called "Washington State Good Sams" but we will be working on our own as an organization without the National Good Sam Directors program support. We will continue doing everything we have done in the past and more. We are no longer able to get liability insurance through National, but they have provided us with \$200 gift certificates at Camping World to spend for door prizes for the Lynden Rally.

We hope to see you soon. Have a great summer RVing.

Dave & Dee Cluett

WA State Good Sams Director/President

RV Rallies Scheduled for 2023 & 2024

Sept. 13 – 17, 2023

Cashmere Good Sams Rally

Theme:

**"Boldly Go Where No One
Has Gone Before"**

The States year ending Rally where the State member RVers get together to celebrate the adventure of RVing.

Come to the Rallies!

The activities include:
Games, Craft Sales, Raffles,
Evening Entertainment,
Many Door Prize Drawings,
and a Membership Meeting.
Take part and have fun.

May 1 – 5, 2024

Lynden Good Sams Rally

Theme:
"TBD"

The year's first RV Rally for all of our State member RVers to get together to enjoy all of the planned activities.

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What strange weather we have had this winter and early spring. I had hoped to write about a visit we had planned, to tour Dogs for Better Lives on our way to California. However, the mountain passes between Eugene and California were icy, snowy and required you to carry chains. After waiting it out for over a week we returned home without touring DFBL. So that will have to wait for a future article.

I did listen to a webinar they held called “How to Read Your Dog’s Body Language”. As you probably know, dogs use their body language to get their message across. The better we know our dogs, the more we will understand what they want. They do what works for them and learn how to get what they want. I’m sure this isn’t news to those of you who have dogs. The webinar covered how to read your dog’s demeanor from relaxed, over-aroused, stressed and fearful. If you are interested in listening, you should be able to find it on YouTube by typing “Dogs for Better Lives” in the search bar. They have several interesting videos that are heartwarming and informative.

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Happy Spring everyone!

I am glad, I am so very glad, it is finally time to do some RV traveling again. I have really missed being on the go. Just a reminder we are still collecting blankets for Fisher Houses. On behalf of Fisher House, stay healthy and I am looking forward to seeing all of you at our statewide rendezvous.

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Ronald McDonald Houses of Washington
www.rmhcinlandnw.org www.rmhcseattle.org



It is almost time for the Lynden rally and it will be good to see everyone again.

We will have a table set up at the rally for donations to Ronald McDonald House. Some of the items donated in the past include blankets, caps, pillowcases, etc. Spokane RMH collects the pull tabs off of pop cans. You can check their website to see what items they are needing as it does change. Visit: <https://rmhc.org/get-involved/ways-to-give/fulfill-a-wishlist>

You can also donate through Ronald McDonald wish list on Amazon and have the item sent directly to either the Seattle or Spokane house.

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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		Chapter(s)	Member at Large <input type="checkbox"/>
The Director & Registrar ask you to register 2 weeks prior start of the campout or ASAP			Number of People <input type="text"/> # of Pets <input type="text"/>
Registration fee covers Wednesday thru Saturday nights			
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 \$	
Make check payable to: Washington State Good Sams Mail registration & check to: Robin Leaden, WSGS Registrar, 17242 11 th Ave. NE Shoreline, WA. 98155 Refund requests must be emailed to the State Registrar at: robinleaden@aim.com 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 Lynden Good Sams Rally.			
Signature Required _____		Date _____	
For Registrars use only →	Date Received / Check # / Amount Due	Refund Date/ Amt./ Check #	

Cut & keep below INFO

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 30th 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

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 at sites.

Donations for the local food bank will be collected at this event. 

For other questions email or call David Cluett: etno1@hotmail.com cell 206-718-3955

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



Washington State Good Sams Sunshine

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Bud Asmar, Hood Canal Sams and the Sammamish Sams

Diana Klein - Valley Good Sam Drifters

Phill Nimke - Kings & Queens Good Sam

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Phil Troyer - Good Guy Sams

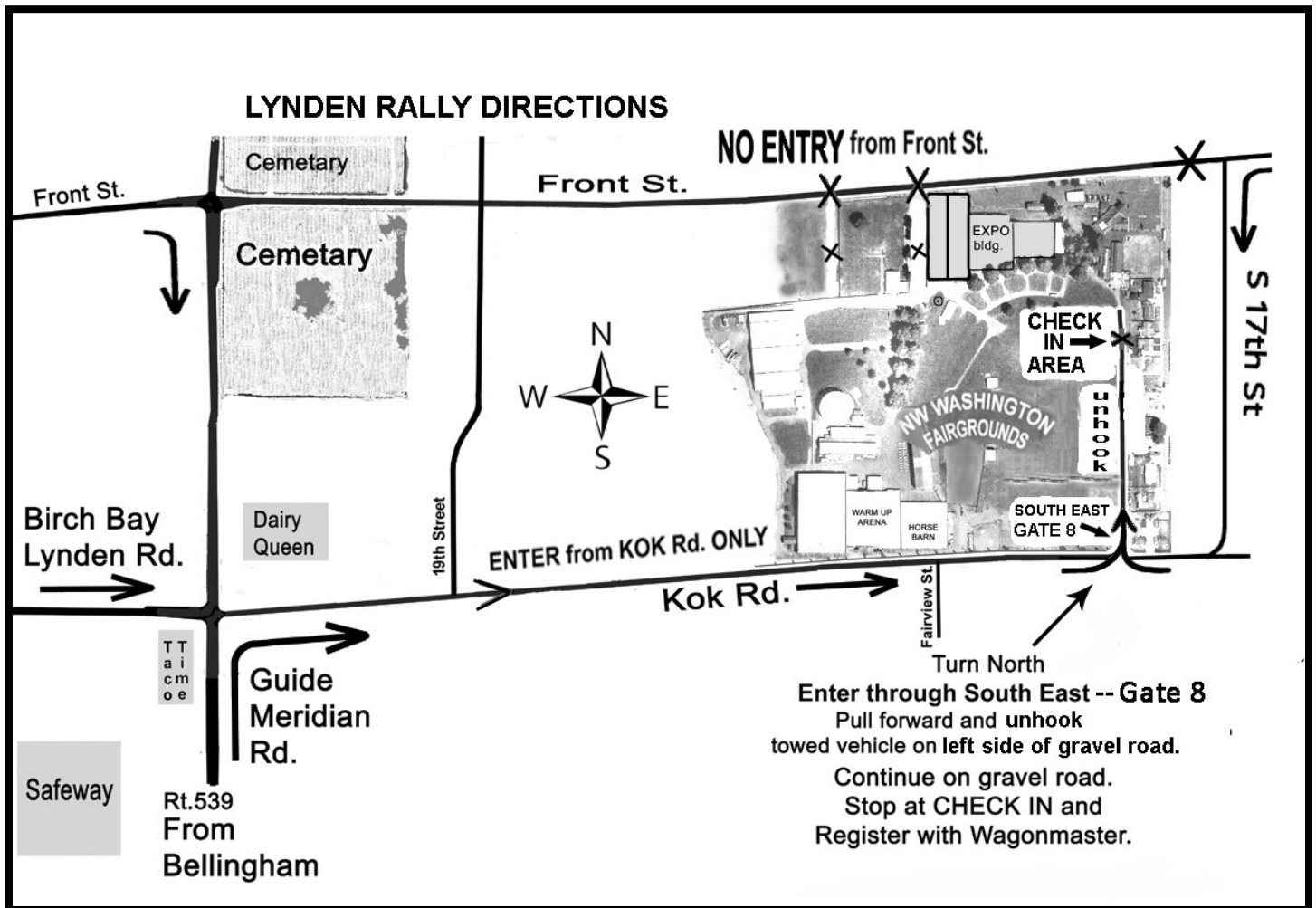
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Get Well Wishes for

Pat Dunn, What-Com Good Sams

Doreen Adams, What-Com Good Sams

**CHAPTERS: Please report member illness, sympathy or death to
Barbara Erickson by emailing to: bje46@msn.com.**



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



The term is for two years (2024-2025) and these are some of the duties of the Director/President taken from our states bylaws:

1. To represent and uphold the Club By-Laws, and General Policies of the Club.
2. To negotiate or facilitate all contracts and insurance for the Club.
3. To officiate at State Campouts (Rallies)
4. To act as the advisor in the administration of the Club and Chapters business.
5. A discretionary fund (and or credit card) in an amount determined by the Board shall be available to the State President to facilitate Club obligations.
6. To receive Nominations for State President, and State Treasurer from the Chapters and present them to the State Board for a vote of the Board at the fall meeting.

VOICES OF OUR LOCAL CHAPTERS

Cheney Good Samers

Submitted by Trudy Weston

Activity since the last Happy Wheels edition has been sparse. Our early December Christmas Lunch & meeting was cancelled due to a very robust snow storm. It took until January 7th to hold the lunch and exchange New Year's (Christmas) gifts.

As I write this, our chapter is on our first campout of the season at Starbuck / Lyons Ferry Marina & KOA. It is my first time here. What a delightful destination. Always nice to have a restaurant on site and cute cabins so family or others may join us yet not have to create all their own meals.

Three of our group headed straight away to visit Palouse Falls during its spring-flow splendor.

Another day we headed to Pomeroy/Pataha to the old flour mill that offers fantastic lunches on Thursdays and Fridays 11-2 pm. Not to be missed!

Our next campout is in two weeks. Would you like a copy of our schedule? Would you maybe like to join us if any campsites still available? Please email President Nancy Curry at currynancyj@gmail.com.

Red Haute Samanthas

Submitted by Dawn Humprey

ATTENTION LADIES!

Bring your Red Hats and purple blouses, skirts, shirts or what have-yous and participate in our Lynden no host lunch at the Fairway Café. (Day to be posted)

We'll discuss our future gatherings and plan Cashmere's "monkey business." It is always fun!



Cariboo Trail Good Sams

Submitted by Bob Chiles

It definitely seems like it is time to start thinking about RVing again... sun coming up in the morning! Nice and warm, and we certainly see more individuals walking for their exercise.

Our camp outs have been determined and we will be visiting those we scheduled last year. These parks are great parks; clean, large spots, close to facilities, etc.

Our schedule is as follows:

- May — Riverbend RV Park, Winthrop, WA.
- June — Conconully Church Camp, Conconully, WA.
- July — No camping - family vacations.
- August — Blacks Beach Resort, Republic, WA.
- September — Wenatchee River County Park, Monitor, WA.
- October — Working on Sun Lake State Park.

The Cariboo Trail Good Sam members wish all Good Sammers a happy and healthy camping season. Enjoy the weather and take care.



It is time to start thinking of what your Chapter can bring to the Cashmere Rally to help fill the Goodie Bags.

The number of bags to be filled is about 65. Bring your Goodie Bag items in by Wednesday morning, September 13th 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.

What-Com Sams

Submitted by Patricia Kazarow

The sun is a-shining to welcome the day,
Heigh-ho!



COME ONE! COME ALL! to a "Springtime Festival," the Lynden State Rally at the NW Washington Fairgrounds, May 3 through May 7!!!

In addition to all of the fun activities, entertainment, meetings, workshops and camaraderie scheduled throughout this event, you will find us serving lunch on Friday, the 5th and Saturday, the 6th. For \$7.00, you will be able to purchase a pulled pork sandwich or all-beef hot dog, chips, coleslaw, a cookie and a drink. All proceeds will support our three main charities: Ronald McDonald House, Fisher House, and Dogs for Better Living. We also support this year's theme with all of the stage decorations.

In other Chapter news, we had our first campout at North Whidbey RV Park in Oak Harbor. After the State Rally, we have a full slate of adventuring during June at Bryce Creek in Sumas, July at Howard Miller Steelhead Park in Rockport and August at Silver Lake in Maple Falls. We then will have several days in September at the Wenatchee River County Park in Monitor before the State Rally in Cashmere.

You are cordially invited to join us! Our contact person for any questions you have about the What-Com Sams is our President, Max Archer who is available by call or text at (360) 305-2119.

In case you were wondering, the opening two lines of text come from a song in the album "Three More Songs of the Fair" published in 1917 with lyrics by Helen Taylor and music by Easthope Martin. Of course, I took the liberty of altering "Fair" to "Fairgrounds in Lynden" but I'll bet you were humming the tune right away since it has been recorded by a number of well-known recording artists.

Happy Trails everyone!



Lilac City Sams

Submitted by Betty Higley

A member for 4 years, Kermit Shall's Celebration of Life was April 2nd. He was a kind man and very giving of his time. He enjoyed camping and being around everyone. Sitting around the fire pit sharing tall tales that would captivate us all. Our chapter enjoyed his presence along with Valerie Harper-Murdoch during the many campouts. He worked hours at the Corbin Senior Center where everyone loved him. Kelly, our President said that Kermit called him and asked if he would come and visit him, and asked for prayer. Kelly said it was a privilege to honor his request to come chat and pray with him. This was his final day of life. Kelly said it was a goal in life to see Kermit and the many others he knows that have gone to see Jesus. This was a great final wish and so pleasantly requested by the kindness of his heart.

We begin again in April to camp at Granite Lake Premier RV Resort in Clarkston, WA. Hosted by new members AJ and Tammy Parker and Kelly & Sherri Rhoads and welcomed Dennis & Sharon Nicholson as new members. Tuesday encompassed a day of shopping, card game, evening hors d'oeuvre to tantalize your taste buds followed by our meeting. Discussions of automobiles, worldly perspectives surrounded by laughter of good times and being together. Isn't that what Good Sam Club is all about?

Thursday, we head to a Mexican restaurant for dinner after a day of enjoying the view of the Snake River. A walk down the path parallel to the river, taking in God's wonder of the ducks and their babies. Watching the duck families living together, enjoying the sun along the grassy banks of the river. A wonderful time of year to be with good friends.

Moses Lake Sandy Sams

Submitted by Phyllis Sievert

So glad Spring has finally arrived! And summer on the way! (I hope!) I think we are all looking forward to getting our rigs on the road again.

We have our campouts scheduled for the summer, as follows:

- **April 11-14** -- Sun Lakes RV Park
- **May 3-7** -- NW Washington Fairgrounds, Lynden
- **May 9-12** -- Mar-Don Resort, O'Sullivan Dam
- **June 13-16** -- Country Lane Campground, Wilbur
- **July 11-14** -- Winchester RV Park, Republic
- **Aug. 8-11** -- Wine Country RV, Prosser
- **Sept. 13-17** -- Chelan County Fairgrounds, Cashmere

Our winter gatherings culminated with a luncheon meeting on Wednesday, March 8 at Bob's Cafe in Moses Lake.

Luncheons rather than dinner meetings worked out better for our members, due to the weather and night driving to our dinners for those who had some distance to travel.

And now, we're looking forward to each and every one of our campouts.

Happy Trails to all! Be Safe. God Bless!!

Moses Lake President, Lee Lihou, phone (509) 431-0151.

Sams of Puget Sound

Submitted by Diane Julum

As I sit down to write this, I am reminded of the song..."oh what a beautiful morning, oh what a beautiful day"; and it truly is!

Plans are coming together for our first outing of the year. The cold winter months gave us time to check out our rigs and prepare for travel. A member of SOPS, wasn't so lucky with the winter winds, rains and snow. He had roof damage that is a "must repair". We will hope that this can be repaired soon.

Our shake down trip caught us off guard with forgetting to fill the water heater before giving power to the element. Yikes! We are reminded that a checklist of what needs to be done to "de-winterize" the rig should be a first priority. We know now and have replacements handy.

All SOPS members enjoyed our lunch meetings in January, February, and March. Our new officers have done a great job in seeing to it that a smooth transition from last year to this was flawless. This group loves to eat!

Our April outing is planned for Olde Stone Village RV Park in McMinnville, OR. We will have a tour of the Evergreen Aviation and Space Museum, paper airplane contest and golfing (weather permitting) on the agenda. Our Thursday dinner out will be Golden Valley Brewery in McMinnville.

Activities for this spring include:

- State Campout at Lynden, May 3-7
- Pine Near RV Park at Winthrop, May 15-22
- John Wayne Waterfront Resort at Sequim, June 15-18

Everyone is welcome to join us at any of our outings. Please contact our President - Ed Nelson at bmistymom1@centurylink.net if you are interested in joining our outing or joining our chapter/group. Check out our website at: www.samsopugetsound.com.

Roamin' Wheels

Submitted by Nadine Dawson

Western Washington has seen its share of cold temperatures so far this spring. The weather needs to cooperate better so we can get our rigs ready for the camping season!

Our agenda for the season is complete. We will start out at:

- Eagle Tree in Poulsbo, April 17-21
- NW Washington Fair Grounds Rally, Lynden, May 3-7
- Hoquiam River RV Park, Hoquiam, May 21-25
- Howard Miller Steelhead RV Park, Rockport, June 19-23
- Ocean Shores various parks with our Clubhouse activities at Pantoja's Beach House, July 11-15
- John Wayne RV Park, Sequim, August 21-25
- Chelan County Fair Grounds Rally, Cashmere, September 13-17
- Fidalgo RV, Anacortes, October 16-20

Those are all our outings, but we have meetings each month and a Grand Finale for the Holidays.

Many of you know Mike and Linda McDaniel's, long time members of Roamin' Wheels and Linda was the secretary for our chapter. They decided to be closer to their family and be present to take part in their grandkids activities, so they sold their house on Camano Island and moved to Moses Lake. We are sure going to miss them! Once a year they put on a Pizza Party at their house for all of us to attend. It was always a great time. Now we will have to find someone else to put on that party or have it at Cashmere because it may be the only time we see them. It is just too far for them to travel to our outings unless we can convince them that it isn't too far! We did have someone step up to take over for Linda as Secretary for Roamin' Wheels and you may recognize the name, our competent Happy Wheels Editor, Barbara Erickson. Thanks Barbara!

To become a member, call our President, Nadine Dawson (425) 478-1614.

Valley Good Sam Drifters

Submitted by Sheryl Michler

Since the calendar says that spring is here, the Valley Drifters have been acting according to the season, not the actual weather being experienced!

The first outing of the season was to Cape Disappointment where several February birthdays were celebrated and everyone appreciated the Dalbec's nice big motorhome with room to accommodate the group birthday party. Mid March found a few of our members in Ocean Shores for the seafood festival there.



Cape Disappointment

Most recently, some of us ventured to Dosewallips State Park where we were delighted to be visited by the resident elk herd. We enjoyed sitting out by the campfire and also ate a delicious dinner at the Halfway House restaurant in Brinnon. The restaurant has homemade pies with tender, flaky crust and HUGE cinnamon rolls which we all bought for breakfast the next morning.

Our next adventure will be in a couple of weeks to join the North Kitsap Sams at Glen Ayr Resort outside of Hood-sport.

At our monthly "zoom" meeting, we voted to have our warm weather meetings at our outings and to use "zoom" for the winter months only. We enjoy being together in person.

We invite anyone interested in our chapter to visit us via the state website or check our Facebook page, "Good Sam Valley Drifters." For further information, contact our president, Dorothy Hartley, by email at hartley90@comcast.net or call 253-631-5100.

Lo-Ke-Co Camper Sams

Submitted by Shelley Russell

Another year is upon us! It has been quite the challenge since Covid finding a meeting place! Our original has been sold so either they aren't ready for us or they aren't opening back up to the public for meetings.

With that being said, we thought "a restaurant might be able to provide us with a space after we had lunch at their establishment"!

Apparently, no one wants to work, so most places said that they can't accommodate our 15-24 patrons. Some said they could try, while others said, "NO", or maybe as long as we understood that there may be only one waiter. Most stated that they are trying to hire more workers, but it isn't working out!

We have held several meetings at the home of one of our gracious members, but we don't want to impose. There are some ideas being checked on, but for this March, Zoom is the way to go. After March, our meetings will be held at our campouts and figured out by September!

Lokeco would like to send out our warmest welcome to our new members, Mike and Lisa Leech! We hope they enjoy camping with us!

OUR 2023 SEASON:

APRIL Maple Grove RV Resort

MAY Lynden State Rally

JUNE Prineville Reservoir State Park to Goldendale

JULY American Sunset RV Park

AUGUST Mini-Caravan starting at Seven Feathers Casino to Redwood Meadows RV Resort to Sunset Bay State Park to Hee Hee Illahee RV Resort

SEPTEMBER Cashmere State Rally to Wenatchee County River Park

Lo-Ke-Co sends out wishes for safe travels and fun adventures to each and every one of you. Hope to see you somewhere down the road!

Desert Drifters Sams

Submitted by Renae Koop

Our 2023 camping season has begun!

Our first trip for the season was to Wine Country RV Park in Prosser. Even though there were only 4 rigs that were able to camp, several members drove up for the meeting and dinner on Saturday. It was a fun way to celebrate St. Patrick's Day as well as a birthday celebration for our trusty sheriff, Jeff! Happy Birthday, Jeff!

Our group has a new Wagon Master for 2024, Thank you, Teri Kessie, for your willingness to take this job on! And thank you, Cindy Everett, for the years of trips you have organized for us! It is definitely a big job!

Our next trip is coming up on April 20th. We will travel to Boardman Marina and RV Park in Boardman, OR. At this point, 11 rigs are planning to attend. Dale and Linda Eggen will be our hosts for this campout, and the plans will include Happy Hour, campfires, eating out at a local eatery called Two Barrels Tap and Grill, and gathering as a group for Saturday evening dinner. We will also have a planning evening for our 2024 camping schedule.

In May we will make a trip to Mardon Resort outside of Othello. Our hosts will be Dan and Karen Blasdel. Our group camped at Mardon last year and had a great time, so we're looking forward to being there again this year.

June will take us to Pendleton, OR to Wildhorse Casino. Wildhorse has a very nice RV park, and with the casino there, as well as a nice golf course, there is always something fun to do. Keith and Shirly Marsh will be our hosts for this campout.

The Desert Drifters have some great campouts scheduled for 2023 and we are looking forward to a fun-filled season!

Deer Park White-tail Sams
Submitted by Sharon Crump

Hurrah for Spring!!! Longer days, shorter nights. Flowers blooming, trees budding out, warmer breezes and sunshine.

Dinner spots and gatherings for winter were fun, but now we can get back to the really good stuff. Camping! Games, campfires, walks, more time together. Our snowbirds will be back soon and ready to share their warm experience with those of us who stayed in the chillier climate.

Spring maintenance for our camping units is on high priority right now. People are looking and pondering on new gadgets or rig changes of various kinds. Getting ready for a season of fun.

Our summer calendar is filled of new adventure. Some familiar camping spots and some new. Our travel spots will open opportunities to explore our destinations a little more creatively.

Life is interesting, challenging, exciting and at times terrifying. We're all learning about aging. Trying to be graceful, courageous, and positive. Watching the world change around us, still we persist and strive to make a difference. We can still make a difference! Stand by our principles. Be kind and good examples to those around us.

Looking forward to seeing you all soon. Your White Tail Sam Buddies.



Could this be part of the Springtime Festival theme at Lynden?
Register today so you won't miss out on any of the fun!

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 River 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.



REMINDER:

We will be collecting non-perishable items for the 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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GOLF CLUB
LYNDEN, WASHINGTON**



SOME OF LYNDEN'S AREA ATTRACTIONS

Lynden Pioneer Museum

217 Front Street, Lynden, WA

The Lynden Pioneer Museum is operated by the Lynden Heritage Foundation and is the preeminent center of history and heritage in Northern Whatcom County.



City Park “Million Smiles Playground Park”

8460 Depot Road, Lynden, WA

Located north of downtown Lynden generations after generations have been hiking in amongst the tall conifer trees, skipping rocks in Fishtrap Creek and picnicking with friends and family.

Jansen Art Center

321 Front Street, Lynden, WA

The Jansen Art Center is a place for artists to create, teach, share and engage the community in an appreciation of the Arts.

Homestead Golf & Country Club

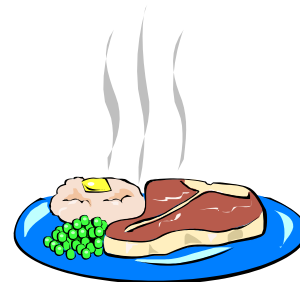
115 E. Homestead Blvd. Lynden,

Located north on the outskirts of Lynden, Homestead Golf and Country Club winds its way across what was once fertile dairy land and is now one of the real surprises of Northwest Washington golf.

Rusty Wagon Old Tyme Food

6937 Hannegan Rd, Lynden, WA

Three miles south. The atmosphere is cozy and rustic with old fashioned booths and wooden tables. The prices are great too for the portion size.



Edaleen Dairy, Lynden, Washington

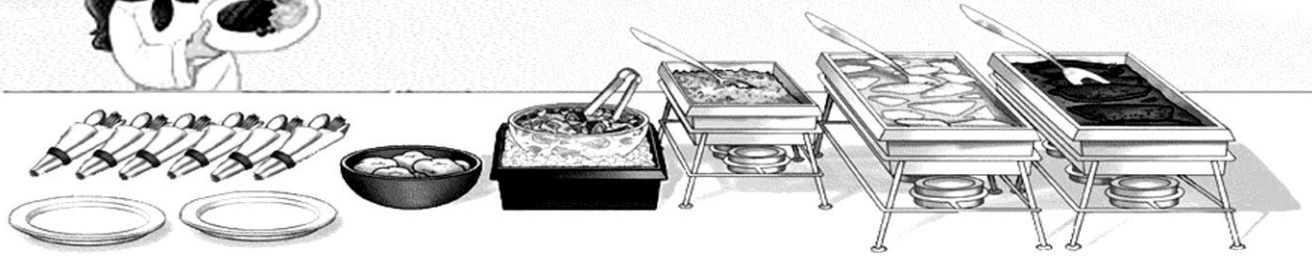
9593 Guide Meridian Rd, Lynden

It's the retail end of the family owned dairy farm so the whole ice cream making operation happens there. Nothing but fresh - from the cow to the store. A local spot to impress out of town guests at a bargain price!

Closed on Sundays.



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.

Oregon and Idaho Rallies Invitation From Director Dave and Dee

Oregon dates are: June 7 thru 11 at Polk County Fairgrounds, Rickreall, OR.
Idaho's follows on June 13 thru 18 at Elmore County Fairgrounds, Glens 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 11th and travel to Wild Horse Casino in Pendleton for one night and then travel to Idaho's Rally in Glens Ferry. It has been four years since we attended Idaho's Rally, and we attended Oregon's Rallies the past two years. We always have fun at their Rallies. Both locations have power and water.

Another Creation
for the Lynden Rally. Come see what
the What-Com Sams are cooking
up!





2023 CASHMERE GOOD SAMs RALLY

Theme:

“Boldly Go Where No One Has Gone Before”

Wednesday Sept. 13 - Sunday Sept. 17, 2023

Chelan County Expo Center

5700 Westcott Drive, Cashmere, WA.



Is this your first Cashmere 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		Chapter(s)	Member at Large <input type="checkbox"/>
The Director & Registrar ask you to register 2 weeks prior start of the campout or ASAP			Number of People <input type="text"/> # of Pets <input type="text"/>
Registration fee covers Wednesday thru Saturday nights			
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 \$	
Make check payable to: Washington State Good Sams Mail registration & check to: Robin Leaden, WSGS Registrar, 17242 11 th Ave. NE Shoreline, WA. 98155 Refund requests must be emailed to the State Registrar at: robinleaden@aim.com 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 Lynden Good Sams Rally.			
Signature Required _____		Date _____	
For Registrars use only →	Date Received / Check # / Amount Due	Refund Date/ Amt./ Check #	

Cut & keep this INFO

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 Sept. 10th due to prior fairgrounds event.

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

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

If you wish to park with friends or your chapter you should arrive together. Full Hook-Ups are located at sites.

Donations for the local food bank will be collected at this event.

For other questions email or call David Cluett: etno1@hotmail.com cell 206-718-3955

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

Driving the Happy Wheels News-bus!

Barbara Erickson, Happy Wheels Editor

The Camping Bug is starting to bite everyone. It comes out of hibernation as soon as dawn begins to show its face earlier in the morning... much earlier than the winter months, say December, January, or February. I usually get up and get the newspaper around 5:30am. It was pitch-dark out. But now, there is a lightness at that hour, and I know that Spring is coming. And that gets my wanderlust going.

Being the editor of Happy Wheels, I read each article that comes in. I can tell that that same Camping Bug is infecting others, and so is wanderlust. I noticed the mention of different campgrounds being visited this spring/summer, some within Washington and some to our bordering states, but always worth noting for future adventures. There are a lot of places to go RVing!

Speaking of adventures. Have you visited our Washington State Good Sams website lately? It has a fresh new look – <https://www.washingtonstategoodsams.com/>. Now maybe this has been updated for quite a while now and I'm just now seeing it. Maybe you haven't visited it lately either. Our webmaster, Bill Brown, has done a grand job... just go take a peek.

My main reason for visiting the website was to visit our EVENTS page. I wanted to see if the agenda for the Lynden Rally was available. It is! So, with the Rally now beginning on Wednesday, we have one more full day to appease that Camping Bug.

Wednesday is arrival time for most campers and that evening, we play Card Bingo. My favorite game!

And if you are interested in meeting members, there's more to breakfast than donuts and "bring your own coffee"! The **State Team** is serving donuts on Thursday, **Tramper Sams** on Friday, **Sounder Sams** on Saturday, and **LO-KE-CO Camper Sams** on Sunday morning. Enjoy a donut with your morning coffee and start your day socializing with friends – and make new ones!

Thursday afternoon hosts the Pet Parade – always an enjoyable event and the Learn Line Dancing with Rosalie is always a challenge for my two left feet. Maybe I'll master it this time?

Friday and Saturday's \$7.00 lunch will be sponsored by **What-Com's Good Sams**. We'll also have entertainment on Friday and Saturday nights and of course the big finale – Door Prizes on Sunday.

So, if you haven't registered, please do. If you don't come now, we won't see you until the end of summer at Cashmere now that Moses Lake is off our schedule! See page 4 for the Lynden registration form. And if you have completed and mailed that in, consider to "Boldly Go Where No One Has Gone Before" by signing up for the 2023 Cashmere Good Sams Rally September 13 - 17 at the Chelan County Expo Center. It is on my calendar. Please put it on yours! CU soon!

WA State Good Sams Happy Wheels

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