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From the DIRECTORS...

Happy Autumn –

During the past three months Dee and I have camped out at several State Parks. As I am writing this letter, we are enjoying the fall weather at Dosewallips State Park. The local herd of elk has wandered thru the park and have many new baby calves. At the end of this month we go to Birch Bay State Park for 20 days. We love all the fall color there with big leaf maple tree leaves on the ground. It is gorgeous.

I have made a little office in our trailer so that we can keep up with the Director duties while we are away from home, provided we have a cell signal.

While we are here, we will have a Zoom meeting with Good Sam CEO, Marcus Lemonis. We will let all of you know how the meeting went by emailing the information to your Chapter President. This will be the 4th Zoom meeting with him. Things are looking good with Good Sam Support and Mr. Lemonis. The meetings have been very positive.

Because of all the emailing taking place over the last five months we have gotten to know the Oregon State Director and also the new incoming Idaho State Director. They have asked for our help working out some of their problems and Dee and I have been working closely with both of them.

I have made information display stands (See page 7) for all four Washington State Camping World stores and one for the Troutdale Oregon Camping World Store. On the stands there are State Flyers, Washington State Chapter locator Map and Happy Wheels (when available). Camping World customers are free to take these. These all have the information for contacting us to apply for State membership.

Over the last three months we have had over 35 potential members reach out to us requesting to know about chapters and possibly joining one. Sometimes we have received two a day. The majority are from the information submission form on our State website home page. This is very encouraging. We are trying really hard to build up the chapters with new members. When we receive a request, we then send the requesters information to Chapter Presidents in their area. We also send the requester the Chapters presidents' information. The chapters presidents must then follow up and contact the potential member.

I am encouraged that some chapters have had RV outings. My chapter, the Valley Good Sam Drifters, had an RV outing at Pacific Beach August 20th - 23rd. You can read the Valley Good Sam Drifters article in this Happy Wheels.

We have met with at least 5 different Chapters by visiting them at their campout or meeting. We love doing this and getting to know more members. If you want us to meet up with your Chapter, please let us know and we'll try our best to come.

Dee and I feel this Director job has been very rewarding even though the three state outings were cancelled.

Hope you are getting out in your RV and staying safe.

Dave & Dee

UPCOMING 2021 STATE EVENTS

LYNDEN STATE CAMPOUT

April 30 -May 2, 2021

Theme: "Up, Up, and Away!"

MOSES LAKE SUMMER RALLY

June 3 - 6, 2021

Theme: "Fun In The Desert"

CASHMERE STATE CAMPOUT

September 17-19, 2021

Theme: "Apples and Cinnamon: Yum Yum"

NOTE: Early arrival dates for each event are not included

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We hope you are all well and staying safe. This pandemic has been a challenge for all, including Dogs for Better Lives (DBL). Their source for DBL candidates had been shelters and rescue dog organizations. As COVID lingers, shelters have had to limit the number

of dogs they can care for, have closed their doors, or the dogs available do not have the right temperament. A challenge.

DBL has begun seeking new partners to provide them with Assistance Dog candidates. One source is the Guide Dog Foundation where non-graduating Guide Dogs were a perfect match – they can easily fit into DBL’s Hearing, Autism and Facility programs. DBL meets the challenges head on. Thank you for your donation.

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What a year we are experiencing! Covid-19, elections, hurricanes, high temperatures, fires, smoke, isolation, etc. But we survive. Hopefully, 2021 will get back to a more normal year for all of us. Our prayers are with all of you.

Again, we understand if Fisher House is not on your mind. Our communities are in need of your support. We all need to do whatever we can to help our citizens in immediate need.

Because of the cancelation of our state Good Sam events, the support for Fisher Houses has been minimal. The only donation received was submitted by Valley Good Sam Drifters. A big THANK YOU to these folks for thinking about our military families in crisis during our own personal and community challenges. If other donations were sent directly to the Fisher Houses in Washington, please let me know so we can recognize your contributions, too.

Thank you to all the Heroes helping us through these challenging times. Stay healthy and MAYBE we will see you at a Washington State Good Sam event in 2021.

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Ronald McDonald Houses of Washington
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Greetings from your Ronald McDonald Rep,

This has been a very difficult year for most of us. We have been unable to visit with friends and family except on a limited basis. That hasn't stopped childhood cancers and leukemia from invading. Ronald Mc Donald House is up and running. It started in Seattle in 1983 with 20 rooms. It now has 80 rooms for residents and their families and 10 self-contained apartments for bone marrow transplant patients and families that can't share communal areas. 75% of their operating budget is from donations of private individuals, organizations, and businesses.

Thank You so much for generous donations this year from the Golden Campers and Valley Drifters. Some of you may have sent your donations directly there and that is ok too. I hope next year we will be together again. I really look forward to seeing everyone and having fun!

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Washington State Good Sams Sunshine

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TIPS FOR RECRUITING NEW CHAPTER MEMBERS

First thing that a chapter should do is:

- Print up full sized informational flyers to hand out: **include:** Chapter information, phone numbers and e-mail addresses. Add fun photos of your chapters activities.
- Print up a postcard-sized flyer on quality cardstock to hand out.
- Print up business cards to hand out.

Finding prospects at your Chapter outings:

- Set up your Chapters sign at your chapter campout.
- Have flyers and chapter information available for the taking.
- Talk to your neighbors at the campground give them a flyer.
- Be visible, wear a Chapter or Good Sam shirt, vest, or ball cap, etc.



Recruit at the nearest Camping World:

- Check with the Camping World manager to set up a visit to Camping World on Customer Appreciation Days. Ask if you can visit the store on other weekends (whatever works for you).
- Be visible, wear a Chapter or Good Sam shirt, vest or ball cap, etc.
- Talk to customers, pass out your flyers and information about Good Sam and our Chapters.
- Encourage prospective members to visit the
WA State Good Sam website: @ washingtonstategoodsams.com
- Display posters about your Chapters.
- Have Chapter registration forms available.
- Have recruiting question worksheets for people to fill out for your keeping.

Information will only be used for Washington State Good Sam Club and its Chapters.

Last Name	His First	Her First
Address		City
		State/Zip
Email		Phone # (with area Code)
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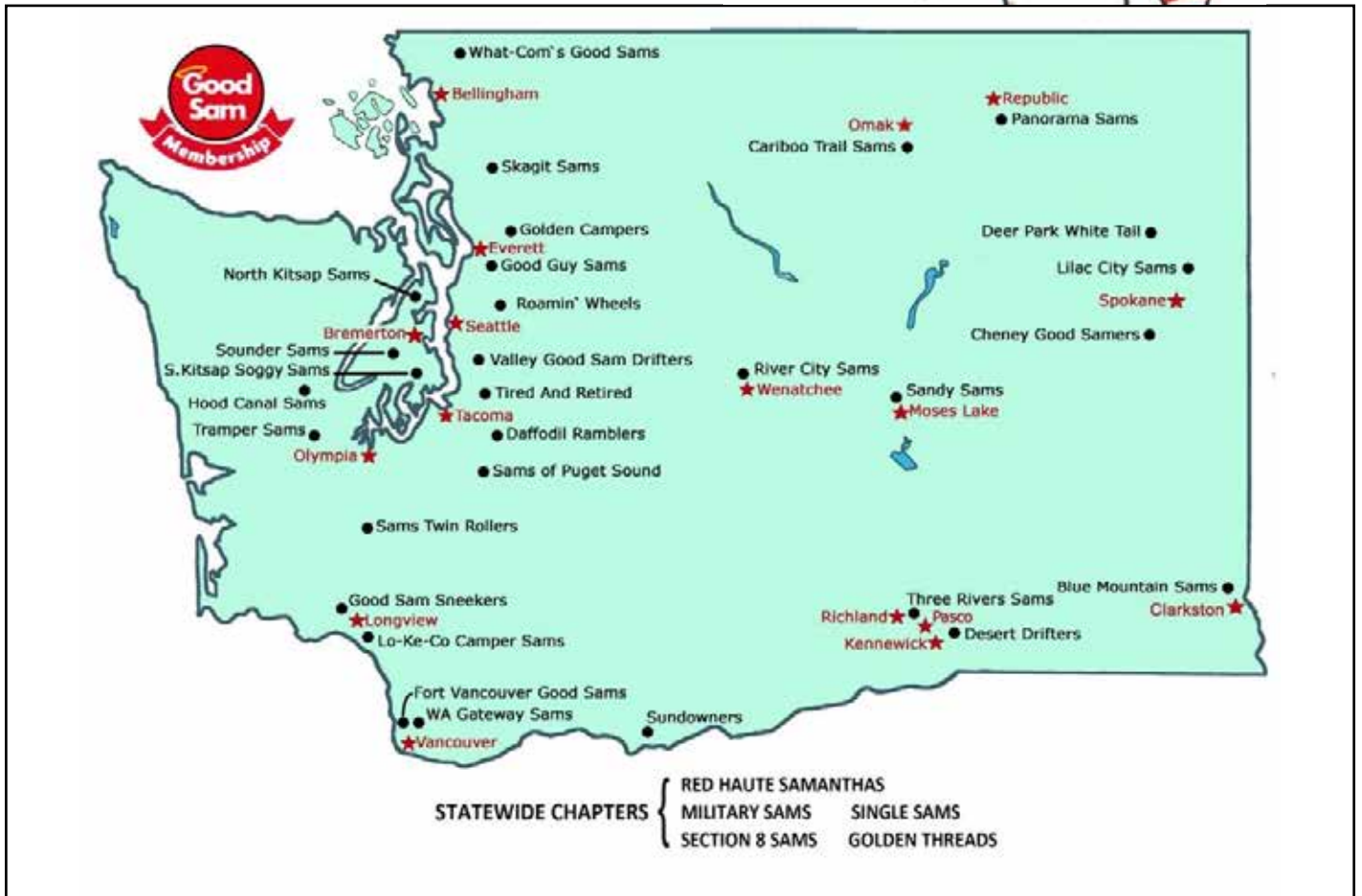
- Follow-up, follow-up, follow-up. Make the connection.

How do you get them to attend a meeting, outing or event?

If you can get them to attend, there is a much better probability that they will join a chapter.

- Make a phone connection with the prospects: Ask them to attend your meeting or outing. Tell them information about your chapter. Encourage them to visit our States website to see who we are and what we do. Sell your chapter to them.
- E-mail them information about your chapter; **include:** Meeting and Outing information and schedules, a short history of the chapter past outings or events, include fun photos, and information about your members. Make the information interesting and easy to read.
- Meet the prospects at a restaurant near where they live. Make it a “get to know you first” (get together lunch).
- Suggest to them that they should do a comprehensive review of meetings or outings that they do attend to ensure they choose the chapter that best meets their needs.
- Follow-up, follow-up, follow-up is the final task that the Chapter has to do. Remember If you can get them to attend, there is a much better probability that they will join a chapter.
- If you feel that the prospects are losing interest in visiting your chapter, inform the prospects that they have the option of contacting or visiting other chapters near them.

Where's Waldo's Chapters?



VOICES OF OUR LOCAL CHAPTERS

Cariboo Trails Sams

Submitted by Bob Chiles

Wow, what a Spring and Summer this has been!

COVID-19 has certainly had an effect on some members and less on others. No matter our differences about COVID-19, our Good Sam group has been following best practices as recommended by Health Officials. We look forward to the day when COVID-19 is a “thing of the past” and life will continue as we knew it.

Even though we have no (zero) group meetings, we have been working on our 2021 camp outs with the assumption that COVID-19 will not be an issue. Hopefully!

At this writing we are undecided about our monthly winter meetings, but will be polling our members in the near future as to their opinions.

Winter is coming with cold winter days and nights. This is the time to be prepared and make the necessary precautions for the winter months.

Be positive, think safe and stay healthy.

Deer Park White Tail Sams

Submitted by Sharon Crump

Hello from the Deer Park White Tail Sams,

Well, 2020 Camp outs were great! We got a late start due to the initial Covid 19 scare. But we chose to live by Faith and not Fear. We enjoyed the fellowship of friends with small outings and have lived to tell about it. Sorry that all of the State Samboree's were canceled, we miss you... We went to Wilbur, then to Kettle Falls, then to Athol, and last but not least Deer Lake. We figured as long as we weren't in “nursing homes” yet we were pretty safe.

Truly, this has been a year of challenges both for ourselves, our States, our Country and the World. Life is full of uncertainty and as responsible adults we each choose how we are going to live our lives and how we can best serve one another. Trials test us and help us to grow. We can either push forward and live with faith and confidence or we can shrink and hide with fear. Each must decide for themselves. I am thrilled for the opportunity to live at this time of such great opposition, and look forward to the future, as are many of us. Stay well and hopefully we will see you soon.



The information display stand built by President Dave for the four Washington Camping World stores and the Troutdale store in Oregon. Look for it the next time you visit Camping World.



Photos from Deer Park White Tail Sams outing

Roamin Wheels

Submitted by Iva Metz

JULY - Bellingham RV Park- Camping was really different with that terrible Virus out there. There were no potlucks, we fixed our own food, then went outside to sit with friends (6 ft. apart, of course). At least we could visit with each other and enjoy their company. Janet Pantoja treated us to a concert in the Park with her Carbon Fiber Cello. She does such a great job, and we all enjoyed it so much. Several of us took a tour along the board walk at Taylor's Dock, the views from there were spectacular.

AUGUST - Hoquiam RV Park - to be safe we prepared our own lunch and ate it outside with our friends. Myron Fisher's brother Mel and wife joined us. As brothers usually do, Mel talked Myron into driving down on the beach. Myron said "NO" but finally gave in, and wouldn't you know Myron got his truck stuck and had to be pushed out before the tide came in. He said, "I didn't want to do that in the first place, and I won't do it ever again." We drove over to Ocean Shores to visit with Jose and Janet at their beach house.

SEPTEMBER - North Whidbey RV Park. With no potlucks again, we all fixed our sack lunch and had a picnic at Deception State Park outside, so we could catch up on their news. The campers did their own thing by exploring the sights on the island, i.e. Coupeville, Rosario Beach and many other sights that the Island has to offer.

OCTOBER - We had a wonderful group--10 rigs in attendance. Cedars was very kind to us and let us gather in a large grassy area two nights in a row for happy hour, as we could have no more than five people gathered in a site. The sites at Cedars are really huge! At other RV parks they would probably put two rigs in this size site. It's a wonderful place, very large and includes an off-lease dog yard.

On the second evening we made S'mores over the fire in the nearby fire pit. Thanks to Mike McDaniel for the chocolate and the fire and thanks to Steve Erickson for talking to Cedars to get approval. Not only that, Cedars donated graham crackers and marshmallows! Everyone was socially distanced and mostly masked up.

Stay well, stay safe, and hopefully we will be able to get together in 2021.



Janet's concert amongst the RVs



Good Guy Sams

Submitted by Barbara Smith

Our group were finally able to have several campouts late this year. Our May and June trips were cancelled, but in July we went to American Sunset RV in Westport. We only had three RV's, and one couple needed to have their tow car towed back home from near Olympia, but we had a good time anyway. We went into town and window shopped, and also bought some really fresh seafood. Several of us had a nice lunch at the historic Tokeland Hotel.

In August we had seven rigs attend the Bend Sisters Garden RV Resort. We had a group breakfast at the Cottonwood Cafe, then some of the group went exploring on their own. The Faith Hope & Charity Vineyards and the Alpaca Farm were both popular spots. We had Pizzas in the Park, along with salads and sides from us all. Friday we were served a wonderful coffee cake and fruit for breakfast, and then had dinner at the Black Butte Ranch. The next day several of us went back to the Ranch and rented three wheel bikes to ride around the beautiful grounds. (Unfortunately for us, they did not have gears!)

In September we had a bonus trip (not originally planned) to help make up for the earlier lost trips. We went to Blackwell Island in Idaho. By that time the smoke was all gone, but unfortunately, so was the sunshine. It was a little cold and wet, but still a nice place to end our camping season. Again, one of the couples had a problem on the way and were a little late, but as soon as they arrived, we swept them off to a nice dinner. Then in the morning we went to the Hayden Farmer's Market, where almost everyone found something to buy.

We aren't able to have our regular meetings but have managed to keep somewhat in touch with each other and enjoy the outings we were able to have.

Lilac City Sams
Submitted by Betty Higley

We are challenged to find places to camp. We are travelers that enjoy seeing places usually within 150 miles or less. Friendship is the main ingredient. Camaraderie is the goal. Changes were made several times this year and in August, Lilac City Sams went to The Nugget in St. Regis, MT. This is a very popular campout in our group. 27 members & six guests. We played a bean bag toss game again and played card games. After our meeting we presented President Kelly and Sheri with a huge box with instructions to opening it's contents of several gifts. One of the final gifts was a Welcome Beaver about 12" tall so that Kelly and Sheri's new big Beaver RV had a little Beaver. After the potluck we played a few games of Bingo as a charity event. During the weekend some went on excursions to town, or to Plains, MT for lunch with the Amish.

September: Hors d'oeuvre night our first night back to Country Lane RV by the River, Kingston ID. The Coeur d'Alene River was telling us: Winter is on its way. In the evening, Dean Olson would build a fire by the river. Around the fire pit we shared about things important to us over the years. Thursday we fix a table for a sit down dinner with BBQ steaks & chicken and potluck left overs. Good time had by all.

October: Blackwell Island, Coeur d'Alene, ID was our final campout for 2020. Monday night in the clubhouse we ate hors d'oeuvres that looked like potluck. Meeting followed. Afterwards several played games in the game room while others visited. Tuesday was potluck night, afterwards some gathered in small groups to visit or play Chicken Foot-domino's. Wednesday we went to Hagadon's Floating Restaurant for dinner. It's all about friends visiting at its best... camping together!

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 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.

After getting shutout by the virus for our April, May and June campouts, we finally held our first campout of the season July 21 – 24, at the Whispering Pines RV Park, Cle Elum, and it was a huge success, we had the best turnout we've had in a long time. We had exclusive use of their clubhouse for the outing where we played Mexican Train, card games and put puzzles together. The weather was wonderful, and we enjoyed walks through the trails. The first night we went for Mexican food, the second night we held a potluck in the clubhouse. We made sure throughout the event that everyone had masks and practiced social distancing.

Our second campout with the Beachcombers planned for August 18-21, at Copalis Beach Resort, unfortunately was cancelled by the Beachcombers.

Our next campout is now scheduled for October 22 – 25, back at Whispering Pines in Cle Elum since Elma RV Park in Elma gave the Club House we reserved to another club. We have nine rigs planning to attend, as well as some folks staying at a hotel and we are hoping for more to join us. On Wednesday we will be holding a Memorial for Ed Soper, our past President who recently passed away.

November 17 at 11:30am at the Sizzler Restaurant, 16615 Southcenter Parkway, Tukwila, WA we are back to getting together for a 2021 Annual Event Planning Luncheon.

December we will hold our annual Christmas Luncheon Celebration, location TBD.

At the January, February, and March Luncheons we will get together to finalize our 2021 schedule and camping plans.

If you would care to join us at any of our events, or just need more information, please call Robert Reichle at 425-337-2906. Hope to see you at one of our events!



Desert Drifters Sams

Submitted by Renae Koop

Here we are at the end of another camping season.

The Desert Drifters have had the opportunity to go on several camping trips in spite of this crazy year!

As previously reported, so far this season our group has been to LaGrande, OR, Hepner, OR as well as Coeur d'Alene, ID. All great trips!

August took the group to Osburn, ID for the weekend where 16 people were in attendance. After the weekend in Osburn, part of the group continued to Anaconda, MT where mining for sapphires was the newest experience.

Our September campout was at Sun Lakes RV Resort. It was the weekend of the annual Classic Car Show, which included live music and dancing. What a beautiful display of amazing cars! The weather was perfect, so several people played golf, fished off the dock, went paddle boating and kayaking. It was a great weekend! We had 32 people present (28 members and 4 guests).

The final campout for the season was a trip to Leavenworth where we stayed at Icicle River RV Park. The Oktoberfest had been canceled, but that did not keep us from a good time! Shops were open, breweries were open and there was a lot of food and fun. The weather was terrific on Friday while we were in town, and Saturday was nice until about 3:00 p.m. then it poured rain until 8:00! Thankfully, we had a pavilion to use for our group activities such as "game night" where we enjoyed Giant Jenga, Dominos, and a fun board game called Fast Track. We also enjoyed Happy Hour and a delicious dinner of homemade chili with all the trimmings.

Even with all the obstacles we have faced this year, it turned out to be a terrific camping season with great friends!

Daffodil Ramblers

Submitted by Jerry Knudson

As I sit here this morning dunking my biscotti in my coffee and seeing the end fall off into the cup I wonder, what the future holds for us. 2020 has certainly been a disrupting force in the way we do things. How we shop, how we communicate, consume news, how we visit the doctor and family and friends, and of course most importantly how we camp.

The Daffodil Ramblers have been making adjustments as situations permit and we are beginning to see our future for camping. How we get together and how we do things. Being able to socially isolate and wear masks while still getting together and having a good time is a challenge. Our group is finding their way in dealing with the challenges.

We were able to get in another campout recently and we had an absolutely great time. We went to Eagle Tree RV campground near Poulsbo, which has become a favorite with our group. If you have never been there you should give it a try. Friendly staff, a nice clubhouse, beautiful camping area and the town of Poulsbo nearby. Though we do recommend that if at all possible, you don't get sites in the middle as they are a bit tight. The sites among the trees though are great.

We have yet to have an actual meeting. Many of us are still skeptical of getting together in a group in a restaurant. We will eventually work that out to fit our needs also. In the meantime we have been in touch and doing some planning through social media, text, and all the wonderful and frequently confusing means of communication that the virus has given us the opportunity to explore. I have learned to ZOOM... usually into a blank wall, but when I get it right it has been a good experience.

Not much more to say other than the Daffodil Ramblers wish you all well. Stay safe and stay camping.

As a final closing thought I quote the great Winnie the Pooh. **"People say nothing is impossible, but I do nothing every day."**

Three River Sams

Submitted by Delphine Palmer

In spite of the Corona Virus, numerous forest fires, civil unrest, violent protests and RV park closings; it was a challenging year for RVers trying to enjoy our normal, fun-filled campouts this summer! Although several planned monthly campouts had to be cancelled, our courageous group was able to enjoy themselves at Farragut State Park and is set to visit Prosser Wine County soon for a six day campout. During the visit to Farragut State park, forest fires blazed nearby which was a bit of a concern. However, in spite of the thick smoke members had a good time visiting, playing cards and, of course, enjoying wonderful meals together. Participants found it interesting to watch the helicopters as they were continually dipping huge buckets into the water and dumping the water on the fires.

Our Chapter is looking forward to our campout at Prosser, WA. Interestingly, this will be the longest stay the Chapter has had this year. I'm sure it doesn't have anything to do with the fact that Prosser has so many wonderful wineries and we are OBLIGATED to try each and every one?

As we enter the last quarter of 2020, we can only hope that the trauma and upheaval we have experienced in our great Country subsides and we get back to a time not so long ago when we cherished, respected and loved our Country, our Flag and every Citizen. God Bless America through the rough spots ahead.

What-Com Sams

Submitted by Patricia Kazarow

Greetings!

Where has the summer gone? COVID-19 Phase 1 and Phase 2 restrictions have meant that our “normal” What-com’s Good Sam campouts have not been possible. However, most of our members have been able to create their own campout excursions... whether in Whatcom County parks (like Maple Creek campground in Silver Lake Park) or Washington State parks (like Fort Casey Historical State Park) or even outside of our state, in national parks like Mesa Verde National Park in Durango, Colorado. Our president and treasurer, Max and Ann Archer traveled nearly 4,000 miles visiting 13 states in September!

In addition to overnight adventures, two of our members, Toby and Teresa Gelder, also made more than a dozen day trips in their RV to Whatcom County city parks, like Riverside Park in Everson where they had lunch and walked a beautiful nature trail along the Nooksack River. They searched the web for places that they had never before visited. Leaving early in the morning and enjoying each park’s distinctive offerings, they used their RV as a “home” base. “Each trip made our day more special!”

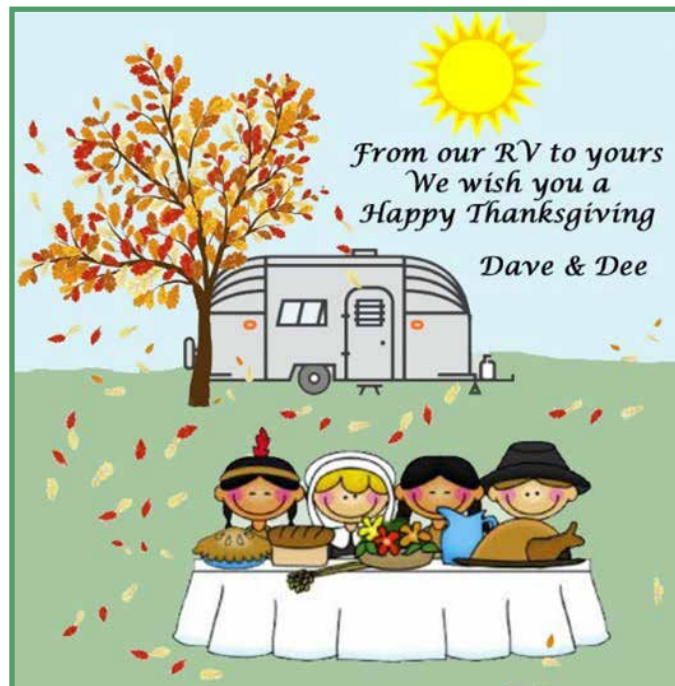
Washington State offers great opportunities for fall and winter camping especially for seniors! For \$75, the Off Season Senior Citizen Pass for state residents aged 62 and older allows free camping or moorage from October 1 through March 31 and Sundays through Thursdays in April. If you want a site with electricity, a nominal fee of \$10 per day is charged. See www.parks.wa.gov for more details.

The fall holidays are quickly approaching. We are still hopeful that we can gather together for Thanksgiving dinner at the Latitude 49 Clubhouse and a Christmas potluck gathering at the Portal Creek Park Clubhouse.

Happy Trails!



The historic Cliff Palace, the largest cliff dwelling in North America



Sams of Puget Sound

Submitted by Debbie Harden

August 13 – 16 found us at Tower Rock – Good turnout and perfect weather. Tower rock is as close to real camping as this club will ever get. No clubhouse, single stall bathroom, no showers and sewer or 50amp service plus no WiFi or cell service. 10 miles south of Randle between Mt Rainier and Mt Adams, the scenery is amazing. Ken and Dale drove 20 miles deeper in to the woods to a pristine alpine lake where they caught their limit of rainbow trout. Shared them with everyone next morning for breakfast. Our camp host lit a bonfire for us each evening and we all enjoyed sitting around and visiting well past dark.



September 17 – 24 Glacier Peak was a nice traditional campout for our group. Clubhouse, hosted breakfast, potluck and card games. A few stayed home for fear of the smoke but it was very light and then it rained washing away the haze. We all got to enjoy fresh crystal clear mountain air. The salmon were running in the Skagit River and Ken managed to land a nice Silver. Four rigs ventured on to Pearrygin Lake State Park up over Washington Pass. What amazing scenery! Mountains, rivers, lakes, forests, alpine meadows. Some of the best scenery anywhere. Camped three nights at the state park and we all explored Winthrop and Sun Mountain Lodge. The food and service at 3 Fingers Jacks deserves a shout out. Dale managed to catch a few trout in the lake. This area is definitely on our “let’s go there again” list.



October 15 – 18 was our last outing for the year and we spent it at Hoquiam River RV Park. Our Thursday dinner outing was held at Duffy’s Restaurant, Aberdeen and was great. On Friday it rained all day. We had a dessert gathering in the clubhouse where the hosts provided cupcakes and root beer floats and we played Card Bingo.

At 9am on Saturday, we met for breakfast in the clubhouse. The hosts again provided a tasty meal. We had our meeting right after that. The rest of the day we were on our own until it was time for our potluck. I have to say we have a lot of good cooks!

As a bonus, we all received a cute little coffin full of candy on Friday night and Saturday we were given small black framed placecards with our names and “Happy Halloween”. Everyone enjoyed themselves despite the on again, off again weather..



Fort Vancouver Sams

Submitted by Gay Rochel

"There's nothing worth the wear of winning, but laughter and the love of friends."
(Hillaire Belloc) This is what Good Sam is all about.

In July we visited Hoquiam River RV Park, Hoquiam, WA. This is a nice park with friendly management. We were able to make use of the park's nice club house but the weather was so great we spent most of our time outside playing games and visiting. Ron Moon caught fish in the Hoquiam River. New members Jerry and Carlene Adamowicz joined and are proving to be a great addition to our Chapter. Welcome aboard Jerry and Carlene.

Tillamook Elks RV Park just south of Tillamook, OR was our destination in August. The Elks Lodge invited us into the Lodge for a Prime Rib dinner which was enjoyed by all, subject to Covid Rules. The weather was good and we played Bean Bag Baseball, with the Marvelous Team winning 22 to 4.

In the spirit of Good Sam, one member experienced trouble with their RV, a slide would not retract, and so we got our heads together and located the problem and fixed it. Several members visited Cape Meares, not far away on the Oregon coast; what a beautiful place.

In September we visited Silver Cove RV Park, Silver Lake, WA. Nice park. Due to Covid rules we were unable to use the Club House. So we set up several "pop up shelters" and equipped them with lights and had a place to enjoy our Tacos and Nacho Potluck, games, and visiting. The weather was somewhat dreadful and very smoky from distant forest fires. But the friendship was as strong as ever despite the smoke and weather, an enjoyable time was still possible.

Sandy Sams

Submitted by Phyllis Sievert

Fall is here, and summer has gone. We are all still hunkered down, social distancing, wearing masks. No dinner meetings or campouts this year. It's a bummer... but could be worse. We have to be positive and learn from these times... be grateful for what we have.

Our longtime member, Vera Sperr passed away in October. We will surely miss Vera's lovely smile. Paul Boehm, our treasurer and "caretaker" is undergoing chemotherapy for cancer, as is longtime member, Nona Sielaff-Leaf. October 15th, our President Lee Lihou had back surgery. We pray for positive outcomes for Lee, Paul, and Nona.

Good news is, we are awaiting more vibrant and safe times in 2021!

We wish for everyone to Be Well and Be Happy!!!



Valley Good Sam Drifters

Submitted by Lloyd Hartley

We were at the Pacific Beach Naval RV Campground in August with 14 rigs including two guest couples. We had rain the first day, but sun for a Corn Hole tournament the next day. No potlucks because of the virus, but we ate together and some of us enjoyed the park restaurant. We held our monthly meeting outside and the weather cooperated. We celebrated our Chapter's 50th year anniversary at the outing with a delicious cake. We were given trail mix snack bags, and sand dollars collected on the beach. There were thousands of cars on the beach at Ocean Shores on Sunday. What a zoo!



We decided to hold the September meeting via Zoom. It turned out to be easier than imagined. What you miss on Zoom are the side conversations and refreshments. Fourteen rigs were represented.

Our October outing was at Dosewallips State Park on Hood Canal. The elk know it is a no-hunting area and freely roam the park and the surrounding area. It is a beautiful park and although it is closed for clamming, oysters may still be available. If you planned on oyster picking, you needed a shell fish license. You can get them at low cost for seniors at Fred Meyer. We had a good turnout.

A luncheon in Auburn for Veterans' Day was cancelled due to COVID. Our Christmas dinner depends on COVID.

We welcome new members Mike and Judy Haas and Vic and Larette Plaza. We hope to make many good memories for all members.

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.

Good Sam Sneekers

Submitted by Diane LaRue

As we all know things are getting to become very strenuous with the COVID-19 virus making a lot of us become shut-ins, but some of us have been able to venture out to visit family's or even take a trip in our RV's just for change of scenery.

We are still not gathering for our meetings yet. Who knows what the New Year will bring? Some of us have had to deal with some medical issues and surgery's, but all is well. We do have some bad news though. We have lost one of our members to cancer. We will miss him dearly.

So, we wish everyone out there a happy, healthy and safe time on the road.



Driving the Happy Wheels News-bus!

Barbara Erickson, Happy Wheels Editor

Happy Thanksgiving: Time flies when you are having fun! So can you believe that 2020 is drawing to a close? Despite the ever present COVID-19, the horrific West Coast forest fires, and now our version of "fall colors" along with the rain and gray skies, it was still wonderful to gather in the great outdoors with our friends.

Reading the articles submitted by the Clubs provides an opportunity to learn about different travel areas. Desert Drifters, Three River Sams, and Lilac City are taking trips out of state. My 2021 goal is to visit some of the places they and others have mentioned in this issue and past issues.

LOGO: The Sams of Puget Sound logo is the feature for this issue. As with history, sometimes beginnings get lost. The origination of this logo has been lost, but looking at the logo itself, you can imagine why the symbols were chosen – they truly represent the Puget Sound area.

SoPS did provide background on their chapter, so I'll share a bit of history with you. Back in November 1972, the Tacoma Chapter of Washington State Good Sams found themselves in a growth spurt that warranted the formation of a new chapter. Six couples and a single found themselves in a small group and in December of 1972, the group held their first meeting, elected a temporary chairman, John Kowalyk, and the chapter was born. The chapter adopted the current name in February 1973. Then in March, the chapter went on its first campout to Pleasant Acres, Lacy, Washington and continues to actively schedule campouts and participate at State Campouts and Rally's.

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.

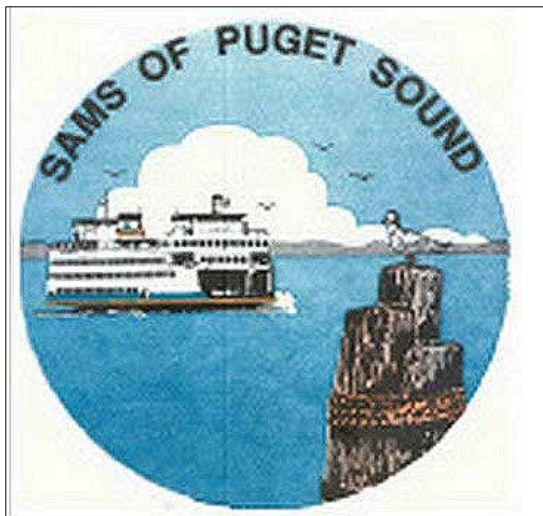
The following dates do NOT include the Early Days.

Lynden State Campout	April 30 - May 2	Theme: "Up, Up, and Away!"
Moses Lake Summer Rally	June 3 - 6	Theme: "Fun In The Desert"
Cashmere State Campout	Sept 17-19	Theme: "Apples and Cinnamon: Yum Yum"

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