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# Happy Wheels

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## *From the DIRECTORS...*

Happy Fall, Happy Thanksgiving everyone;

Some of you Snowbirds have already flown south, and others have already winterized their rig, and Dee and I are out in our RV. We were just at Wildhorse RV Park in Pendleton and we are now at Maryhill State Park on the Columbia, then on to Dosewallips State Park at Hood Canal. We love this time of year and all winter long for RVing. We have lots of reservations set up through April. We consider all of our RV outings as no host and invite other members to join us at them. If you want to join us, just call and we will let you know when and where we will be at that time.

We are pleased to continue as the "Washington State Good Sams" as was voted on at our last State meeting at the Cashmere Rally in September.

Your chapter presidents received and sent all of you the email with the minutes from our meetings at Cashmere, and as they voted on at the meeting we dropped the State Rally at Moses Lake in June reasons being that our expenses there were too great with the smaller number of members attending. We then voted to add a day to both the May Rally at Lynden and the September Rally at Cashmere. Check out the dates for these at the bottom of this page and add them to your calendars. If you don't attend these Rallies you don't know what you are missing. Everyone has a really enjoyable time at the state outings with games, crafts, raffles, great entertainment, wonderful door prizes and the renewing the friendships you have made in the past. We hope to see you there.

Adding the extra day will allow us the opportunity to include the activities we lost at Moses Lake like the Pet Parade, the Adult Game Challenge, or Giant Jenga, adding a seminar or two or even adding new games or other activities. If any of you have an idea of an activity you might like at the Rallies, please let Dee and I know. More time, more activities, more fun.

Also if your Chapter is exploring the idea to disband, please read the Disbanding Article in this Happy Wheels.

Happy Holidays!

## **Upcoming 2023 Washington State Good Sams Rallies**

**Lynden Rally May 3 - 7 Theme: "Springtime Festival"**

**Cashmere Rally September 13-17**

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

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As a dog lover all my life, I am pleased to become your newest Dogs for Better Lives representative. I am taking over from Markey Peterson who did a wonderful job. Thank you Markey.

Since 1977 Dogs for Better Lives has been providing assistance dogs to people. Dogs are placed with individuals who experience deafness; children on the autism spectrum; and professionals such as teachers, physicians, and licensed therapists. 100% of your donations support programmatic services. Administration and fundraising costs are covered by a separate endowment. Also, there is no cost to the client. Your donations are truly well spent. Donations collected at Cashmere totaled \$3194.95. Thanks everyone!

Please note that because they are located in Southern Oregon, we have decided we can no longer accept donations of blankets or towels. It is simply too difficult to get them there.

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We had a good time in Cashmere and a lot of attendance. The White Elephant Auction was a great idea and there was a huge turn out of donated items. We were all surprised at the \$1800 raised for all three charities. Our auctioneer was a master at raising the bids and it was great fun.

Not only did we receive money donations for Fisher House but also two boxes of CDs and several blankets. We thank everyone for their generosity for Fisher House.

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**Ronald McDonald Houses of Washington**  
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I'm the new Ronald McDonald House representative and am a member of the Valley Good Sam Drifters chapter.

This year from the Cashmere state rally we collected 36 pillowcases, 16 large afghans, 9 medium afghans, 4 small blankets, 8 pot scrubbers and 3 shawls/ponchos. These items were distributed between the Seattle and Spokane Ronald McDonald houses. A thank you to Pam Kelley for delivering the Spokane Ronald McDonald House share of items to them and Nelsine Anderson for delivering the items to the Seattle House.

A total of \$3230.95 was received from various chapters and the Cashmere White Elephant event and divided between the two houses.

Thanks to all who made the pillowcases, afghans, blankets, etc. and donated monies.

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**2023 LYNDEN 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 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"/> <b>First come first parked</b> Please display your <b>handicap sign</b> in the <b>windshield</b> for the Wagonmaster		Chapter(s)	Member at Large <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>The Director &amp; Registrar ask you to register at least 2 weeks before start of the rally or ASAP</b>			# of People <input type="checkbox"/> # of Pets <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Registration fee covers</b>	<b>Wednesday thru Saturday nights</b>	<b>Amount Due</b>	
1 RV and occupants	\$35 x 4 nights = \$140 (US Funds) →	\$	
Circle extra night(s) you plan to attend x \$35 Per Night =	→	\$	
Monday	Tuesday	Total \$	
<b>Make check payable to:</b> Washington State Good Sams <b>Mail registration and check to:</b> Robin Leaden, WA. State Registrar, 17242 11 <sup>th</sup> Ave. NE Shoreline, WA. 98155 Refund requests must be emailed to the State Registrar at: <a href="mailto:robinleaden@aim.com">robinleaden@aim.com</a> or sent to the registrar and postmarked with U.S. Mail no later than 5 days from the start of the event.			
I/we understand the Washington State Good Sams has taken reasonable safety precautions and I/we accept full responsibility for the welfare of our RVs and all persons in our RVs while attending the Washington State Rally.			
<b>Signature Required</b> _____		<b>Date</b> _____	
For Registrars use only →	Date Received/Check #/Amount Due	Refund Date/ Amt./ Check #	



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

**To enter the fairgrounds please use the KOK Road entrance, see MAP.** Also no RV will be allowed to enter the Fairgrounds RV Park until Monday May 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:doreen50@yahoo.com)

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

Power and water are included near your site.

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.

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



For other questions email or call David Cluett: [etno1@hotmail.com](mailto:etno1@hotmail.com) cell 206-718-3955

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



## Washington State Good Sams Sunshine

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Doug Ostgaard, Sams of Puget Sound

Vena Patch, Sounder Sams

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Markey Peterson, Skagit Sams

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## VOICES OF OUR LOCAL CHAPTERS

### Good Sam Sneekers

Submitted by Kathy Laird

We are pleased that one of the new couples, who began visiting our chapter earlier this spring, has joined our chapter - Nicole and Dale Weise. They enjoy RV'ing and are a great addition to our chapter.

One of our longtime members, Ed Barnes, now 90 years old, has been able to continue on our outings because his son-in-law is able to travel with him and help out as needed.

In May we went to the Columbia River Waterfront RV Park in Woodland, WA for the first time. It is on the river with wonderful views of the ships and boats traveling up and down the Columbia. The park is beautiful and we had a good time. There is no club house but there is a large covered patio arranged with furniture for socializing, big grill, fire pit, etc. Staff are very friendly and helpful.

In June we went to the Olde Stone Village RV Park in McMinnville, OR again. We had glorious weather the week we were there. We spent most of our time outdoors during the day socializing, walking, biking, golfing, and shopping. We spent the evenings in the beautiful clubhouse enjoying potluck dinners and playing different card and dice games. The park has a swimming pool and lots of lounge chairs. Staff are very friendly, welcoming, and helpful. This park is next door to the Evergreen Air Museum and has a paved walking path from the park to the museum.

Our July outing was cancelled because of high diesel prices, so instead we planned a day-long picnic at one of our members' home. Past active members of the chapter were invited to join us for a reunion to catch up with everyone.

**Editor's Note:** My apologies to Kathy Laird and the Good Sam Sneekers, I inadvertently overlooked this article intended for the August issue!

### Skagit Sams

Submitted by John West

This will be the last article from Skagit Sams as we have decided to disband.

About five or six years ago we went from 25 active members down to 5. Over the past few years our numbers have gone up a little but this summer we dropped to only two active members due to illness, selling of rigs, etc.

So, the decision was made to disband the chapter and divide our treasury between the three charities which was done at Cashmere. So, as of the end of the year Skagit Sams will be no more.

It is rather a sad note since the chapter was formed in 1973 and had been an active chapter ever since. I myself joined in 1996 and have been president for the third time for the past 6 years. It was not an easy decision but one that was inevitable. It has been fun. Kathy and I are looking into other chapters to join or possibly become 'members at large'.

We will continue to be on the state team and will see you at the state rallies.

So long from Skagit Sams.

John West, President.

### Good Guy Sams

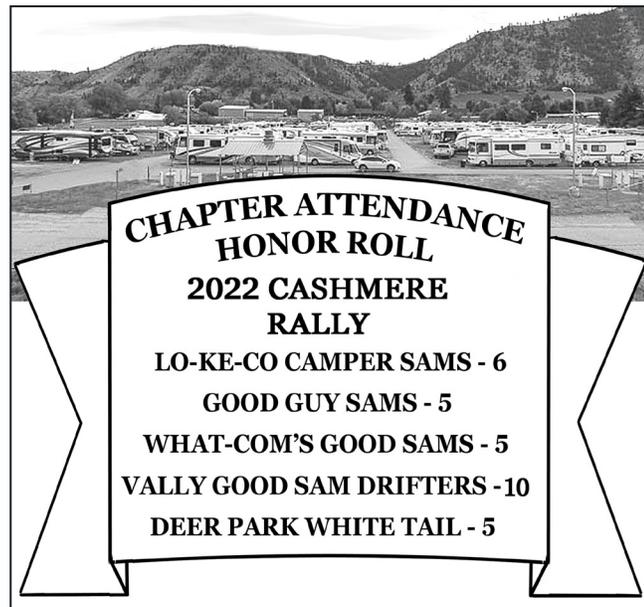
Submitted by Robin Leaden

Our chapter is dwindling, but still alive. We had four rigs at the Cashmere State Rally, and held a chapter meeting there. We voted to continue the chapter, as it has been operating for the last several years, which is with no meetings, no official camp-outs, no elections, but to enjoy each other's company at informal get togethers such as BBQ's and running into each other at State Rallies.

So far, this is working for the remaining members, some of whom are no longer RVing, either temporarily or long term. We always have a good time when we do get together, and enjoy hearing about the adventures other friends as we meet and/or on social media.

This year has brought a lot of changes, and challenges, yet with all the friendships within our chapter and within the whole state organization (whatever it turns out to be called), we weather through and celebrate whenever we can.

Our volunteer contact person is John Leaden, [jbleaden@netscape.net](mailto:jbleaden@netscape.net).



**Lilac City Sams**  
Submitted by Betty Higley

Icicle River was our July Campout near Leavenworth. We listened to the flowing river water near our campsites. Leavenworth included shopping and dine out as a must. Did you see the whale? It's a rock that looks like a whale. Meeting was held at campsite by the river. Pot luck on Wednesday.

In August we took the 9 hours journey to Lincoln City. 1<sup>st</sup> night at Cascade Locks KOA and a dinner tour on the paddle boat. Nice evening tour on the Columbia River. Next morn-



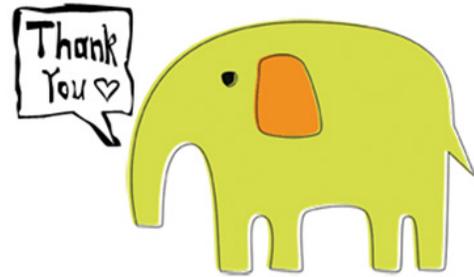
ing we finished our journey to Lincoln City KOA.

We ate at Moe's. Another night at Inn at Spanish Head and for me fresh Halibut. Oh my! Several great eating places so who wants to cook? Lincoln City KOA serves breakfast for those who wished. The evenings were spent around the firepit with LCS friends. Played a new game "Double Ditto". Some of us just needed to shop along the small towns by the ocean. And yes, we saw ocean waves! Love the ocean views.

Our final 2022 campout held at The Nugget in St. Regis MT. We played Bocci Ball and the winner picked their own prize. Trips into St Regis for ice cream, of course. Betty took Doranne for a ride into town on the ATV. Hosts served hamburgers for Wednesday dinner with Ted Higley at the BBQ. Instead of our usual evening out for dinner on Thursday the hosts Ted & Betty Higley, and John & Doranne Gause cooked a Dine-in dinner with BBQ'd ribs etc. Great time together. A few gals played "kings in the corner" and "5 Crowns". The guys played pool. This trip to The Nugget was lots of fun for all of us. Till next time may all be well, and enjoy moments to treasure.



**What-Com Sams**  
Submitted by Patricia Kazarow



We want to express our sincere thanks to everyone who helped to make the White Elephant auction at the Cashmere State Rally the amazing success that it was! Now you can understand why these events became so popular from their origin in 18<sup>th</sup> century England to early 20th century church bazaars.

A very skilled auctioneer saw to it that nearly 80 gifts found new homes. Helpers who wore silly hats engaged attendees as several lively bidding sprees took place. Treasures that ranged from a waste water hose slinky to home made quilts and beer steins were hidden in paper bags as well as glittery wrapping paper. Everyone had such a fun time, we are thinking that we will sponsor this event again next year!

From those who contributed gifts, raised number cards to bid and/or just had fun buying a "white elephant," your participation allowed us to contribute \$1860 divided equally to Ronald McDonald House, Dogs for Better Lives and Fisher House this year. We are most grateful for your generosity.

Our last campout of the year was at Swinomish Casino in Anacortes where we always enjoy the beautiful bay views and wait for the train as it traverses the "swing bridge" that spans the Channel. Good food, good conversations and of course the lure of the Casino also make this one of our favorite campouts.

Our final two gatherings of the year will be for Thanksgiving Dinner at the Latitude 49 Clubhouse in Birch Bay and Christmas Dinner at the Portal Creek Park Clubhouse in Ferndale. These beautiful, comfortable venues allow us to make these holidays especially meaningful.

Regarding general Chapter news, our contact person for any questions you have about the What-Com Sams is our President, Max Archer who is available by call or text at 360-305-2119.

Happy Trails everyone!

## Desert Drifters Sams

Submitted by Renae Koop

We are coming to the end of another fabulous camping season, and what a fun, busy season it has been!

So many fun trips making great memories! After our July trip to Osburn, ID, we took a second trip in July, and it was back to Wine Country RV in Prosser. We enjoyed the celebration of their 20th anniversary. Boy was it HOT! The temperature outside reached 112, so it may have slowed us down a little, but it was still fun. The Luau theme was terrific! We enjoyed everything from Hula dancing, flamingo races, a catered dinner, wine tasting, and even a site decorating contest in which members of our group won 1<sup>st</sup> Place!!

Just two weeks later we were off again on our August trip to Crescent Bar near Quincy. The weather was still pretty hot, but the campground is on the Columbia River, so those that went enjoyed boating, floating, and relaxing in a beautiful campground.

In September we traveled to Cashmere where we stayed at the Wenatchee River County Park. There were only four rigs that went on this trip, so it was a quiet week and beautiful weather. We walked around Cashmere and had a terrific dinner at a local Mexican restaurant. The next day we all went to Leavenworth for some shopping and lunch.

Our final scheduled trip of the season was for Icicle River RV Park, which was back to Leavenworth. So, the folks that weren't able to go on the September trip will be able to enjoy it. It will be Oktoberfest time so it promises to be a lot of fun!

Never a dull moment with this group. After the trip to Leavenworth, we'll resume our winter meetings at Shooters Bar in Finley, and preparing for next season beginning in March. Next year looks like another season of fun which will include Prosser, Mardon, Boardman, the Tucannon, and more!

## Deer Park White-tail Sams

Submitted by Sharon Crump

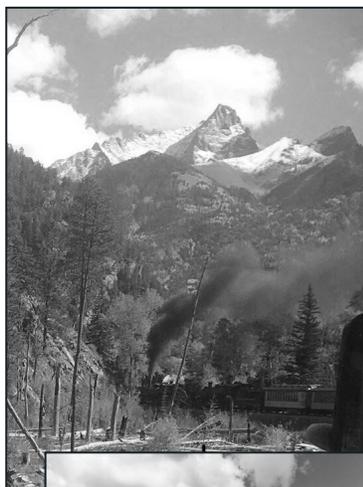
September's campout was in Ephrata, WA. with six rigs. G & M Whitney, R & P Kelley hosting. Reuniting with our friends and catching up on the latest news was fun. We discovered antique shops and the quilters spotted the largest ever Quilt Shop 'Fabric Patch'. Over 3000 bolts of fabric! Insane yet beautiful.

We all headed to our destination - The "Cashmere Rally" Friday morning to join more friends for more fun and games. The Rally statistics: 65 Rigs; 116 Adults; 50 Pets!

Saturday night entertainment was very special with "The Daybreak Canyon Bluegrass Band" who rocked the stage alternating between Bluegrass and heartfelt Spiritual song! A night of bluegrass reflection and spiritual song to fill hearts with warmth.

A Great Rally! Good ole Games still Rock! Blessings and safe travels to all as Happy Wheels roll on!

Meanwhile, the one who was suppose to write the article was on a road trip to New Mexico and Colorado for Balloon Festival and a narrow gauge train ride from Durango to Silverton. Thanks Pam.



## Sandy Sams

Submitted by Phyllis Sievert

We had a good summer with great campouts. And now Fall is upon us.

In July, six rigs went to the Umatilla Marina & RV Park. Beautiful setting, with the campground located right on the bank of the Columbia River.

15 members attended our August campout at Al & Cheri Wallace's farm NW of Bonners Ferry, Idaho. Al & Cheri put out the red carpet for us! Their son, Todd, who works for Anheuser-Busch, gave us a tour on Wednesday of the 3000-acre hops farm. Harvesting had just begun, and he took us into the hops fields to watch the harvest machines at work - then took us around the entire facility, which included the processing plants, fuel tanks, maintenance shops, and the huge hotel that houses the itinerant workers. (I forget, I think he said it houses 180 people). It was a really interesting and informative tour!

Thursday, we went east into Montana to tour the Kootenai Falls. It was quite a walk from parkinglot to the river, about 1/2 mile downhill to the beautiful, huge falls. And then of course, the hike back uphill. But us "oldies" all made it! Very enjoyable & worth the hike.

And Al took the men, and Cheri took us ladies on wonderful, exciting ATV tours of their farm. We saw deer and wild turkeys on the farm. Thank you so very much, Al & Cheri!!

September we had nine members & 3 guests attend our potluck dinner meeting at the Cashmere Rally. Saturday night, we really enjoyed the Bluegrass Band from Chelan that performed.

With our campouts now over, we will be having monthly dinner meetings at a local restaurant, beginning October 12 at Bob's Cafe.

Stay well & Healthy, all! Phyllis Sievert, Moses Lake, 509-762-2429

**Valley Good Sam Drifters**  
Submitted by Sheryl Michler

Happy Fall Everyone!

It has been a fun “end of the summer” for our club. In July, we spent a few days at Whispering Pines in Cle Elum and took advantage of that location by touring the old Grist Mill in Thorp. Among other things, we discovered that Thorp was one of the first locations in the state to have electricity.

September found our group in Cashmere for the state rally. The air was somewhat smoky, but everyone attending had a good time participating in bean bag baseball and the other activities that were offered by the state officers. Thank you to these officers for all their hard work in setting up the rally! Our club even managed to pull some picnic tables together and have a potluck dinner one evening.

Now it is October and many of us have just returned from a trip to Pendleton, OR. There were seven rigs in attendance. Highlights of this trip included a dinner at Roosters for fourteen people, a tour of the Pendleton underground, and beautiful sunsets. The sunsets/moon rises were particularly interesting because we could look one way and see the colorful sunset, then turn around and see the full moon in the other direction.

Looking ahead, we will attend the Veterans Day lunch in Auburn in November and have our annual Christmas party in December.

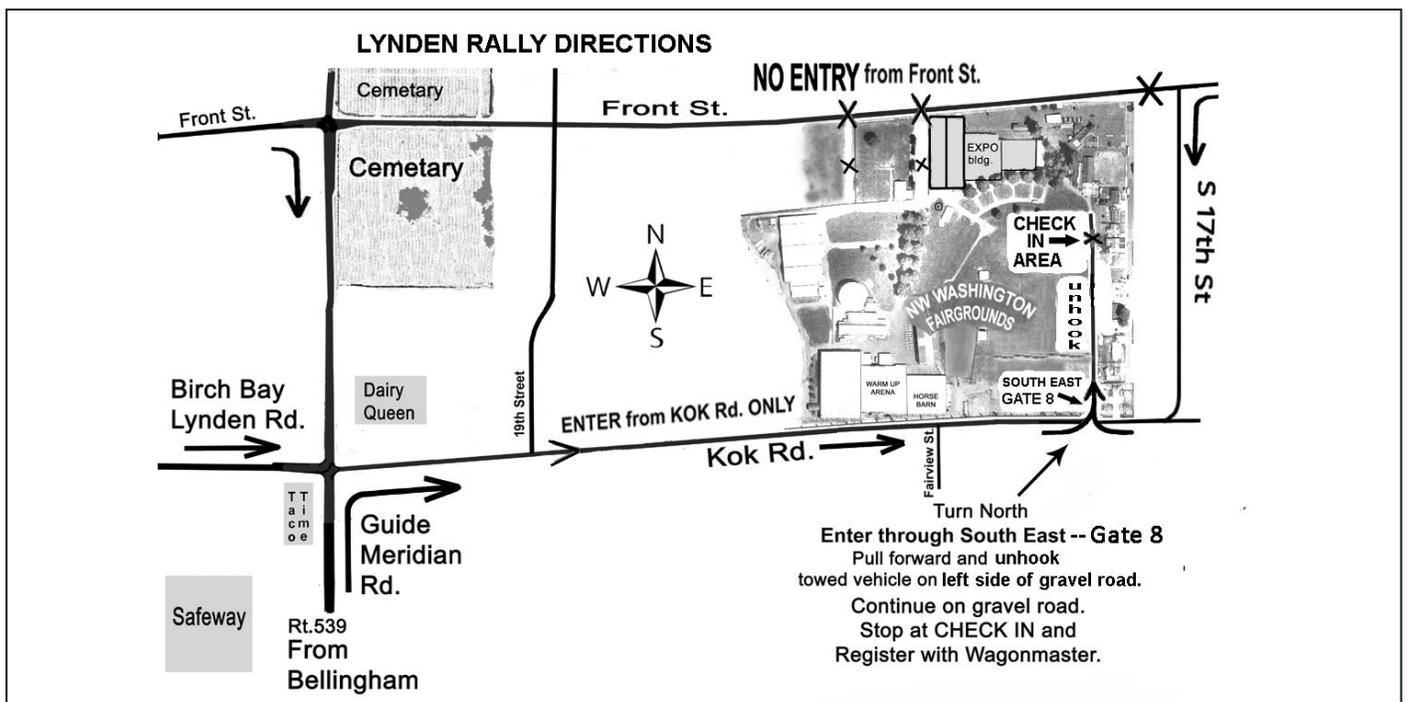
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Whispering Pines, Cle Elum



Underground Tour, Pendleton, OR



## Cheney Good Samers

Submitted by Trudy Weston

At the end of August, Cheney Samers made a trip to Mt. Linton RV in Metaline, WA. We did a delightful morning "Boil". Individuals placed varieties of breakfast ingredients into plastic sandwich bags, such as: two eggs, bacon bits, onion, cheese & salt/pepper. Bags were placed in boiling water for 10-15 minutes. Yummy omelet-in-a-bag breakfasts!

Early September found us repeating at Boyer Marina and RV near Colfax, WA. This time we tried unique meal prep for dinner. We made Hobo meals by placing ingredients in sealed foil such as: sweet potatoes, onions, bratwursts, and baby carrots. Instead of cooking over campfires as during the Great Depression, we used BBQs on low heat for 50-60 minutes, turning each bundle every 10 minutes.

The melding of flavors from miscellaneous added ingredients proved very tasty. Special thanks to Vivian and Jim for organizing fun potlucks.

Longtime member and former Wagon Master for four years, Jim Lundgren, moved to Medford, OR after our Boyer camping. We shall all miss him.

Three Cheney Samer rigs made it to Cashmere Rally this year; more of us hope to attend next year. Our final group outing was to North Lake RV Park where we all attended the Marcus Ciderfest. In addition we enjoyed three wonderful campfires to round out our season. Happy Fall to All.

For info about our group, please contact Nancy via [currynancyj@gmail.com](mailto:currynancyj@gmail.com).

## Sams of Puget Sound

Submitted by Diane Julum

Happy Fall Y'all!

We just completed our last campout of the 2022 season, at the American Sunset RV Resort in Westport. We had a Halloween themed event hosted by the Brown's and Nelson's. This event was all "treats" and no "tricks". We had 10 rigs and 17 members with 4 guests. It has resulted in one new membership. We enjoyed excellent weather, firepit time in the evenings, and no rain. Our dinner on Thursday was to El Rancho in Westport.

Some members also enjoyed a great lunch on Friday at the Westport Winery Gardens Resort, where we toured the International Mermaid Museum and winery gardens and on Saturday, a visit to the Northwest Carriage Museum. It was very enlightening, full of historic carriages and well worth the price of admission.

In September was Hoquiam RV Resort, where we were greeted to fresh oatmeal chocolate chip cookies. The main activities included a local farmers market, lunch at the 8th Street Ale House and dinner at Duffy's Restaurant. Seven rigs and 11 members and 2 guests attended. This outing resulted in two new members.

The August SOPS outing was to the Stargazer RV Resort in Goldendale and hosted by C. Nelson and the Haltunens. Although the weather was quite warm, the participants were treated to an excellent tour and star show at the Goldendale Observatory.

Our coming events for the remainder of 2022 will be luncheons, the first at Branks BBQ Restaurant in Sumner on November 12<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm and second, Puerto Vallarta Restaurant in Puyallup on December 17<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm. If you would like to join us at an outing or luncheon, please contact President Jim Harden at [jdharden@msn.com](mailto:jdharden@msn.com) or visit our website: <https://samsopugetsound.weebly.com>



Sitting around the campfire on a beautiful night!



El Rancho Restaurant - hospitality was great as was the food!

## Roamin Wheels

Submitted by Iva Metz

In September, we were scheduled to go to Icicle Creek RV Park for our outing. Turned out the Bolt Creek fire had different things planned for us. Three rigs went to the Cedars RV Park due to Highway 2 being closed. It was a great, relaxing time with not much going on except our visiting at Happy Hour and the nice weather. With eight rigs in attendance, Roamin' Wheels chapter, and for the first time in October, was able to sit outside for Happy Hour, twice, and was not bothered by smoke from Eastern Washington wildfires.

Halloween was the campout theme for our Fidalgo Bay RV Resort campout. Thursday, a Frankenstein word search was handed out and a salad bowl of candy was presented. Members were asked to submit their candy count and finish the word search by Saturday.

On Friday, members had breakfast at the Calico Cupboard in Anacortes. There was a business meeting during Happy Hour, and in the evening, Halloween games: Eyeball Toss, Corn Hole, Pumpkin Toilet Paper Bowling and Witch Hat Ring Toss.

Saturday, Roamin' Wheels was nearly preempted by the Mariner's playoffs (19 in-nings!), but was able to continue with Halloween Bingo. Candy count results were announced--Mike McDaniel was the winner. John Leaden had the most points for the Halloween games. Everyone completed the word search, and a number found the hidden sentence.

All winners were able to select a prize from a huge basket containing an assortment of candy. Finally, the beginning paragraph of a ghost story was read out loud, and attendees were encouraged to add ideas to the story. It became quite the story! Everyone had a great time. This was the last campout of 2022.

The November meeting will be a brown bag lunch at a member's house, and in December a holiday party at the Lynnwood Grange.

## Cariboo Trail Good Sams

Submitted by Bob Chiles

WOW, October is normally time to be thinking about RV clean up and storage, but since this October is warm and nice maybe some clubs are thinking about another trip. So, it looks like November will be the winter RV preparation month.

Our August camp out at Blacks Beach Resort on Lake Curlew near Republic WA. was great, as the owners are very accommodating, and the weather was terrific.

Our September camp out at Wenatchee County RV Park near Manson, WA., was also a super trip. The park is clean with lots to do nearby.

Cariboo Trail members are now planning for our November-March winter dinner meetings and finalizing plans for the 2023 season. The Okanogan Masonic ladies treat us royally at these events.

Unfortunately, we have had two long time members with medical issues. We are all praying and wishing for Larry and Norm to have a quick recovery with no further problems.

In addition, we inducted two new members and look forward to many camp outs with Ron and Karen.

Hard to say what this winter will bring, but best to plan and prepare for the worst.

In the interim, take care, be safe, and stay healthy. Have a pleasant winter.



Toilet paper bowling pins

Ready for an eye-opening game of Eye Ball Toss?



# Cashmere 2022

We had a pretty good turnout for Cashmere this year. 65 rigs, 116 adults, and 50 pets.

It was decided at the Presidents' Meeting to continue as Washington State Good Sams. It was a unanimous decision. We will not rebrand, at least not for the near future. We have a committee to review and update the bylaws to reflect the new WSGS. Once the new bylaws are approved, it will be decided whether we need to have them reviewed by an attorney.

It was also decided to drop Moses Lake from our rallies. It is too costly, plus we lose a lot of money there. They understand our situation, and will not penalize us for voiding the contract for next year. Dave is looking into extending Lynden and Cashmere by a day so we can still have our seminars and more games as we have had at Moses Lake.

Robin Leaden will become our new treasurer. The treasury was audited by a team of three and it passed.

Mary Grinnell will be taking over as secretary in January for one year.

Nelsine Anderson is the new Dogs for Better Lives representative and Charlet Dalbec is the new Ronald McDonald House representative.

There were 25 names read at the memorial service. The list is in the pictures of the rally on the State web site or visit: <https://www.washingtonstategoodsams.com/2022-cashmere-fall-rally.html>.

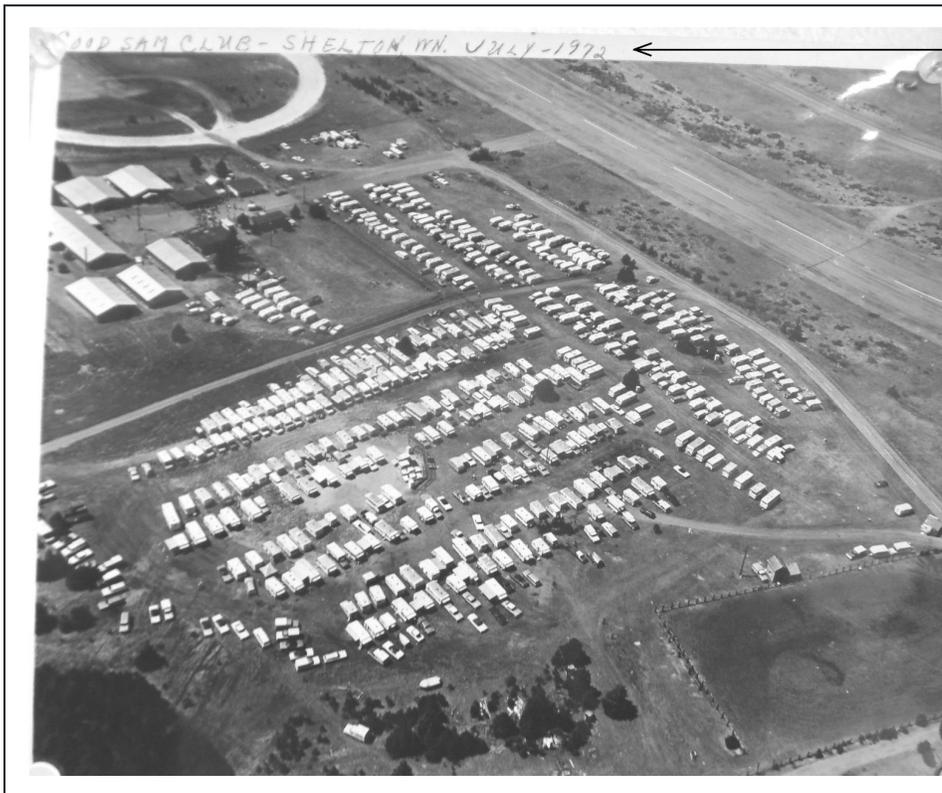
We need a volunteer/nominee for state director for 2024/2025 since Dave and Dee will be retiring at the end of next year.

Winners for our tournaments are:

- Pinochle – Bill Taylor, Jim Anderson, and Dan Humphrey.
- Cribbage - Roy Grinnell, Ruth Lamoureux, and Carol Eggleston.
- Mexican Train - Holly Byczynski, Karen Meyers, and Jerry Adamowitz.
- Bean Bag Baseball was won by the Ducks who swept all their games. The Ducks consisted of Elaine Burr, Jody Mason, Jim Hyson, Darlene Hyson, Merry Godinet, Lahey Godinet, Eric Jackson, John Leaden, and Robin Leaden.

A good time was had by all. See you all next year at Lynden.

John West, Photographer.



Hi all. I thought you might like this PHOTO.

This is a photo from a Washington State Good Sams Rally in July of 1972. It was held at the Shelton airport. As you can see there are several hundred RVs.

No power, no water, no sewage dumps. How did they ever survive?

In the 50 years since, RVing has changed a lot. Members have become accustomed to those conveniences. We take the easy way out and that is the normal way we RV now.

I know that Dee and I enjoy those things that make RVing easier. However we do dry camp at times and we have just as much fun. So if you don't have these amenities think about what took place at this Rally.

Dave

# To Disband or Not To Disband? That Is The Question!

Hello all;

As you know Corporate Good Sam Support has stated that the Director program is terminated at the end of this December. What this means is that with respect to Corporate they will not support the Director program any longer.

This does not mean that the Directors will no longer be Directors. The current Directors can still keep that title, or the States / Provinces can decide on a new title for them (us). Dee and I will remain as Directors until the end of 2023.

There were other changes that Corporate is requiring for our chapters officers. This is the signing of the Branding Guidelines.

After a lot of research and discussions, we can't find any reason to change our name or sign any Branding Guidelines forms from Corporate Good Sam at this time. We will continue as Washington State Good Sams as registered with the State of Washington - Secretary of State. However, the decision to sign the Branding Guidelines is up to each chapter.

We have a committee that will amend the old Bylaws and eliminate any references to Corporate Good Sam. And we will email all the presidents when we have the new Bylaws proposal and then at the Lynden Rally meetings we will make any changes needed and vote on the matter.

Because of all the Changes and Requirements from Corporate, several chapters have decided to disband. That is their choice to do so. Also chapters are losing members through attrition and are disbanding because they have no new influx of new members. This is a growing problem with many other organizations now.

Note: If your Chapter is considering disbanding because of the Corporate request to sign these forms, or for any other reason, such as attrition, please hold off doing so until after our next State meetings at the Lynden Rally in May. Losing a Chapter affects all of us and especially those members of a chapter that did not want to disband. Those members are left out to find another chapter to join to continue with their RV camping desires. Also note those members can remain active by being an At Large Washington State Good Sams member.

If a chapter decides to disband because of no volunteers to step up to be officers, the solution is this: just have a contact person or persons to coordinate their RV outing schedule, and when they have an outing, they can have informal meetings and decide when and where they want to have more outings, the chapter can remain active that way. There would be no need to disband. This makes the chapter more flexible and will keep the camping spirit going.

Remember there will be a Washington State Good Sams for 2023, and before any decision to disband please call me at 206-718-3944.

Dave Cluett, Director

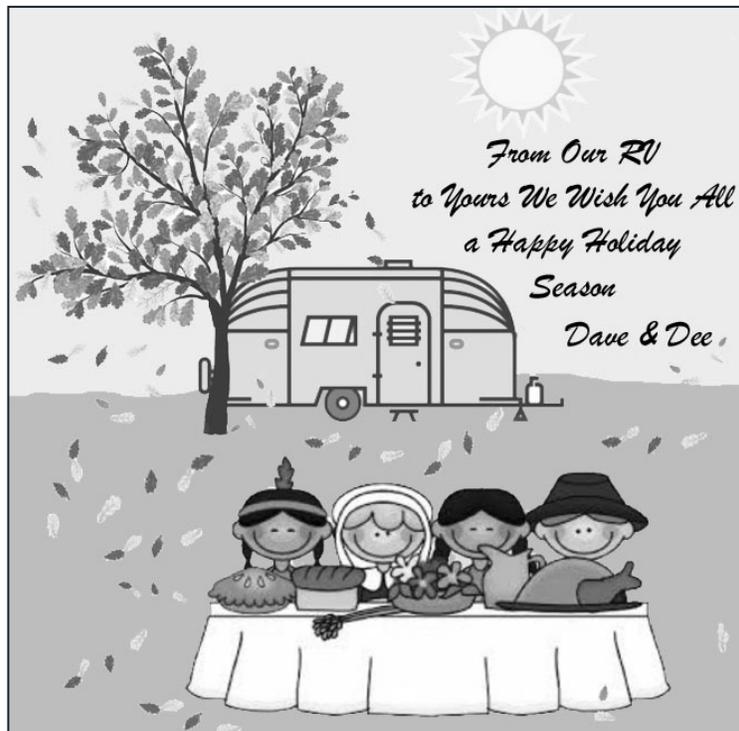


# RV Word Search

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# Driving the Happy Wheels News-bus!

Barbara Erickson, Happy Wheels Editor

We are moving from the days of being on the road camping toward the season of holidays and the New Year. I'm not sure about you all, but I'm looking forward to 2023 and what it will have in store for us despite the craziness of the loss of "support" from Good Sam LLC, high fuel prices, and the reduction of three rallies to two.

Luckily, we will have consistency with Directors Dave and Dee for one more year along with our Lynden and Cashmere Rallies; Happy Wheels; our chapters; and you, my RVing friends. We are looking forward to the camping and being with friends most of all.

We can always count on the directors to provide an entertaining time at Lynden and Cashmere! We've missed Cashmere for the past two years due to scheduling conflicts, but 2023 – no conflicts! Our chapters, from reading the Happy Wheels articles from the Article Contributors, all seem to find great places to visit and many ways to keep their members entertained. Great source of information if you are looking for somewhere different to go.

I personally like to find new places, either in Washington or nearby Idaho or Oregon to visit. Eastern Washington has Steamboat Rock State Park, Stargazer RV Resort, and Wine Country RV Park just to name three of my favorites, but with this change in weather lately, July and August may not be the best time to travel east of the mountains. Even with air conditioning, it is hot, and I worry about the toll that heat may take on our pets. We travel with our cat, Gloria, and sometimes our Betta fish, Petey. (Petey stays home most of the time, as his recovery time from a trip takes longer than the trip itself!)

In case you are wondering, I am now driving the rig and am even towing our car. So, the travels will be far reaching this coming year. I've learned that I don't have to keep with the Jones's when it comes to speeding down the freeway, and that for the most part, other drivers will "give way" to me when I signal a lane change. Steve and I can hook up the tow in nothing flat, except we forget to put the "keep things on the shelf-sides" up in the refrigerator... We received tips from more experienced RVers when our refrigerator took forever to cool down – I now turn a range burner on when I first get in the rig, to get the propane flowing, then I turn the fridge on and by the time we get to our destination, everything is cold and/or still frozen!

There is a wealth of information within our chapters. Things you don't find in your RV manual and maybe not even in a YouTube video. Being a member for the past four years has greatly enhanced my RVing adventures! These "learnings" are prime examples of why belonging to one of our chapters is a great idea; plus, you no longer must be a Good Sams member to join our chapters! Open enrollment time!

Happy Thanksgiving and celebrate our December holidays with vigor!

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