



## Escapees Mid-Atlantic Chapter 20 August 2011

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### Greetings from your new President:

To All Chapter 20 members: New and Old,

Thank you everyone for supporting Stacie and Myself in our new positions. We are looking forward to working with everyone.

The last rally was HOT< HOT<HOT. Dan, the maintenance man, told me several times how he enjoyed our group and that we took good care of our animals. He has had lots of problems in the past with other groups. Inviting us back any time is always a good sign. Rudy told him we like to leave the park cleaner than when we got there, which he thanked us for. It was nice they let us use the basement, which they normally don't do. All of the Rally hosts did such a super job, THANKS !!!!

September is just around the corner, I hope with cooler weather. Outdoor World is looking forward to our coming there. It will be a very busy weekend with the group events and the Hershey RV Show. We are looking forward to seeing everyone again.

Hugs  
*Joe Brugger*

### From the Vice President

Hello Everyone,

We had a great time at the July Rally. Thanks to our Rally Hosts – Keith and Shirley Murphy, Betty Bear, and Bryan and Jane Rose. They did a wonderful job.

Congratulations to our new President, Joe Brugger and our new Secretary, Stacie Sauzer. We want to express a BIG THANK YOU to our outgoing President Rudy Mager, and Secretary Monica Behun. I enjoyed working with you both.

Welcome to Chapter 20 ~ Kate and Steve Spence, Ed and Elaine Lipscomb, Dennis and Bonnie Shankle, Dave and Thelma Middleton, Robert and Rita Meredith, Stacie Sauzer and Brain McPherson.

We had a surprise visit from JM and Ruth Thompson. It was so nice to see them. I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the September Rally at Outdoor World in Manheim PA September 16-17-18. The weather should be a little cooler. Until next time...

Love & Lots of Hugs,  
*Ann*

## From Phil

Thanks to all who have paid their 2011 dues! Our roster is looking much better. If you have not sent your dues check of \$5 for 2011, please consider doing it soon. Feel free to pay for more than one year at a time, if you would like. Please mail checks made out to **Mid Atlantic Chapter 20** to:

**Phil Devonshire**  
**Mid Atlantic Chapter 20**  
**3381 South Hill Road**  
**Wyalusing PA 18853**  
**Please note our new address!**

## May 14, 2011 Minutes Manheim PA

The meeting was called to order by President Rudy Mager. Members stood for the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence. Officers present were: President Rudy Mager and Vice President Ann Hanks. We welcomed new members Richard and Betty Wingate and guests Chuck & Libby Nosha and Glenn & Sharon Woods. The minutes were read by Lois Boose and the treasurer's report was given by Ann Hanks. The treasury balance as of 5/8/2011 was \$1467.08.

Rudy talked about the Multi Chapter Rally that was held April 28-May 2 in Marion, NC. 180 People attended and there were seminars to attend. A reminder was given that individual CARE donations are credited both to the person and the chapter. Ann Hanks, the wagon master, stated that we needed hosts for the September Rally.

The nominating committee of Barry and Mary Moehn has one nomination for President, Joe Brugger. At the moment there are no nominations for Secretary.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** We received a letter from CARE with our total donations. We need \$666.00 to get the next patch.

There are three people that we are sending cards to: Monica Behun, Barb McDonnell, & Ruth & J.M. Thompson.

Cheryl Miskey made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Bob Fitzgerald. Motion was unanimously approved.

Lois Boose

## July 23, 2011 Minutes Huntingdon PA

President Rudy Mager called the meeting to order. Time 10:05AM. Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance, and a Moment of Silence for our service men and women.

20 Rigs were in attendance.

**Call of Officers:** President: Rudy Mager, Vice President: Ann Hanks, Secretary: Monica Behun. Treasurer Phil Devonshire was absent.

President introduced new members Kate & Steve Spence, Ed & Elaine Lipscomb, Dennis & Bonnie Shankle, Dave & Thelma Middleton, Robert & Rita Meredith, Stacy Sauzer & Brian McPherson.

Secretary read the minutes from the May Rally, approved as read.

Ann Hanks read the treasurer report for Phil Devonshire, approved as read.

**VCR** Betty Bear gave a report and explained to the new members what VCR was all about.

**No Old Business.**

**New Business:**

President Mager explained about donations to Care, credit is given to the Chapter and to an individual member.

Betty Bear Explained how the banners are displayed at the escapade, she also spoke about Care and HOP programs. We need Volunteers for Rallies.

Sept 16-17-18, 2011 Rally to be held in Manhiem PA @ Outdoor World.

May Rally 2012 will be held in NC @ the Multi Chapter Rally to be held April 17-22, 2012 Hosts will be Keith & Shirley Murphy with co-host Frank & Barbara Simon.

July Rally will be in Maryland, date to be announced - Hosts Dennis & Bonnie Shankle and Bob & Rita Meredith.

Bryan Rose spoke about the Multi Chapter Rally in NC.

County fairground manager Dan stopped by and said we were a great team to work with and we can come back anytime.

**Nominations:** Ralph Jones nominated Joe Brugger for President, 2<sup>nd</sup> Frank Simon, accepted.

Betty Bear nominated Stacie Sauzer for Secretary, 2<sup>nd</sup> Don Winchell, accepted.

**July is Adoption Month:**

Rudy & Fran adopted Stacie Sauzer & Brian McPherson

Monica & Joe adopted Dennis & Bonnie Shankle

Betty adopted Steve & Kate Spence

Don & Agnes Winchell adopted Ed & Elaine Lipscomb

John & Cathy Strausbaugh adopted Dave & Thelma Middleton

**Welcome new members!**

We are still looking for Chapter Rep. for Escapade

Motion to Adjourn made by Keith Murphy, 2<sup>nd</sup> Bryan Rose: Time: 11:30AM.

Respectfully submitted by Outgoing Secretary,  
Monica Behun

## Member Blogs

Do you like to read about where fellow members have been and look at some of their pictures? Then you need to start reading blogs. Some people post daily, while others post monthly or seasonally. Give them a look. If you have a blog that is not listed, please let me know and I will post it in the next newsletter.

<http://www.moonriverandwe.blogspot.com/> Molly and Bob Pinner

<http://ouradventureswithemily.blogspot.com/> Tom and Paula Nankivell

<http://gordon-rv-travel.blogspot.com/> Cliff and Pam Gordon

[http://www.fredericknewspost.com/sections/special\\_sections/the\\_joneses](http://www.fredericknewspost.com/sections/special_sections/the_joneses) Ralph and Gisella Jones

<http://devonshirervtravels.blogspot.com/> Phil and Cindy Devonshire

[bobanddenisewanderlust.com](http://bobanddenisewanderlust.com) Bob and Denise Gray

<http://www.mytripjournal.com/2011summer> Tom and Debbie Abernethy

## From Denny and Susie Orr:

Hi Folks – Summer time and the travels are easy.....In fact we're having more fun this summer because we are not zooming..... We're ambling. We're staying a bit longer, doing more local sightseeing and just enjoying the days. Yes fuel prices are high again this summer, but by slowing down, we're able to enjoy the travels and savor the journey.

This same principal applies to you as well. We know you want to share some good times with SKP friends at the next chapter/c-bof rally, so why not plan to go early --- see something extra on the way, then enjoy the rally. And then stay a bit longer – do some more exploring of the area after the rally. That makes the whole trip more worthwhile. You'll not be zooming, but ambling and enjoying the adventure. Whether east or west, north or south, going to a rally, Escapade, family visits or work camping – enjoy the travels and friends along the way. We'll continue our summer ambles to Escapade. Hope you plan to amble to Gillette, WY too. It is never too late to register. Enjoy your summer.

SKP Hugs,

*Susie & Denny Orr*

## Badge Information

Several members were asking where to get Escapee's badges. One vendor for badges is **Too Crazy Ladies**. You can look over their selection and order on line at [toocrazyladies.com](http://toocrazyladies.com). If you would care to contact them by mail or telephone their address is:

Too Crazy Ladies  
154 Rainbow Dr. #5452  
Livingston, TX 77399-1054  
[email: orders@toocrazyladies.com](mailto:orders@toocrazyladies.com) or call 1-575-525-0141

## Newsletter Information

### New Web Page

While here at home this winter, I spent time updating my website for Chapter 20. This does not replace our Escapee website at supplied by the Escapee site at:

<http://www.escapees.com/chapter20>. This is an **additional site** that has archives of our past newsletters and slide shows of our rallies. You can also access our chapter roster there for a fellow member's address, telephone number and email. Please check back often, because I do try to keep it current. This website is **replacing** the other one that I created with Google Sites. I find this provider much easier to work with. **CHECK IT OUT.....**

[www.midatlanticchapter20.weebly.com](http://www.midatlanticchapter20.weebly.com)

## Some Information about Chapter Rallies

- \*Early Bird arrivals are always welcome. Some of us arrive on Tuesday or Wednesday prior to the rally.
  - \*We often go out to eat at a local restaurant on Thursday evening.
  - \*The host couple may provide a light dinner on Friday evening. This is optional and up to the hosts.
  - \*Breakfast on Saturday morning is provided.
  - \*Chapter business meeting is later Saturday morning.
  - \*Saturday afternoon is often open for sightseeing, crafts, shopping or visiting, your choice.
  - \*Saturday night is usually a pot luck dinner
  - \*Friday and Saturday afternoons we have a Happy Hour, so plan on a snack to share if you would like.
  - \*Donated items are auctioned on Saturday evening, if enough have been gathered. Clean out those closets for new or gently used items you don't want in your rig or home closet any more!!
  - \*Plan on bringing your own place setting and beverage to meals. Coffee and tea are provided.
  - \*A \$10 rally fee is collected. Phil is willing to take dues payment at any time.
  - \*A light hitch-up breakfast is provided on Sunday morning.
- \*\*\*\*\*A FUN TIME IS HAD BY ALL!!!!

## Chapter Information

If you need to check on Chapter 20 Activities, please check the Escapee's Website at:

<http://www.escapees.com/chapter20>

or check the voice mail at:

**Chapter Voice Mail Information: 888-757-7701 ext. 8020.**

Voice mail by Tom Abernathy

Webmaster is Tom McIlwain

Thanks Guys!!

# Come on, come all!!!

## Rallies for 2011-12

### The Road to Freedom...

#### 51<sup>st</sup> Escapade Gillette, WY

August 28 - September 2, 2011



The Road to Freedom awaits you! Make your summer travel plans now, and join your friends in Gillette, WY for the 51st Escapade. Wyoming is rich with natural beauty and boasts some of the best-known parks in the country. With the Tetons, Yellowstone, Mount Rushmore and the Black Hills of South Dakota within a short day's drive, it's the perfect summer for a high plains adventure on the road to Escapade!

**You do not have to be an Escapees member to attend the Escapade!**

**Register Early!** CAM-PLEX offers over 1,100 full-hookup 30-amp sites and ample boondocking sites. Register early to reserve yours! For registration and parking options, go to: [Registration information](#).

**A Lifetime of Learning!** With over 60 educational seminars, classes, and workshops, there is something for everyone. Fascinating featured speakers and discussion panels round out the line-up. Check out the list of seminars and workshops and some of the key faculty. You'll see that Escapees RV Club sets the benchmark for the industry in RVers education. [Seminars](#)

The nationally acclaimed **Escapees Boot Camp** for RVers takes place August 26 - 28, preceding the Escapade. For Boot Camp options please go to: [Boot Camp information](#)

**Go to the Market!** The Escapade Market area is just the place to find something new to complete the outfitting of your RV. Check out the list of exhibitors who will be available in the commercial market area and visit some of the wonderful sponsors who help the make Escapade a premier event! Click here for: [Exhibitor Listing](#) and [Exhibitor Registration Info](#)

**Arrive early!** There's lots of fun to be had just prior to Escapade. Even though the doors are not officially opened until Sunday, and some folks are busy with volunteer staff chores, you can get to know your neighbors early! See the early-bird parking options at [registration information](#).

**Take a HOP!** Head out on the Presidents and Indians HOP to visit Mount Rushmore, Crazy Horse and the site of the Battle of Little Big Horn; or the Devil's Tower and Coal Mine HOP to view the gigantic devilish mound up close, then see the coal mine and mega trucks in action. Get full HOP details at: [Escapees HOPS](#)



Jimmy Travis

**Evening entertainment!** The main event officially begins on Sunday (August 28) with "First-Timers orientation", followed by opening ceremonies and delightful entertainment by singer-comedian Jimmy Travis. His humorous observations on raising children, married life, and relationships are a big hit with every audience. Super stars such as Barbara Mandrell, The Righteous Brothers, Wynonna, The Smothers Brothers, Marie Osmond, Gregory Hines and dozens more have chosen Jimmy Travis to open their shows in major concert venues around the country. Monday night prepare to laugh along with *The Original Fabulous One Guy*, Gordy Pratt. A seasoned performer, Gordy has been in the entertainment business since age 12. He has appeared on ABC's *Good Morning America* and has opened for Kenny Chesney, Michael Martin Murphy, the Beach Boys, and many more.

Back by popular demand on Wednesday is **Ham-O-Rama**, so come prepared to ham it up a bit. Of course, there are daily socials and 'Happy Hours' with your SKP friends and neighbors! Check back for more exciting details on evening entertainment.

**Event Shirts** (as well as hats and sweatshirts) are now available for Pre-Ordering and will be ready for pickup at Escapade. Click here for the ordering page: [interfusewebdesign.com/clients/escapees/](http://interfusewebdesign.com/clients/escapees/)



## September Rally 2011

The September Rally will be back at **Outdoor World in Manheim PA, September 16, 17, and 18**. Early arrivals are always welcome. Hosts will be Ann and Ira Hanks and Rudy Mager and Fran Howard. Please call Ann at 410-248-3178 to make your reservation. You will also need to call Outdoor World directly to make your reservation with them, please be ready to secure your reservation with a credit card.

## Spring Rally 2012

It was decided to hold our spring rally at **SKP ACRE** in Marion NC. The dates are **Tuesday, April 17th to Sunday, April 22, 2012**. Lots of fun things are being planned for this rally. Check out the website at <http://www.skpacre.com> for more information and registration details.

## July Rally 2012

The 2012 July Rally will be held in Maryland, details to be announced - Hosts Dennis & Bonnie Shankle and Bob & Rita Meredith.

## From Kay Peterson:

I am selling my house and it will go on the market the first of September. (I expect to continue living in it until the first of October.) There will be a full page ad in the September/October magazine, but the sale details will be handled entirely by a local real estate agent. There will be an open house just for Escapees the middle of Sept. who just want to see the house but aren't necessarily interested in buying it. Closing cannot occur until October 30, although I probably won't be living in it during October and, of course, it may take much longer to sell the way the market is now.

When I have a buyer, I will be holding a special CARE auction on all the things I am unable to take to my new home with Cathie and Bud. (Bud will build a two-room cottage for me so there will be lots I cannot take from my six-room house.) I'm not sure how much notice I can give people on the auction as some things have to stay in place until the house is sold. (I sold my car because I stopped driving four years ago.)

For those concerned about the Memorial Garden and the house being a museum: The Escapees Board turned down the house as being too big for our needs for a museum and would require too much maintenance and taxes. The CARE Board voted to accept all the memorial plaques and they will be placed in Zelda's Garden at CARE.

To squelch any rumors of why I am not moving to CARE, I still believe it would be an ideal place for me to get the help I need. Joe was my rock and I find myself floundering without his always solid support. Cathie and Bud WANT to take care of me, and I WANT to spend whatever time I have left with them. So for me, personally, it is a better solution than CARE even though I continue to recommend CARE to both couples and singles when they get to the point (like me) when they cannot drive or just want REAL meals that don't come out of Wal-Mart's frozen food section and require no preparation except a microwave. Bud and Cathie are good cooks and I'll have a permanent place setting at their table. They are even old-fashioned. They actually eat THREE meals a day. I'm looking forward to that!

Love,  
Kay

## Pasadena Rose Parade HOP

December 29, 2011 - January 3, 2012

Professor Charles F. Holder said, *"In New York, people are buried in snow. Here our flowers are blooming and our oranges are about to bear.. Let's hold a festival to tell the world about our paradise."* And so, the Tournament of Roses was born. Today, the Rose Parade's elaborate floats feature high-tech computerized animation and exotic natural materials from around the world.

So many attendees have told us how much they enjoyed this HOP that we felt we should offer it again to those of you who haven't had the opportunity. Don't miss out! The Escapees RV Club is once again offering the Rose Parade HOP event.

Together with your fellow Escapees members and friends, you will experience the magic surrounding the historical Rose Parade with its unforgettable shows of talented artists, musicians, riders, dancers, and auxiliary performers.

The theme this year is "Just Imagine." And we can just imagine how awesome it is going to be, with its majestic floral floats, high-stepping equestrian units, and spirited marching bands from across the nation. Naturally, your Rose Parade tickets, Bandfest tickets, and Equestfest tickets are all included. You will also enjoy full-hookup camping at Valencia Travel Village and a special motor coach trip to the La Brea Tar Pits, as well as motor coach transportation to all scheduled HOP excursions.

All your transportation to events will be via motor coach, and, as always, there will be loads of good food, good company, happy hours, and even a New Year's Eve party to enjoy this year!

**Interested in float decorating?**

Learn more by calling Kim at 1-888-757-2582, or read more details about this entire seven-day event by going to Rose Parade HOP.

## Skps in Alaska 2011

Phil and Cindy Devonshire were traveling in Alaska this summer and met all kinds of Escapee Members along the way. **Paula and Tom Nankivell**, also Chapter 20 members were there. We visited with them in Denali, Seward and also Lake Dease in the Yukon. While in Talkeetna we met Dennis and Carol Hill, Sharon and Don Del Rosario, Marilyn and Larry Forbes, Mary and Gary Olson, Gene and Claudette Fredette, and Jim and Pat. While we were in Ninilchik SKP'S Larry and Peggy Leonard (SKP's that live in Alaska) knocked on our door and invited us up for a SKP Happy Hour. Luke and Judy Rinehimer crossed our paths with their friends the Kings. Whenever we saw anyone with a SKP sticker, we introduced ourselves and had a nice visit.



Cindy, Paula, Tom and Phil

**Going to the Escapade?** If you are going to the Escapade, let me know. We can plan a Chapter 20 get together and picture opportunity while we are there. Maybe we can plan a night out to eat? Contact Cindy at [cynthia.devonshire@gmail.com](mailto:cynthia.devonshire@gmail.com) if you are planning on attending.