

Escapees Mid-Atlantic Chapter 20

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JULY RALLY UPDATE

Dave and Thelma Middleton were the hosts for the July rally held at the Grange Fair grounds in Centre Hall, Pa. Again we had a very small rally with only 6 rigs attending with one being a full timer who was in the area and joined us.

We did the usual with one night potluck and one night eating out at a local Italian rest where Thelma got her baby fix and held the owners 4 month old while the owner waited on the tables and her spouse did the cooking. Wonderful eating.

Three rigs (interesting in that all three rigs were Allegros) did stay for the Bluegrass Festival and survived a storm which came in on Thursday. We did get lucky and the storm split just before hitting Centre Hall with the worst going both above us and below us with reports of tornados (later confirmed by the weather people) hitting both above us and below us. It was bluegrass music good luck and the music continued in the rain throughout the day. The rest of the festival was held in outstanding weather and enjoyed by all.

The next Rally will be at Alparon Park in Troy, PA hosted by the Devonshires on Sept 9th through the 15th with the rally days the 11th, 12th, and 13th. Camping \$25 per day or \$125 for a week.

We need rally hosts for 2016. The ESCAPADE in Vermont in JULY will be one of our Rallies, and we may decide to have the SKP ACRE be the spring rally. We need more SKPs to come out and support CHAPTER 20 rallies. A rally with 6 rigs doesn't cut it.

I would welcome comments/suggestions on how to get more to come out. Different places to camp etc. Contact Dave Middleton @ DAVIDM@PA.NET

From the Treasurer:

As always, thanks to our many loyal members who have paid dues. This is our primary source of income for the chapter. Several members are paid up far into the future. This is greatly appreciated. If your dues are due for 2015, please send a check made out to **Mid Atlantic Chapter 20** and send it to Phil. Dues are \$5 per year, per couple. Send check to:

Mid Atlantic Chapter 20
Phil Devonshire
3381 South Hill Road

September 2015:

Fall in western PA is beautiful. Phil and Cindy Devonshire will be hosting the fall rally in Troy PA at the Alparon Park. Camping will be \$25 per day or \$125 for a week. Come and enjoy all that the area has to offer. The dates will be September 9th through the 15th. Stay as little or as long as you would like.

PLEASE call the Devonshire's and let them know you are coming!

Cell is 570-721-5214

House is 570-744-2762 or

email at: Cynthia.devonshire@gmail.com

Directions to Troy PA

Alparon Park is located at the junction for Route 6 and 14. Turn off of Route 6 onto Route 14 (left turn if coming from the west, right turn if traveling from the east). Enter through Gate 4. We will have Escapee signs out.

For those headed north on Rt. 15, about 7 miles north of Lewisburg take Interstate 80 East for one exit to Interstate 180. Take 180 to Williamsport. This will put you back onto Rt. 15 and will eliminate the need to climb some steep grades and downhills.

Hope to see lots of Chapter 20 folks in Troy PA!!!

MAY MINUTES

The May meeting was opened by Frank Simon with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence. There were 6 rigs and 14 people in attendance.

We welcomed 4 new members into the chapter:

Holy and Al Perna from Hedgesville WV And

Terri and Adam Pressman from Leesburg, VA.

J M and Ruth Thompson came down for a little while, we all enjoyed see them. Ruth is now in a wheel chair full time.

Secretary and treasurer's reports were read and approved

Old business:

We discussed (summed up) the SKP ACRE rally in april. All members who went enjoyed it. Next year it will be in Seiverville TN again.

New business:

We discussed at some length the insurance program that Livingston would like to start. As a group the different chapters feel that as chapters we did not need to pay \$100.00 a year for the plan when we already have coverage.

Meeting was adjourned after which we continued fellowship for the rest of the time.

Wednesday we arrived at the Cumberland Fairgrounds that evening was dinner at the resturant up the

Thursday started with coffee and donuts at 8:30 then everyone did some sightseeing. street.

Thursday evening was our potluck.

Friday started off with breakfast cooked by Phil and Frank.

Friday was the meeting followed by relaxation

We came together for dinner bring back the leftovers and then onto the campfire.

A great me was had by all including the dogs. There was 5 of them at the campfire.

Saturday was coffee and donuts before heading for home.

Submitted by Barbara Simon



JM and Ruth Thompson



Phil Devonshire and Pam Knudson cooking breakfast

JULY MINUTES

The Chapter 20 meeting was called to order by Vice President Dave Middleton. President Frank Simon and Secretary Barbara Simon were absent. Treasurer Phil Devonshire and acting secretary Cindy Devonshire were present.

Phil gave the treasurer's report. Final total in treasury is now \$600.13. Tom Abernathy moved that the report be filed for audit. Cindy Devonshire read the May minutes supplied by Barbara Simon. The secretary's minutes were approved.

Phil gave a short report on the proposed Escapees' Social Network. We are still discussing this option to the chapter.

Cindy Devonshire moved that the election of President and Secretary be postponed until the September rally. This was seconded and approved.

VCR's Tom and Debbie Abernathy were in attendance. Tom reported that the current SKP number is 124485. He described the activities of the July 2016 Escapade in Vermont. Members need to be aware that there are NO large box stores to boondock in before the rally in Vermont. Vermont does not allow large stores. There is a Lowe's in Ticondaroga NY which is an option. Tom also reminded everyone that dues have gone up to \$39 a year, which is still a bargain! He also encouraged everyone to visit the CARE facility in Livingston TX and to take the tour.

The meeting adjourned soon afterward.

Submitted by Cindy Devonshire



Good looking group out for dinner!!

Escapees CARE

Continuing Assistance for Retired Escapees

2015 Health Fair and New Clinic

Our 22nd annual Health Fair reached new highs in attendance, vendors, donations and excitement. It started off with the announcement by Rick Hefner, vice president of CHI (Catholic Health Initiatives) St. Luke's Health Memorial, that CHI plans to open a clinic in CARE's cottage. The plan is to staff a clinic two days each week to serve CARE residents, clients and all Escapees who live at Rainbow's End or travel to the park.

The specifics of their offering were detailed on the CARE page in the March/April issue of the *Escapees* magazine. This is only the beginning of an important health-and-wellness benefit for all Escapees.



CHI provides health care in 19 states with 105 hospitals and has \$22 billion in assets. More importantly, it is on the leading edge of tele-medicine. The current trend in medicine discourages prescriptions for a year, causing concern for our travelers. Our clinic will explore ways to provide prescription access to Escapees on the road. While initial staffing will start at two days a week, CHI has committed to a full staffing based on the needs of Escapees. They do not plan on advertising the clinic to anyone outside of the Escapees RV Club. When CHI reaches full staffing they are committed to building a separate structure to meet members' needs. In other words, Escapees needs to "use it or lose it."

The goal of this year's health fair was a large multipurpose van capable of transporting wheelchairs and passengers. As more Escapees come to CARE, we can see an increase in wheelchairs, especially powered chairs, and the proposed van will carry two wheelchairs and seven passengers. The facility's current vans have over 100,000 miles each and can only effectively transport three residents. The new van will be a welcome addition.

Our wonderful volunteers, led by chairman Solita Collard and co-chair Carolee Day, exceeded all expectations with a wonderful program of health-and-wellness seminars, low-cost medical screenings, presentations by local health care providers, auctions and raffles, topped off with a delicious barbecue dinner. A total of \$68,135 was raised, and the volunteer team dedicated their efforts to all of this year's CARE residents.

Come, See the Magic of CARE

The magic of CARE, and Escapees in general, is that members "care" for each other. At CARE, residents have become one large extended family, including the staff and monthly volunteers. Authors that write about "Aging in Place" marvel at the chemistry and workings of Kay Peterson's (Escapees co-founder) concept.

If you can, become part of the CARE concept and volunteer for one month, which is especially helpful during summer. There are rumors that it is hot in Southeast Texas but, never fear, CARE provides \$100 per month to offset electric costs for June through September. To volunteer November through March, call six to 12 months ahead. Consider visiting Escapees CARE and Rainbow's End to see the magic of the Escapees CARE facility and visit with the doctors at CARE's clinic.

Russ Johnson #96114

Escapees CARE Director

Escapees CARE Needs You!

You may provide your support through PayPal Giving Fund, www.iGive.com, www.escapees.com/store/CARE, or a bequest to CARE in your will. You can set up automatic donations, starting at \$10 per month, directly from your bank account or credit card by calling us at [936-327-4256](tel:936-327-4256).



A Whole New Resource is Here!

We are excited to announce that the new Articles and Blogs section of the website is now live. This interactive section is compiled of *Escapees* magazine articles, featured bloggers, and contributors to give you an abundance of information that fits your lifestyle right at your fingertips. Also, get connected and create your own personal blog to journal your travels or share your experiences with others. It is a great new addition to the Escapees arsenal that you are sure to love.

The goal of the Articles and Blogs section is to give you quick and easy access to this tremendous volume of educational material and RV-related information. You can search individual articles by category, blogger, content, or tags. The "Home" page is a newsfeed that will always keep you up-to-date with the newest posts, while the categories and tags allow you to view posts with a specific interest in mind. We have no doubt that members will want to access this new article center on a regular basis for general reading, educational information, and announcements, so we made it easier by giving you the ability to subscribe to your favorite categories or authors so you can be notified when new posts are made.

Chapter Information

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

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

Check the voice mail at:

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

Chapter 20 Photos and newsletters:

www.midatlanticchapter20.weebly.com

Learning the RV Lingo

MotorHome, August 5, 2010

Your RV's NCC is maxed out, your toad is all hooked up, the galley's stocked and you think you're ready for your boondocking trip in your RBR.

PARTS AND CAMPING TERMS

Chassis – Metal frame supporting the engine and bodywork.

Cockpit – Area where the driver sits.

Basement – Storage area beneath the floor of the motor home, usually accessible from the outside.

Boondocking (or Dry Camping) – Camping without hooking up to any electric, sewer or water facilities. You can still have electricity from the batteries or generator in your motor home and water from your fresh water holding tank.

Dinghy (or Toad) – Vehicle towed behind your motor home.

Dump Station – Facility where you can empty your black and gray water holding tanks (see holding tanks for description).

Extended Stay Site – Park or campsite where you can stay for a longer period of time, even up to an entire season.

Full Hookup – Campsite with direct connections to electricity, sewer and water amenities.

Galley – Kitchen.

Holding Tanks - There are three different holding tanks on most motor homes:

Black Water Tank – Holds all water and waste from the toilet.

Fresh Water Tank – Stores all of the fresh water that will be used in the sinks, shower and toilet while dry camping.

Gray Water Tank – Holds all the water and waste from the sink and shower drains.

Pull Through – Camping site that allows you to pull through when you set up and leave the area. You do not have to back into or out of a pull through site.

Puller – Motorhome with the diesel engine mounted in the front of the vehicle.

Pusher – Motorhome with the diesel engine mounted in the rear of the vehicle.

RV – Recreational Vehicle. Combines transportation and temporary living quarters for recreation, camping and travel.

Rig – Another name for motorhome.

RBR – Really Big Rig.

Slideout – Portion of the motor home that can expand to create more room inside.

VBR – Very Big Rig.

OWNER TERMS

Newbie – Someone new to the RV world.

Full-Timers – People who live in their RV full time or at least the majority of the time.

Part-Timers – People who use their RV for more than a few weekend trips a year, but who still use it less than full time.

Snowbirds – Those who live in their RV in the south during the winter months and move north in the summer time.

WEIGHT TERMS

Gross Combined Weight Rating (GCWR) – The manufacturer's maximum load weight, in pounds, allowed for the trailer and tow vehicle. This rating includes the weight of the trailer, tow vehicle, fuel, water, propane, supplies and passengers.

Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR) – The manufacturer's maximum load weight, in pounds, allowed for the vehicle. This rating includes the weight of the vehicle plus fuel, water, propane, supplies and passengers.

Net Carrying Capacity (NCC) (or Payload Capacity) - The maximum weight of fuel, water, propane, supplies and passengers that can be added to an RV without exceeding the Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR).

Unloaded Vehicle Weight (UVW) (or Dry Weight) - The weight of the RV without adding fuel, water, propane, supplies and passengers.

July Rally Happenings



Thanks to Tom Knudson for the photos!

