Escapees Mid-Atlantic Chapter 20 June 2014



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President's Corner

Barbara and Frank Simon represented Chapter 20 on the Row at the National Escapade in Goshen Indiana. They had a great time representing Chapter 20. Frank was delighted that he was able to sign up some new members for the chapter. Frank really believes that all Chapter officers would benefit from spending time representing our chapter on the row.

Frank Simon

Notes for the Newsletter:

Notes for Newsletter from Dave:

I would like to compile information on sites that Chapter 20 has camped in the last 3-4 years. Can previous wagon masters/hosts provide me with any information you may still have such as campgrounds name-location-phone #-web site-email address-contact name-what facilities are avail such as water-electric-dump at site or dump station-covered building or pavilion avail-shower-rest room etc. Please send info via email to <u>davidm@pa.net</u> or snail mail to David Middleton 8250 Harmony Grove Rd, Wellsville, PA 17365

JULY RALLY It's not too late!! Make your plans to come NOW!!!

The July 2014 chapter 20 rally will be at the Grange fairgrounds at Centre Hall, PA. The rally will be held at the same time as the "REMINGTON RYDE BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL".

The dates are July 10th to July 13th. You must purchase a festival ticket to enter fairgrounds. **Our chapter president contacted the festival promoter and he has extended the early bird rate of \$45.00 per person which covers all 4 days of the festival for Escapee Members. You MUST have "Escapee" on a 8"x 11" paper on the driver's side windshield and tell gate person you are with the Escapee group in order to get \$45.00 per person rate. It cannot be changed later but must be at arrival. The campground parking fee is \$20.00 per night for water/electric. There is a dump station on grounds and honey wagon will tour parking for dumping at rig. Price is usually \$15.**

Festival gates open July 8th at 0900 am with music starting Thursday. Music is 11am to11pm Thurs-Sat and 0900am to 5 pm sun with worship service at 0900 sun.

You must provide own chairs for festival with no high backs or lounge chairs allowed under tent. You can place chairs under tent $\{s\}$ on Weds.

Directions: for gps directions use 169 Homan lane, Centre Hall, PA 16828. Homan lane is off Rt 45. from the south from interstate 81 at Harrisburg, PA take Rt 322 west. After you climb large mt and go down other side the road changes to two lane. At bottom of mt take Rt 144 north (road is ok for large rigs

up to Centre hall (in approx 5 miles you will come to stop lite at Rt 45 intersection. take left and go approx 1/2 mile to Homan Lane on right. follow bluegrass signs.

From the north: from Interstate 80 take 322 east to Rt 45 at Boalsburg. Go east approx. 10 miles to Homan lane on left. There will be bluegrass signs. **DO NOT TAKE RT 144 SOUTH FROM INTERSTATE 80. IT IS NOT SUITABLE FOR RV'S.**

After entering fairgrounds and paying for festival ticket's and cg parking go approx. 500 ft. and bear right. There will be Escapee signs.

If you are at fairgrounds for Good Sam rally July 4-6 you can remain at fairgrounds for festival, but you will have to move to Escapee parking area. Contact Dave Middleton while at Good Sam rally and he will assist/give directions

PLEASE notify Dave Middleton if you plan on attending July rally in order to have adequate sites avail. without prior notice you may not be able to park with Escapee group. <u>davidm@pa.net</u> or home phone <u>717-432-3387</u>. when at fairgrounds I will be on cell <u>717-676-6498</u>.

Sept 11-13, 2014 we will be at Roxbury Holiness Camp at 13763 Cumberland Hwy, Orrstown, PA 17244. Camping will be full hook up and approximately \$30.00 a night for 30 amp and \$35.00 a night for 50 amp. You will register with Dave Middleton and pay upon arrival. I would like to know by August 15th if you will be coming. Last minute decisions can be worked around but you may be away from group. Early arrivals can also be arranged. As you may expect from the campground name this is a religious retreat / convention center but they have a nice campground and only ask that there be no open display of alcohol / tobacco products on the campground property.

I need assistance in looking for/at future rally sites from the membership. I don't feel right in determining by myself where we camp in that it may not please the majority of Chapter 20 members. So please look at possible sites/previous site etc. where we may camp in 2015. We also had a very large Chap 20 gathering this last winter in Sumter Oaks, Bushnell FL organized by Cynthia/Phil. So if there are going to be a bunch of Chapter 20 people in FL of Jan/Feb 2015 how about a informal rally at Sumter Oaks again? Food for thought, details/dates to be kicked around during rallies this summer. Hugs,

Dave

Chapter 20

13 May, 2014

Frank Simon opened meeting at 4: 35 pm He talked about the "ROW" and how all officers and members should take their turn on the row. It is a way to become more in touch with the workings of Escapees. It is an excellent way to meet others and to learn from them how things are done in their chapters.

Secretary report was approved without being read. It had been sent to all members via e-mail, motion made by Cindy D. and 2nd by Barbara S.

Treasurer's report was approved.

Vice President report: Dave talked about upcoming July meeting. 3 days of camping and Blue Grass music Festival.

He then talked about the Sept camping it will be held at a church camp in Roxyberry, Pa.the group Sky Med wanting to come and speak to our chapter at that time was discussed. Frank S will call them and tell hem we are not interested at this time because most of us have already heard them at Goshen, In.

We adjourned at 5:12 pm Minutes submitted by Barbara Simon, secretary.

Treasurer's Notes

Many people have paid their 2014 dues. This really helps our chapter. Dues are \$5 per couple, per year. Please send checks made out to **Mid Atlantic Chapter 20 to:**



Chapter shirts will be available at Center Hall for \$12 each.

From our Chapter Directors:

A quick reminder to all who have used an <u>escapees.com</u> email address. Time is up! Hope you have changed to a new email account and other items you may have listed your <u>escapees.com</u> email address.

Sadly, times seem to be changing all too quickly for some chapters. Where is that can do attitude? What happened to "how can I help?" When something needed doing we remember the philosophy of many hands make light work. It is fun to work together with the camaraderie that comes from helping each other. Today, instead of volunteering and joining in, folks are asking what will you do for me.

To continue to be a great chapter, we ask all members to ask yourselves, how can I be a contributing member to the chapter? What can I do to lighten the load? What can I do to keep this chapter a really entertaining, enjoyable, and exciting place to visit? We ask all members to please be active, dynamic members offering to help where and when you can according to your abilities. Remember the SKP philosophy of CARING AND SHARING the good times.

SKP Hugs, Susie & Denny Orr



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A note from Cindy: As we all know from being RVers, our plans often need to be written in jello. Well recently, Phil and I have discovered that sometimes the jello can get really runny! Phil had a pinched nerve in his back this last winter that was really painful. He is doing well, but we have learned that as we age, the healing process takes longer.

After getting home from the Escapade I was sick with what we thought was a simple virus. Anyway, not to bore you all with details, I developed some very severe muscle weakness and mobility problems **very quickly.** After **five long days** in the hospital, I am now in rehab treatment for two weeks to ??? until I become strong enough to go home. I am feeling stronger every day.

However, as much as we REALLY would love to be at the July Rally, that is impossible for us at this time. If at all possible, we will be at the September Rally. Remember, those plans are written in RUNNY JELLO! Unfortunately that is why this newsletter is somewhat brief. I have lots of other news that I will share with you after the next rally and I become a little stronger.

If there is anyone that would like to purchase our tickets, we would appreciate it. Otherwise, Ryan has assured me that he will reimburse us after the rally. If you would like the tickets, just let us know and we can mail them to you ASAP.

Love and hugs to all,

Cindy and Phil