



Escapees Mid-Atlantic Chapter 20 July 2009

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From the Prez.....

HELLO--HUGGS--&--HANDSHAKES,

Well, we had a super rally!! We had 21 rigs and 1 B&B in attendance. Host Phil and Cindy Devonshire and co-hosts Bill and Lois Boose did a fantastic job, from choice of campground to food preparation. Thankx Guys.

Monica Behun was re-elected to post as secretary, and I was re-elected to post as president for a term of 2 years.

Please fill out the e-mail Questionnaire about the May Multi-chapter rally. We really need your input.

See you in September. Safe travels!

SKP HUGGS,
Rudy

From Phil

A big **Thanks** to all who have paid their dues for 2009 and beyond! Our roster is looking much better with fewer lapsed members. If you have not sent your dues check of \$5 for 2009, please consider doing it soon. Feel free to pay for more than one year at a time, if you would like. Please mail checks to:

Phil Devonshire
Mid Atlantic Chapter 20
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Wyalusing PA 18853

From the Vice President

Hi Everyone,

WOW, what a great rally. Thanks to Phil and Cindy and Bill and Lois. Everything was wonderful. We had 41 people attend. A BIG WELCOME to our new members. Hope to see many in September at our rally in Martinsburg PA. Until then, Be Safe.

Love and Huggs,

Ann

Minutes to Chapter #20 Meeting

July 16th 2009

Alparon Park Troy, PA.

President Rudy Mager called the meeting to order @10:00 AM, Officers present, President Rudy Mager, Vice President Ann Hanks, Treasurer Phil Devonshire, Secretary Monica Behun.

There were 19 rigs in attendance with 41 people present, one drive in and two grandchildren, Davis & Alana, and one guest, Fran.

Rudy introduced our guests from Chapter #41 NY SKP's Christine Straight President and Bill Nixon Vice President.

Secretary read the minutes from the last meeting held in May 2009. Motion to accept minutes was made by Norman Gagnon with a second by Lois Boose. Carried

Treasurers report was read by Phil Devonshire. Copy of report is available. File copy for Audit Committee.

Committee Report, Mary Moien Nominating Committee: reported that two nominees were needed to fill the offices of President and Secretary. President Rudy Mager and Secretary Monica Behun agreed to serve another two years. Vote was unanimous.

Chapter #20 Adoptions in July:

Joe and Monica Behun adopted Dick and Pat Tracy,

Phil and Cindy Devonshire adopted Judi and Norm Gagnon

Ira and Ann Hanks adopted Joe and Eleanor Brugger

Barry and Mary Moien adopted Tom and Paula Nankivell

John and Cathy Strausbaugh adopted Dick and Kathy Rohrer

VCR's Tom and Mary Anne O'Bryant talked about the SKP's web site. Also, if you invite a non skp to a chapter rally and they join Escapees and our chapter, headquarters will send our chapter \$10.00.

Tom and Paula Nankivell talked about Care and their volunteer work at Care.

Rudy spoke about the Multi Chapter Rally in NC, should we hold our Chapter meeting there as it will be in May. Cindy said she had received about nine responses from the survey she sent out. Lois and Bill Boose stated that they do not want the meeting to be held at the NC rally as they are still working and can't attend, it is not fair to members. Barbara Simon said it would take her six hours to drive to NC. Rudy stated that he understood where she was going but that you can't please everyone. We shall wait until more surveys come back and decide at that time.

2010 Escapade will be held in Goshen Indiana, September 12-17.

July Rally in 2010 will be held in Blue Falls, Leesport PA, details later.

The coffee pot that was voted on at the May Rally has been put on hold during this rally. Cindy has a deal with a church member who was looking for a larger coffee pot, they will do a swap.

Monica Behun spoke about Ruth Thompson's accident, that she needs our prayers at this time.

Also, Jim Eichlin, Bobby Bear and John and Barb McDonnell have had some medical problems.

Please get well!! Motion to adjourn was made by Pat Tracy, seconded by Cindy Devonshire. All in Favor. Time: 10:57 AM.

Submitted by Monica Behun, secretary

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. 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

Chapter #20 on The Row at the Escapade



Hi Folks --- We enjoyed having Mid Atlantic Chapter #20 represented on The Row at Sedalia, MO Escapade by Keith & Shirley Murphy along with Bob & Betty Bear. The Row was a great success - especially being inside with several rainy days. All of the groups --- chapters - c-bofs - and co-ops had lots of visitors playing BINGO --- and we hope many of those visitors came back to learn more about the groups. Chapter #20 was the collection point for the BINGO game so they had all of the visitors at their booth. Enjoy your upcoming rallies --- welcome all visitors - and then enjoy your traveling adventures.

SKP Hugs Susie & Denny Orr

CHARACTER..... is doing the right thing when no one is watching!

Newsletter Information

It occurred to me one day that members might want to locate past information, jokes, pictures, addresses (or whatever) in a past newsletter. I am also asked frequently to print off a copy of our last newsletter for new members or potential new members. Therefore, I used Google Sites and created a site where such information can be found. I have posted the 2008-09 newsletters, the chapter roster and links to helpful Escapee's pages. To access this web site go to: <https://sites.google.com/site/midatlanticchapter20>

Upcoming Rallies

September 18-20 will be back in Martinsburg PA at Morrison's Cove Memorial Park. Hosts will be Ira and Ann Hanks with co hosts Bob and Betty Bear. Call Ann at 410-248-3178 to make reservations.

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!!!!

Multi Chapter Rally

From Bryan Rose:

As most know I have been working on holding a Multi Chapter Rally in 2010. I have reserved dates for 2010. The dates that I have picked are April 30, to May 3. At this time we can be flexible on the dates, etc come in on the 29 and leave on the 3, or come in on the 30 and leave on the morning of the 4.

I believe this time of year should work well, as we have a lot of people leaving Florida heading and it can be a 1st outing for everyone who has set up North looking at a foot of snow on their RV. It is also over a weekend so people who work can attend.

The park that I have reserved is the Tom Johnson Rally Park Marion, NC. The 2 web pages link you to the Rally park info, and the map of the area.

This park is just off the Blue Ridge Parkway, and this is a really nice drive.

<http://www.tomjohnsoncamping.com/camping/rallypark/default.aspx>

<http://maps.google.com/maps?hl=en&tab=w1>

I believe we should be able to have 100 units if we have that many camping would be \$20.00 per night. If we have more we can come into more discounts.

Tom Johnson can set up tours of the area, catered meals, and other activities....

Please notify Cindy and Phil Devonshire if you plan on attending. 570-744-2762 (summer) or 570-267-5317(winter).

Information is on a Google site. <http://sites.google.com/site/rallyinfosite/>



Camping World Receipts – an important update!

Every dollar you spend at Camping World helps Escapees CARE! The combination of generous Escapees members and Camping World has resulted in \$5,000 in donations to CARE each year for the past several years. Your support of this program is **greatly** appreciated by the CARE residents and staff. We also are very appreciative of the generosity of Camping World in starting and sustaining this fund.

Here's an important update to the program! Beginning now, only Camping World receipts that are less than 3 months old are eligible to be counted for the 2 percent donation to CARE! That's right; you won't be able to save up your receipts until you are near a Rainbow Park. You'll have to send them on to us pronto. Send the original or a copy of your receipt to:

Escapees
Attn: Camping World Receipts
100 Rainbow Drive
Livingston TX 77351.

You can also email a copy of the receipt to Kellie Rossow at kellierossow@escapees.com or fax the receipts (936-327-4388). We'll do the rest. The partnership of you and Camping World has benefited the residents at CARE since 2002, and the program is ongoing. Here's how the Camping World fund works. SKPs send their Camping World receipts to the Escapees national headquarters in Livingston, Texas. Escapees staff tallies the receipts and sends them to Camping World headquarters where a donation equal to 2 percent of the total amount of the purchase is returned to CARE. This is a great deal for CARE! We appreciate your efforts to support this fund and need your receipts more than ever. Make sure the purchase date shows clearly on the receipt. Don't cut it off! Whenever you are in the vicinity of Livingston, Texas, stop in at CARE to see the fruits of your shopping labors. CARE tours are Mon-Wed-Fri at 11AM. We hope to see you soon. **Thank you, and keep those receipts coming!**

Escapees CARE needs your help!

Volunteers are critical to CARE. It is the volunteers who drive the CARE residents to their appointments, work in the kitchen and prepare the light evening meals Sunday and Monday (soup and sandwiches etc.)

CARE needs monthly volunteers for the following time periods:

Teams needed	-	Start date	-	Time
(3) Teams		July 1 st		for one or two months.
(3) Teams		August 1 st		for one or two months.
(1) Teams		September 1 st		for one or two months.
(5) Teams		October 1 st		for one or two months.
(5) Teams		November 1 st		for one or two months.

A Team is a couple, or two singles. [Singles are welcome.](#)

If you can help or have any questions, please contact Dan Duryea at (936) 327-4256.

Thanks,
Robert "RB" Brinton
Facility Director

Free 411 directory from Google

Checked out by Snopes:

<http://www.snopes.com/inboxer/nothing/free411.asp>

The number is 800-466-4411. Put it in your phone, it works, and it's free.

Try it, it works!

My compliments to Google !

Just leave it up to Google to come up with something like this!!!

Here's a number worth putting in your cell phone, or your home phone speed dial: 1-800-goog411. This is an awesome service from Google, and it's free -- great when you are on the road.

Don't waste your money on information calls and don't waste your time manually dialing the number. I am driving along in my car and I need to call the golf course and I don't know the number. I hit the speed dial for information that I have programmed.

The voice at the other end says, "City & State." I say, "Garland , Texas ." He says, "Business, Name or Type of Service." I say, "Firewheel Golf Course." He says, "Connecting" and Firewheel answers the phone. How great is that? This is nationwide and it is absolutely free!

Click on the link below and watch the short clip for a quick demonstration.

<http://www.google.com/goog411/>

RV America Magazine - Now Online

RV America is the official Publication of the Passport America original 50% Discount Camping Club and it's now online and interactive. Go ahead and flip the pages at

<http://www.rvamericamagazine.com/online>

Recipe Corner

1 lean roast beef (3-4 pounds)

½ cup soy sauce (light soy sauce is good)

1 beef bouillon cube

1 bay leaf

3 to 4 whole peppercorns

Remove and discard all visible fat from roast. Place in slow cooker. Combine soy sauce, bouillon and spices. Pour over roast. Add water to almost cover roast. Cover and cook on low heat 10-12 hours until meat is very tender. Remove meat from broth; reserve broth. Shred meat with a fork. Serve on hard rolls or French bread slices with broth to dip. Yield – 12 sandwiches.

1 tsp. dried rosemary

1 tsp. dried thyme

1 tsp. garlic powder

hard rolls or French bread

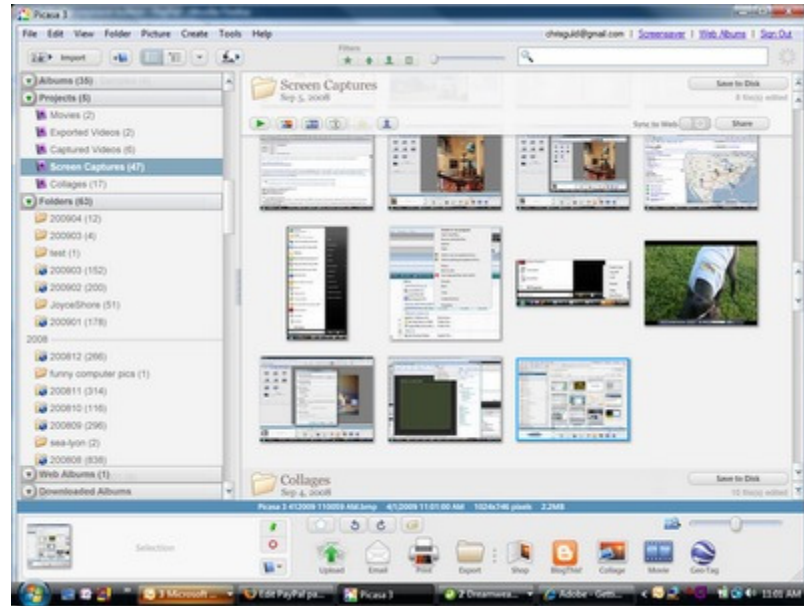
Without roll, prepared with light soy sauce – 3 lean meat diabetic exchange; 175 calories, 433 mg. sodium, 69 mg cholesterol, 1 gm carbohydrate, 25 gm protein, 8gm fat.

Mary Anne O'Bryant

Tech News from the Geeks On Tour

Picasa Tip: Screen Captures

Ever wondered how people (like me) are able to show you a picture of how their computer screen looks at any given time? Like this screenshot of Picasa:



Or maybe you do already know about the 'PrtScn' key on your keyboard that will take a snapshot of your screen. But then what? Pressing the PrtScn key captures everything on your screen and puts it on your clip board, the same place any 'Cut' or 'Copy' text or objects go. Then, you still have to open some application where you can 'Paste' it before you see anything. It's a rather involved process.

With Picasa 3, you get instant gratification! With Picasa open, you can view any screen possible on your computer – your desktop, your email program - whatever is showing on your screen will be captured when you press the PrtScn (or Print Screen on some computers) *and* it will instantly become a picture file in the 'Screen Captures' project folder of Picasa! Now you can use that picture like any other, crop it, print it, email it etc. Chris Guld, www.geeksonatour.com

VCR Report

Chapter 20,

Thank you for the warm welcome, the hard work you've put into the rally and into your chapter, and most of all, for the caring and sharing this is characteristic of SKP's

Hugs,

Tom and Mary Anne O'Bryant



Member News

Hi folks, sorry it has been so long, but we have been very busy and I got lazier. We had a very good trip from Yuma, AZ. and did a lot and visited with good friends and some relatives. On a sad note we had to attend the funeral of a very close friend who we camped with monthly since May 1974 in our Good Sam Club. We are presently in Annapolis, Maryland at our Moose lodge. We are dry camping and buy a lot of our meals in the lodge. For the price you can't beat it. We recently took a four day trip to Niagara Falls with our son and granddaughter. It was a lot of fun, but it sure did change since 1963. The Canadian side looks like Las Vegas from the American side. Aug. 1-Oct. 1 we will be camp hosting in Thurmont, Maryland at Cacotin Mountain Campground. According to the ranger it is on the inner perimeter of Camp David. Should be interesting. Until later, stay safe and keep in touch. JIM, JO Gass, & Taco.



**Tom and Debbie Abernathy
Hubbard Glacier in Alaska**

Caring and Sharing

We have several members that need to be remembered in your prayers. We hear that Barb and John McDonnell, Jim Eichman, Bob Bear are all improving. JM and Ruth Thompson are recovering from a serious accident on May 23rd. You can send cards to Ruth at:

Ruth Thompson
Pennknoll Village
208 Pennknoll Road
Everett PA 15537

Chapter Information

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

<http://www.escapees.com/chapter20> or check the voice mail at:

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

Be sure to check out the new Web Album.

It has July Rally Pictures

Check out <http://picasaweb.google.com/phdevon>

I have uploaded several albums to this site. There are photos from all three 2008 rallies and two 2009 rallies. Check it out and watch the slideshows. I will be adding more pictures in the future.

Voice mail by Jerry Hopman

Webmaster is Tom McIlwain

Thanks Guys!!

Welcome to our New Members

Members joining at the Escapade were: **Tom and Paula Nankivell**, full timers that volunteer at Care, **David and Gay Oliver** from Burke VA, and **Fred and Irene Schatz** from Stafford VA. Members that joined at the July Rally were: **Judi and Norm Gagnon**, full timers from Summerdale Alabama and **Joe and Eleanor Brugger** from Coopersburg PA.

Rally Guests

Christine and John Straight and **Bill and Jeanne Nixon** traveled down from Chapter 41 in NY to join us at Alparon Park. **Art and Cynthia Lindley** were full timers from Texas who visited us from Texas. **Jay Casey** was also a returning SKP as a guest. **The Millers**, work campers from Towanda dropped in for dinner on Friday evening. **Tom and Nancy Vineski** are work campers at Alparon Park in Troy. Tom visited us a few times and alerted us to his article in the current Escapees's magazine Sunshine, Do Your Cooking. Check it out!! **VCR's Tom and Mary Anne O'Bryant** spent most of the week with us. **A BIG SKP welcome with lots of HUGS to all!**

Health Salad Recipe

1 lb pkg sauerkraut, rinsed (packaged, not in can)

1 cup chopped celery

1 cup chopped onion [sweet]

1/2 cup chopped green or red pepper, red are sweeter than green. or both for color

3/4 cup sugar

Mix well and refrigerate at least 2 hrs, the longer it sits the better it gets.

If you cannot find 1lb pkg of sauerkraut I use a 2 lb and double the ingredients.

Note from Rudy: It gets really good after a couple of days in the fridge.

Also this can be frozen.

Bon appétit!

Fran Howard