



Escapees Mid-Atlantic Chapter 20

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Update on Rudy~

Rudy has been in the hospital since the May Rally. He and Fran came home early from Texas because he was not feeling quite 'up to par'. Here is his latest update to me:

I am out of the hospital and feeling a lot better. I can walk up a flight of steps and not get as winded as before. Also I recover much quicker. My legs are still sore but getting better.

I had two stints put in my heart plus a Rota roter on Monday then on Tuesday they went in the other groin and put another stint in the heart, two stints in my right femoral artery, and a Rota roter on the left leg. I'm sore, but getting better, just have to take it easy for a while. The Doc said it was a good thing I got there when I did. Hope this finds everyone else well.

SKP HUGGS and HANDSHAKES

Rudy

From the Vice President

Hi Folks,

Well, we had a great rally and It was great to see all of our friends after the long winter. We had some new members at the rally as well. We welcome all new members! Check out the dates for the July rally and plan to attend. I am looking forward to seeing you all there.

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!

Call for Officers!!

Nominations Needed for President and Secretary of Chapter 20

Nominations are being sought for President and Secretary. The term of service is two years. The election will be held at the July rally. One nomination for president has been received but I am interested in hearing from others. We need to have at least one nomination for secretary. The activities are not too difficult. The secretary is responsible for taking basic minutes at the 3 yearly meetings of the group. In addition the secretary communicates with the main Escapees office in Livingston to tell them who the officers are for the coming year and the dates and locations of the 3 meetings.

This year we definitely need to elect a new secretary. Please think seriously about helping the group out. The election will be held at July business meeting. I am going to be away the whole month of July, so I need to ask to have all nominations to me by June 20. Please consider running. E-mail me at mmoien@aol.com, or call me at 301-474-4713.

Note from Cindy:

As I finalize this, Phil and I are on our way to Alaska. We are in suspended animation here in Whitehorse YK because we picked up a stone that made a hole in our radiator. We are at a Kenworth dealer hoping they can repair it soon. So.....some things did not get done in the newsletter as usual. We are doing a day trip down to Skagway today and I will mail these from there. Hopefully the mail will not take too long from there. I can also access my air card from there and send out the newsletters by email. Hope this finds everyone well. We plan on seeing everyone at the September rally.

May Rally Report

The May rally was a success with 12-14 rigs. Fran and Rudy drove in and stayed at a motel nearby. We had some new members, that is always wonderful. Monica Behum and Bob Trumbaur are both under the weather, please keep them in your thoughts. Please think about trying to attend either the July or the September Rally. Also, if anyone is going to the Escapade and wants to represent Chapter 20, please let Rudy know. It would be great to have someone there. Phil and Cindy Devonshire will be there but are both working on Staff at the Escapade, so will not have time to represent Chapter 20 on the Row. Hope to see you there.

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 Ralph and Gisella Jones

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

<http://www.mytripjournal.com/bobandenise> Bob and Denise Gray

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

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

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

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

July Rally

Plan on July 22-23-24 at the Huntingdon County Fairground in Huntingdon PA. We can arrive as early as the 19th and the camping fee will be \$23.00 per night with full hook-ups with 30 amps. Reservations will need to be made to Ann Hanks (410-248-3178) or Keith and Shirley Murphy (304-623-5098) by July 6th. Right now we will plan on a potluck on Saturday evening and make additional plans later. We will need to ask anyone who has a pop up canopy to bring them if possible so we can use them part of the time as we will have to pay for a shelter at the rate of \$100.00 per day unless we will be able to get the price reduced so we can at least use it for the potluck.

September Rally

The September Rally is planned for September 16-17-18. The location and hosts are yet to be decided. If you are interested in hosting or helping with this rally, please contact either Rudy Mager or Ann Hanks. Keep watch for more details to come.

The Road to Freedom...

51st 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 Escapade Apparel ordering page. interfusewebdesign.com/clients/escapees/.

Check back for changes: <http://www.escapees.com/escapade/2011>

Balloon Fiesta HOP - A must see, must do!

October 4-9, 2011

Each year, the International Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta astounds spectators as hundreds of hot air balloons decorate the sky. While picture taking is a must, it is no substitute for the real thing. You really must experience this event up close and personal to comprehend its enchanting beauty and grace.

The Fiesta includes a spectacular mix of shows, competitions, demonstrations, and lectures.

You'll enjoy "mass ascensions," where all the participating hot air balloons launch in a spellbinding display of sound and color, and be awed by nightly "balloon glows." Balloon glows were invented in Albuquerque in 1979 when local pilots inflated balloons on Christmas Eve night as a thank you to local residents. The balloons, lit from within, hang in the night sky like beautiful holiday ornaments. And when all the balloons fire their burners and light up at the same time, it is one of the most amazing moments of the entire Fiesta. But that's not all! The evenings would not be complete without New Mexico's finest fireworks displays.

Tour Santa Fe!

In addition to the multitude of balloon activities, including dawn patrol, balloon rodeos, and entertaining competitions, HOP participants will also be treated to a tour of Santa Fe! Santa Fe is the oldest capital in the United States and the second oldest city. The history, architecture, and culture create an impressive mix, and the local cuisine and shopping is topnotch, too. Tour guides will accompany you on the buses to Santa Fe, and then you'll split into smaller groups for an in-depth tour of the city.

From Denny and Susie Orr:

We are all Escapees – also known as SKPs – that makes us all Special Kind of People. We all enjoy going to rallies – sharing the camaraderie, games, tours, and SKP meals. So when your chapter needs volunteers – officers – chairpersons - hosts --- don't hesitate to say "I will!" – that is the **SKP (Special Kind of People) way**. All groups need active member participation to make their group extra special.

We are looking forward to some summer rambles north to Gillette, WY Escapade August 28-September 2. We hope Escapade is in your plans. Bob and Molly Pinner have interesting activities and new events for Escapade. Do check their Escapade information in the Escapees magazine and on the website <http://www.escapees.com/escapade/> for details and registration.

We hope you will enjoy some summer rally adventures – whether at 'home' or while wandering. There are chapter rallies from east to west. All enjoy having members and visitors participate.

SKP Hugs ~ ~ ~ ~ Susie & Denny Orr

Escapees Club Women Help Raise the Roof!

Escapees are known for their caring and sharing ways. One example is their involvement with Habitat for Humanity. Across the country, Escapees can be found on Habitat builds all year long. Are you coming to the [51st Escapade](#) in Gillette, WY? If so, you can talk to the representatives on The Row and learn more about this generous, caring organization and how you can get involved as you travel.

There is also a Habitat affiliate in Polk County, home of the Escapees Club's national headquarters! The affiliate was officially recognized by Habitat for Humanity International in April 2003 and has since built 12 Habitat homes in the county. The most recent was this May, when 23 women and four men gathered to raise the first walls on the house that will be home to Nancy Poncho and her five kids.

This was the fourth Women Build day held by Habitat for Humanity of Polk County, an event that has taken place annually in Polk County since 2008. Partnering again with Lowe's, the women worked under the guidance of SKP John Dryton and Joe Westmoreland, construction committee co-chairs for the local affiliate, and volunteer SKP Jim Conner. SKP Cathy Conner served as the women's supervisor for the day.

Some of the women who worked have participated in all four of the Women Build days held by the local Habitat affiliate. Others were returnees from previous Women Build days. Still others were brand-new to the experience. All agreed it was a good day, and they felt proud of what they accomplished. The most common comment heard was, "That was fun. I'll be back next year!"

For more information on Polk County builds, contact Susie Gearing, affiliate president, at sdunaway@livingston.net.

For more information on Escapees Habitat for [Humanity C-BOF](#) - read on!

Habitat for Humanity - Escapees C-BOF

The purpose of the Habitat for Humanity C-BOF (HFH) is to make all Escapees aware of Habitat International and RV Care-A-Vanners. Their aim is to show you how to enjoy the best of the RV lifestyle while making an active contribution to the elimination of poverty housing in this country and abroad.

Escapees BOF (Birds of a Feather) groups are comprised of people who share a common interest. In order to belong to a BOF, one must be a member in good standing of the Escapees RV Club.

HFH is dedicated to the ideal that all people deserve a simple, decent place to live, on terms they can afford. For more information, contact Nevin Daniel at warp2@earthlink.net.

Information about all Escapees RV Club BOFs can be found at www.escapees.com/BoFs.

Future of CARE

History: Escapees CARE, Inc. was incorporated in Texas in June, 1992 as a nonprofit corporation. We had to add the word Escapees because there was already a registered corporation called CARE, Inc. in Texas

What does being a nonprofit corporation mean? As a nonprofit 501 (c) (3), Escapees CARE, Inc. is a separate corporation that cannot have shareholders (owners) and must be open to the public as well as to Escapees. No one can ever sell CARE because no one owns it. CARE is run under Texas law by a Board of Directors who must follow the Bylaws under which it is licensed.

Escapees Inc., a different corporation, owns the land on which CARE was built because at the time CARE could not afford to buy it. Under an attorney and an IRS supervisor's advice in 1993 a contract was signed that CARE would pay an annual land lease of \$3,500. Starting with the first land lease payment, the Escapees club has donated that same sum back to CARE. This allows Escapees to write it off as an annual donation, and CARE to write it off as an annual expense. Both are tax benefits.

What is the CARE Board of Director's Responsibility?

1. Oversee expenditures, approve new construction, make policy changes, determine hours of operation, and promote the program whenever possible. Board Members VOLUNTEER their time. They receive no compensation of any kind. They are appointed by the current Board but are happy to accept applications from anyone willing to serve for a term of three years. Members may then volunteer for a second three-year term if they wish. We usually meet monthly.
2. The Board hires the Facility Director who is responsible for staff, volunteers, the proper operation of the adult day care program, maintaining our license, taking care of building maintenance as well as overseeing the Resident program.
3. Raise funds (donations) that allow the program to operate at a rate that is affordable to financially challenged members. Residents pay about 50% of the actual cost. Donations pay the rest. There are several ways you can help us raise funds to keep resident costs low.
 - A. Sign the paperwork to have a small deduction monthly from your checking account or put on your credit card. You won't really miss a \$10 a month donation, but it adds up to \$120 a year. We recommend bank deduction over credit card because CARE has to pay about 4% back to the credit card company, and if you are late paying the bill it can cost you more, too.
 - B. Put in your will that a portion of your estate goes to CARE when you die.
 - C. If you buy goods over the Internet, go through IGive.com and under donations click on Escapees CARE, Inc. A small percentage of whatever you purchase will be donated to CARE.
 - D. Send your Camping World receipts to CARE or National. They must be dated within three months of purchase date. Camping World gives CARE a % up to \$5,000 a year.

What will happen to CARE when Kay "is gone?"

Nothing! Kay Peterson is only one volunteer Board member with one vote. The Board can terminate her service at any time. If she drops dead tomorrow, nothing will change except the Board will appoint a new board member to replace her. The Resident and Adult Day Care programs will continue just as they are today. She does NOT "run" CARE and receives no benefits. She and Joe have donated to CARE annually since 1992.

Written by Kay Peterson--- Nov. 10, 2010