



Escapees Mid-Atlantic Chapter 20
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News from Joe.....

To All Fellow Chapter 20 Members,

It was so good to see fellow members again after a long winter. Thanks for the Devonshires and Simons, we all had a wonderful time at Hickory Hollow Campground in Rockwood, PA. The weather was very good to us, except a sprinkle on Sunday, and the evening campfires were delightful and warming. We were all able to go around the area and see some very interesting areas. Johnstown Flood and Flight 93 were the ones we visited. Both very sad events. We would like to welcome the three new families who joined our chapter. They are not new to Escapees RV club though. We all welcome you and hope to see you at future rallies. Our next chapter meeting is election of new officers, President and Secretary. The Devonshires are the nominating committee, so if you are interested please contact them. Lots of Escapees events coming up so watch your newsletter and hope to see you there.

Hugs, Joe and Eleanor Brugger

A Note from Rita.....

We had a great May rally at Hickory Hollow Camp near Somerset, Pa. thanks to hosts Frank & Barb Simon and co-hosts Phil & Cynthia Devonshire. Everything seemed to go smoothly and the weather was good. We didn't get any rain until we were packing up to leave on Sunday, so we really can't complain. Thanks so much to the Simons and Devonshires for putting together a very nice event with breakfasts, dinner on Friday and Saturday's pot luck. A good campfire on Friday and Saturday night. Sightseeing was done on Friday and Saturday to various places such as the Flight 93 Memorial and the Frank Lloyd Wright house.

We welcomed some new attendees to our campouts: Floyd Stopp, Paul & Jan Holbrook, and Sherwood & Linda Cook. New faces are always welcome around our campfire! Make your reservations for the next campout in July. We have hosts/cohosts for the July and September events, but we are already looking for hosts for next year's campouts. If you haven't done this yet, don't be afraid. You will have lots of help and you can make it as simple as you want.

Rita Meredith
Vice-President

And from Phil....

Again, thanks to all our loyal members who have paid their current dues as well as future dues. There are some still outstanding. If you are not sure about your dues status, drop me an email and I will let you know where you stand. (phdevon@gmail.com) Dues are our main source of revenue, so paying them really helps our chapter. Dues are only \$5.00 a year, payable to **Mid Atlantic Chapter 20:**

Send to:

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Minutes of the Chapter #20

May 16th – 19th 2013 Rally at Rockwood, PA

- President Joe Brugger called meeting to order. Time 9:35am
- Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for our service men and women.
- Call of Officers: President Joe B., V.P. Rita Meredith, Secretary Stacie S., Treasurer Phil D.
- Introduction and welcome to new and returning members.

Janice and Paul Holbrook

Sherwood and Linda Cook

Floyd Stopp

- Intro of VCR's by Phil and Cindy D.
- Bryan Rose spoke of the Stargazing HOP in Texas. Also spoke of issues arising from 2014 Escapade and SKP ACRE being scheduled within weeks of each other. Open discussion about possible solutions and group ideas.
- Reading of minutes for September 2012 by Stacie S.
Minutes stand approved as read. Accepted by Joe B. and seconded by Art Smith.
- Reading of Treasure's report by Phil D. Balance as of 05/14/2013 is \$1,018.62.
See attached report.
- Wagon Master Report by V.P. Rita M. Thank you to rally hosts for a very successful rally.
- Joe B. opened discussion to change July's rally date to July 19-21 to allow Devonshires to attend. This is an election rally. Reservations to be made directly to campground. Motion to change dates approved Frank S. seconded by Cindy D.
- Committee Report – none.
- Remember to call Devonshires for reservations to fall rally in Troy, PA September 12-15.
- No old business.
- New business:
This Chapter needs new officers for president and secretary to be elected in July. Phil D. discussed responsibilities and emphasized importance of positions. The demands are minimal and the term is two years. Vice President has the most demanding position. If unable to attend all rallies there is usually someone who can stand in for you. Also need nominating committee. Cindy D. said she would volunteer.
- Sunshine Report By Cindy D. Signed cards for Ann H., Betty B. and JM and Ruth.
- Motion to adjourn by Joe B. and seconded by Bob Meredith.

Respectfully submitted by Stacie Sauzer, Secretary



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

bobanddenisewanderlust.com Bob and Denise Gray

<http://goodsamclub.mytripjournal.com/fall-winter-2012> Tom and Debbie Abernethy

<http://jreich47.blogspot.com> Jim and Beryl Eichlin

<http://billloisboose.blogspot.com> Bill and Lois Boose

<http://orrtravels.blogspot.com/> Denny and Susie Orr

From Denny and Susie Orr:

No matter the size of the group, it is the individual members that make a chapter a success! It is the sharing of enthusiasm, the planning of activities, the willingness to share your time, talents and abilities by *each member* that says we're glad to have you in our group.... "We hope you'll continue to come to our events and to share your talents right along with us."

So if you are a chapter member, step right up. Be not only a participant, but a friend and an active chapter member. If we all do but just a bit, we will most certainly be a terrific chapter that everyone enjoys! Enjoy your summer rallies!

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. 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!!
This activity is also optional.
- *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.
- ***Rally activities are set up by the Hosts and Co Hosts and may be subject to change.**
- *****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

Upcoming Rallies 2013

July 19, 20, 21, 2013 (CHANGE OF DATE)

Timothy Lake South, Outdoor World. Cost for non-members is \$27.95 per night. Early arrival's or late stays no problem. It is in East Stroudsburg, PA 18302 All reservations will go through the CG direct # [570-588-1617](tel:570-588-1617).

Directions to Timothy Lake Camp Ground:

Using Interstate 80 going East or West take Exit 309, which is 209 heading North. Stay on 209 for several miles. There is a new Bypass which saves a lot of time and traffic backups. As you get into the Delaware Water Gap area and in the Bushkill area there is Turkey Hill Quick Mart at a light. At River Road, turn Left. Going up the hill to a stop sign "T" intersection, going straight, name changes to Winona Falls Road. Continue on up the hill to Timothy Lake Road, turning left up the hill. There are signs along the way. Out Door World Timothy Lake South. Go through the Gate to Register. This is large campground. We are going to try to get the back row against the woods.

Hope to see everyone there.

September 12-15, 2013

Alparon Park

Troy PA

Cost is \$25 a night for water and electric or \$100 a week. Dump station is available.

Phil and Cindy Devonshire are Hosts with Ann and Ira Hanks as Co Hosts. Call Cindy at 570-744-2762 to make reservations. Cell phone is 570-267-5317.

Directions will be in the next newsletter. Mark your calendars, now!!

HEAD WEST
FOR THE 53RD ESCAPADE
and the 35th birthday of ESCAPEES RV Club
Gillette, Wyoming
June 30–July 5, 2013



A week full of educational, fun, and social events awaits you at the 53rd Escapade in Gillette, WY. The 35th birthday bash takes place Thursday, July 4, honoring the founding of Escapees RV Club by Joe and Kay Peterson on July 4, 1978.

With historical and natural landmarks abounding nearby, there is much to explore as you journey into the wild, wild West and lands of stark beauty. Whether outdoor and nature enthusiasts, history buffs, or rodeo fans, you're sure to delight in this bastion of nature. Start planning now for your journey westward, and to join the fun at the 53rd Escapade!

You need not be an Escapees member to join the fun at Escapade!

Register Early! The Cam-Plex in Gillette offers more than 1,700 full-hookup and boondocking sites on 1,100 acres, but don't delay; register early to reserve yours! For registration and parking options, go to: [registration information](#). To register on-line [click here](#) please or call Kim Wakefield at 888-757-2582 or 936-327-8873 to register.

First-rate RV Education! With more than 60 educational seminars, classes, and workshops, there is something for everyone. Fascinating featured speakers and discussion panels round out the line-up. Escapade in Gillette will again feature the Full-time Lifestyle: 101 series of seminars and workshops designed especially with full-timers and soon-to-be or wanna-be full-timers in mind!

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 make Escapade a premier event! Interested in being a potential market vendor? [Click here](#) for all the details and options.

Boot Camp and SmartWeigh options

Mark Nemeth # 45776, Escapees technical director, and his team of competent RV safety instructors, offer the option to attend RVers' Boot Camp on June 27 – 29, just prior to Escapade. This intensive RV training course

grows in popularity with every session. It's fun, informative and yields priceless information for RV travelers. Visit the [boot camp page](#) for more information, or call 888-757-2582 to register. Don't delay: Seats are limited, and Boot Camp sells out fast!

Neil Lekander #45644, SmartWeigh director and the Escapees team of SmartWeigh weighmasters will be on hand to professionally weigh your rig at Escapade. Weight safety affects every aspect of the RV experience, from fuel mileage to tire wear and can potentially pose the greatest hazard to your personal safety. Don't go around wondering if you are overweight; Let us weigh your RV and provide you with a full weight analysis in Gillette. Visit the [SmartWeigh page](#) for more information. You can sign up for weighing at the SmartWeigh booth, located in the Hospitality area.

Information on 53rd Escapade events, seminars, exhibitors, sponsors, and more will be posted on this site prior to the event.

May Rally shots:



Chapter 20 T-Shirts

Frank Simon was successful in having our Chapter 20 t-shirts made. He found a local vendor that would work with us to produce quality MADE IN USA shirts with our Chapter 20 logo for \$11. He had 20 made and we sold most of them at the May rally. We hope to have more made for the next rally and for people that have expressed interest in having a shirt. If you would like a shirt, please let Cindy know at 570-744-2762 and we will see about getting them made up.

Caring and Sharing

Stacie Sauzer is in the process of selling her house and moving to Florida. She says there is a Class C in her future. She will also be a grandmother for the first time this fall so she will be in Baltimore for a while. She is just a LITTLE excited. **Joe and Ellie Brugger** have also bought a home in Cape Coral, Florida, right near the water. They are looking forward to spending time there in the winters. **Ann Hanks** is having some health problems and will be having surgery on June 3. She is anxious to get back to her active life, following surgery. **Barb McDonnell** had open heart surgery. Hope you are feeling better soon! **Shirley Murphy** had knee replacement surgery this past winter. **Betty Bear** is feeling better and anxious to travel again. **JM Thompson** drove over to the May Rally to say hello. **Frank and Barbara Simon** are going on a Tin Canner's Caravan this summer. **Bob and Rita Meredith** were looking great after spending the winter in Florida. **Art and Jan Smith** will be representing Chapter 20 on the Row in Gillette. **Phil and Cindy Devonshire** will also be traveling to Wyoming for the Escapade. You will have trouble recognizing **Bryan and Jane Rose** after they have their rig repainted this summer. **Bob and Molly Pinner** are Escapade Directors for the third time. They have been working hard in Gillette for several months. **Norm and Judi Gagnon** have been traveling in their new tag along RV, instead of the truck camper. Bet they are having fun! **Debbie and Tom Abernathy** have upgraded from their Class C Lazy Daze to a Class A Phaeton. They will be Row Directors at Escapade, as **Denny and Susie Orr** are traveling through Alaska. **John and Cheryl Miskey** have also bought property in Florida. We are hoping they will be spending some time in PA in the summer. **Jim and Beryl Eichlin** and **Lee and Charlie Trueland** spent the winter at Bushnell Florida. **Jim and Beryl** bought a new Winnebago and were loving it. **Bill and Lois Boose** will be at Escapade, where **Lois** will be teaching a craft class. **Jim and Christine Kurz** were at SKP ACRE. **Rudy Mager and Fran Howard** are home from Texas but Fran is having back issues. Hope she is feeling better soon so they can get to some rallies. **Barry and Mary Moien** appear to be hanging up their RVing keys. Maybe they will drive in to a rally soon to visit with us.

Call for Officers....

Joe Brugger and Stacie Sauzer have both asked to be replaced as officers this July. We have a candidate for Secretary, but we are in need of a new president. This is a two year term, and it is not a difficult. All of the Chapter 20 officers and members work together well, so being president is not a hardship. If you would be interested in helping our chapter in this way, please let the Devonshire's know. Email is Cynthia.devonshire@gmail.com or call at 570-744-2762 or cell at 570-267-5317. Here is a job summary. Be aware that most chairpersons are already in place:

President Job Summary:

As a volunteer, the president coordinates, motivates and directs all activities of a chapter/c-bof of Escapees RV Club

Duties and Responsibilities:

1. Conduct chapter/c-bof meetings and executive board meetings.
2. Supervise all chapter/c-bof activities.
3. Appoint committee chairpersons and assign duties as necessary in order to assure the smooth operation of the chapter. Ensure the chairpersons have job descriptions and complete their tasks.
 - a. Appoint, elect, or retain newsletter editor.
 - b. Appoint, elect, or retain webmaster.

- c. Appoint, elect, or retain voicemail chairperson.
- d. Appoint, elect, or retain historian.
- e. Appoint, elect, or retain sunshine chairperson.
4. Ensure compliance with bylaws and standing rules.
5. Ensure that all chapter officers are informed of all correspondence pertaining to the chapter. Email works well.
6. Ensure that lines of communication are open between the chapter/c-bof and national headquarters through the chapter directors.
7. Ensure that new and interesting chapter programs are created in order to keep member participation at a high level.
8. Sign checks as required by chapter.
9. Appoint a member to serve in the temporary absence of the vice president, secretary, or treasurer.
10. Appoint a temporary officer until an election is held in the event of a board member's resignation or death.
11. Other duties as may be necessary.