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From the Prez.....

WOW What a great rally!! The weather was hot, but no rain for a change. Congratulations to Ann Hanks and Phil Devonshire for being re elected to the posts of Vice-President and Treasurer. Thank you for accepting the posts for another term. Now we must start thinking about the posts of President and Secretary which will up for grabs next July. If you have an interest in either post please let us know. Volunteers are what keeps the chapter going. I think everyone gained a couple of pounds during the rally. Out to eat twice and a great pot luck dinner on Saturday was enjoyed by all.

THANK YOU to Lois and Bill Boose and Joe and Ellie Brugger for agreeing to host the July Rally in Manheim PA. Keith and Shirley Murphy and Bryan and Jane Rose will be planning the July Rally for someplace in Virginia. Without your generous contribution of time and effort we could not have the fun chapter that we have.

Our business meeting which will include a social will be held at the Escapade in Goshen In. on Sept. 14 @ 1PM. Check the notice boards for the building and room #.

Safe Travels 'Til we meet again,
HUGGS and HANDSHAKES

Rudy

From the Vice President

Hi Folks,

We had some very hot days but that did not keep everyone from having a great time at the Rally. What a crowd!

It was nice to see some of our friends we haven't seen for a year due to health problems. Welcome back.

Thanks to Monica and Joe for hosting a great rally and Eleanor and Joe for all their help and all others that pitched in to make our rally a success.

Until I see you next time ~ Enjoy the summer and Safe Travels.

Many Hugs,

Ann

From Phil

Dues for 2010 are now due. I send thanks to everyone who has paid. If you have not sent your dues check of \$5 for 2010, 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:

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**MINUTES TO MID ATLANTIC CHAPTER 20
JULY 15-16-17 RALLY 2010.
BLUE FALLS GROVE, LEESPORT PA.**

The Meeting was called to order at 10:00AM by President Rudy Mager. Officers present- President Rudy Mager, Vice President- Ann Hanks, Treasurer- Phil Devonshire, Secretary- Monica Behun. Members stood for the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence. There were 20 Rigs in attendance with a total of 39 members present at the Rally, with 3 guests.

VCR's present were Keith and Shirley Murphy. They gave a talk on the HOP and Lamp Lighter programs, We have 6000 active club members, in the Escapees Club.

Secretary read the minutes from the Multi Chapter Rally taken by Cindy Devonshire, with a correction - VCR's name is Jane Not Joan. Minutes accepted with correction.

Betty Bear spoke about the importance of volunteering, and hosting a rally. If we don't volunteer we will lose the chapter. The next Escapade will be in Goshen Indiana, Sept 2010. July 2011 Escapade will be in Gillette WY.

A report was given from Tom & Paula Nankivell, about Care, which stands for Continuing Assistance for Retired Escapees. They explained all the jobs you can volunteer to do, none hard mostly helping your fellow SKPs. What a wonderful program.

Bryan Rose talked about the success of the Multi Chapter Rally in NC, thanked all the people from CH # 20 for all their help. 85 rigs and 158 members were in attendance. Next Multi Chapter Rally will be held in NC April 28--May 3rd 2011. Please check our web page for more information.

NEW BUSINESS:

Nomination Committee Barry and Mary Moien sent a report on the nominations, said they called, sent e-mails and letters for candidates but received none. Ann Hanks again said she will run also Phil Devonshire will be Treasurer again,

Nominations from the floor for Vice President and Treasurer: NONE.

We cannot expect the same people to run every year, we need new younger people with new ideas.

Motion by Lois Boose to send \$367.00 to care, 2nd by Harry Bellerby, all in favor. Motion Carried.

Goshen Escapade: Business meeting to held Tues Sept 14th 1:00 PM.

The May Rally is to be held in Outdoor World Manheim PA. MAY 19-20-21-22, 2011. Hosts Bill & Lois Boose & Joe & El Brugger.

The July Rally will be hosted by Keith & Shirley Murphy & Bryan & Jane Rose, Location to be announced later. JULY 15-16-17- 2011.

MOTION: K. Murphy to adjourn. Time : 11:05 Second B. McDonnell. All in favor.

Warmly Submitted,
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

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 2008-10 newsletters, the chapter roster and links to helpful Escapee's pages. To access this web site go to: <https://sites.google.com/site/midatlanticchapter20>

I am adding slideshows of the rallies. Check it out!

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.

Be sure to check out the new Web Album.

It has Multi Chapter 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, three 2009 rallies and the Multi Chapter Rally in 2010. 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!!

Come on, come all!!!

Join us for the 50th Escapade

Goshen, Indiana

September 12-17, 2010



Honor the Past, Embrace the Future. This powerful theme along with the sunrise logo represents the very essence of the 50th Escapade.

Escapees golden anniversary event dawns September 12, 2010, in Goshen, Indiana, where beautiful horse-drawn buggies signify a slower side to life. We promise attendees will have time to enjoy and reflect as they come and go from the Elkhart County Fairgrounds, but they will also have the hustle-bustle curriculum full of educational choices, from hobbies to lifestyle to technical training, at their doorstep. Attendees will find a thoughtful blend of things familiar and things brand new.

Chapter 20 Fall business meeting will be held in Goshen at the Escapade. September 14th at 1PM. Watch Bulletin Board at Escapade for location.

From Denny and Susie Orr:

Do you display your Escapees decal on your RV and truck or car? The Volunteer Club Representatives regularly offer members either the 5” or 10” free decals when they attend rallies. We, as VCRs, tell folks to be proud to show that they are Escapees members and that Escapees stop for Escapees when in need of assistance along the way. We have stopped to ask if assistance is needed when we have seen an RV stopped along side of the road – especially if they have a SKP decal in view. Often they will say, they are okay or that help is on the way.

We can personally attest that the Escapees spirit of Caring and Sharing is alive and well. After attending a recent rally in North Carolina, our diesel engine did a shake, rattle and smoke show! Yikes we were on a narrow curvy two lane road with no pull offs. We coasted to a wide spot in the road and called our road service Coach-Net. While waiting for a tow truck every Escapees RV that passed us stopped to see if we were okay or needed any help. We were grateful for their caring and their concern, but alas there was nothing they could do, but lend us their support. It is nice to know that SKPs really do stop for SKPs and SKP to still CARE and SHARE the spirit of Escapees.

Our diesel engine needs to be replaced (boo-hoo!) so it is still in the shop. Not a fun experience, but glad to know SKPs care. May your travels be smooth and uneventful and do display your Escapees decal.

You just never know when you may need a SKP Friend.

SKP Hugs ~ ~ ~ ~ Susie & Denny Orr

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

Member News

Frank and Kay Blunda are pictured here at a recent family wedding. Their youngest daughter is getting married in August. They will spend the summer in Ocean View DE.



Harry and Joan Bellerby are showing off their new purchase from Magna Shade. They are very happy with these new shades.

Monica and Joe Behun send: We had a fabulous time in England, what a lovely way to spend our 50th wedding anniversary; after all we did wed in England, hard to believe it was 50yrs ago. WOW!



Tom and Debbie Abernathy are traveling through Alaska. They have set up an online journal with pictures. If you want to follow their travels go to: <http://www.mytripjournal.com/abernathyAlaskaTrip>

Bob and Patty Anderson are both retired now and have moved from West Virginia to Wisconsin. We're hoping that now that they are retired they'll travel back into our region for a rally in the future.

Pat and Dick Tracy send: We are in Anchorage right now and leave tomorrow for Seward. We are having a great time with our 15 year old Granddaughter. We were just in Denali for 3 days and saw the mountain all three days. Great animal sightings also. Please say Hi to the group for us. Pat and Dick celebrated their 44th Wedding Anniversary on the 18th of June.



Tom & Deb McIlwain We're enjoying our Maritimes trip although in Newfoundland we've had rain each day for 2 weeks. Not all day, and some of good sun, but a drop or MORE every day. But cool! We have been sleeping with 2 blankets most nights while the NE is burning up. We're in Twillingate now, arrived yesterday and are boondocked at a church parking lot. Festival all this week and expect to see several SKPs here too. **Note-**Tom and Deb won this trip at the 2009 Escapade. Glad to see them using it! Enjoy!

John and Barb McDonnell were at the July rally and are looking good! Their kitchen was remodeled during the winter. They are making some local trips in their RV to the Poconos and beyond this summer.

Bob and Carol and Iles will be spending the summer in Atco NJ while also traveling to Point Sebago RV Resort in Casco, Maine with three of their grandkids, ages 6, 8 and 13. Grandson Tommy is getting married this summer.

Bryan and Jane Rose will be spending most of the summer in the Northeast, going to several rallies before heading for the Escapade in Goshen Indiana.

Bob and Molly Pinner are traveling to Livingston where they will be working on the Escapade; Send HUGS and input!!! :).

Susie and Denny Orr are traveling through the Midwest – dropping in to Louisville, KY for doctor check ups. Hopefully, to some Midwest summer rallies and Escapade in Goshen, IN. Susie's wrist is mending, however she will continue to have the external hardware in place until after Escapade. Awkward, but functionable for now! RV News – hopefully our new engine will run extra smooth and all assorted working parts will co-operate! It's been a long RV-less month.

Drew and Marti Moehlau will be staying put in Benson Arizona.

Jim and Jo Ellen Gass are in Plymouth WA, putting a new floor in their MH.

Ralph and Gisela Jones are traveling up the east coast to New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and then through Quebec to Niagara Falls. From there it is off to Goshen Indiana for the Escapade. Our first great-grand baby was born on March 1. His name is Gavin and he is the cutest Baby -- "of course". We spent several weeks with him and also his parents in Alabama. Our grandson is going through flight school at Ft. Rucker. Bad luck with our Dometic refrigerator. Cooling unit went kaputt. This happened while visiting with our grandson and family. Dometic shipped one to Camping World in Dothan Alabama - that took a

little over a week. It didn't do the trick and after two days of working on it, the diagnosis was - the cooling unit is bad. Again, over a week waiting on another unit. This time Dometic sent the wrong unit. At this time - after more than three weeks - we are waiting on the third unit to get here in week or so. This has been a real bummer. The good thing is we get to spend more time with Gavin.

Toni Calzone is summering in MD and making local trips. She is also helping folks replace or refurbish their fogged windows. This has kept her busy in her off hours. **Toni** came to her first Chapter 20 rally in July and we were all thrilled to meet her.

After five years of full timing, **Jerry and Terri Hopman** are still loving the traveling lifestyle. They will be from MO to GA to NY to NE. Enjoy! **Sophie Boone** is at the Chesapeake Campground in VA and may be traveling through New England. Her last daughter just graduated from high school. **John and Bonnie Hopkins** are summering in Altoona, PA and will travel in OK, CO, NH, NY, OH. Their daughter was just awarded a Masters degree from Denver University.

Bill and Barb Feinberg are volunteering at Yellowstone. Their son has a wedding in November.

Tom and Paula Nankivell are at How Kola Campground in Falls Pa. We'll park the RV at our daughters for a few weeks when we volunteer at cub scout day camp. They will be traveling to the Chapter 20 Rally & Upstate NY. They will NOT be going to the Escapade because they have new grandbaby due in mid Sept. We'll stay in Pa a little later this year. Found out it will be a baby girl.

West Virginia is where **Keith and Shirley Murphy** will spend their summer. After the Chapter 20 rally in PA they are going to The Rally - Good Sam in Louisville, KY in July. They also plan to go to the Escapade in Goshen. They are planning an Alaskan trip in 2011.

Bob and Betty Bear were at the Chapter 20 Rally in Leesport and were then also traveling to KY. **Betty** is honing her computer skills with a new Verizon air card. **Go Betty!**

Susan Fitzgerald celebrated her 70th birthday in June. She and **Bob** are spending the summer in Centreville VA but then they will go to the July rally and maybe to the Escapade.

Barry and Mary Moien are still here working and in Greenbelt, MD. June 7-11, on bus trip to Smokies; In mid July, for 45th anniversary on 2-week fly/cruise of Alaska. Mary's had a few health issues this spring, including shingles. Enjoy your travels!!

Due to their grandson's wedding on July 17th **Bob and Margaret Arnold** were not able to attend the whole July rally. They did drive over for a visit. Margaret has had some health issues.

Bill Battey hopes to join in the fun this year as he is getting a knee replaced so will be in MD for a while. We'll be looking for you, Bill!

Jill Funk will summer mostly at home in Mifflintown, PA with some traveling to DE, OH, VA, WV. She has a new grand puppy, "River", Choc lab, 5 mo. She intends to sell her RV in the fall as she is still missing her hubby.

Del and Shirley Ashby will be off the road most of the summer months, they will be home in VA.

Norm and Judi Gagnon plans include June: Grandson's graduation; Chp 3 Rally; visit family members; Chp 20 rally; visit family members; return AL. Have safe travels!

Rudy Mager and Fran will be representing us on the Row at the Escapade.

Ann Hanks looks great without her glasses since she had cataract surgery! She and **Ira** went to the Multi Chapter rally in Marion NC and to the July Rally in Leesport PA. They will not be going to Goshen ☹ because their family needs them at home in September. We will miss you!

Phil and Cindy Devonshire will be celebrating their 45th Anniversary in August. They will be going to Nick Russell's rally in Elkhart Indiana and then on to the Escapade in Goshen. They will become new Escapee VCRs in September.

Bill and Linda Timko drove in to visit with Tom and Paula Nankivell at the July Rally and joined us for Happy Hour and Potluck dinner on Saturday evening. Welcome!

Roger and Gloria Mory also visited us at the July Rally. **Art and Jan Smith** were first time Rally attendees in July. They will be traveling to Alaska next year.

Jim and Beryl Eichlin were at the July rally as well as **Bob and Lorraine Trumbauer**. **Bob** is our newly elected Sheriff! So watch your language and wear your badges! He did manage to collect \$2. When Bob

has collected enough money, we will treat ourselves to ice cream! (Watch that Harry Bellerby act up, he loves ice cream!!) **John and Cathy Strasbaugh** were vacationing at Myrtle Beach. **Dawn Rodgers** reports that **Jim** has been having treatments and doing very well. Just very tired and pain in his bones for several days after the treatment. **Ruth Thompson** is home with **JM** and doing well. **Joe and Ellie Brugger** were at the Multi Chapter Rally and the July Rally and will be traveling to the Escapade. They have a 'new to them' fiver. **Bob and Denise Gray** have gone full time. Congratulations. **Many, many thanks** to everyone that took the time to respond to the summer survey on line. It is great to know how and where people are and how things are going. Everyone needs to concentrate on **STAYING WELL!!**

5 National Parks to see before you die:

Our national parks exert a primal pull on visitors from around the world who come by the millions to drink in the natural wonders. The astounding beauty of these wild places, preserved for the benefit of future generations, is almost spiritual for many. In addition, the parks offer limitless possibilities for outdoor adventures such as hiking, rafting, kayaking, fishing, camping, rock climbing, horseback riding and wildlife spotting. There are 58 national parks in the United States. Each offers a unique experience, and a visit to any is worthy. But some are worthier than others. Here are my picks for five essential national parks that you must see before you die. #4.

-- *Debbie K. Hardin, [Travel Muse](#), distributed by Tribune Media Services*

Olympic National Park



One can hardly do better than the National Park Service's description of Olympic National Park: "Here you will find Pacific Ocean beaches, rain forest valleys, glacier-capped peaks and a stunning variety of plants and animals. Roads provide access to the outer edges of the park, but the heart of Olympic is wilderness; a primeval sanctuary for humans and wild creatures alike."

With nearly 3 million visitors in 2007, the park is the fifth-most trafficked. Located west of Seattle, Wash., this is another park that owes its existence to the Roosevelts: Theodore Roosevelt dedicated the Olympic National Monument in 1909 and Franklin D. Roosevelt named it a national park in 1938. Some parts of the park are inaccessible in winter, but it's open year round.

Park #5 next issue.

New Traffic Law 2010 - Ticket cost \$754.00

GOOD THING TO KNOW: New Law: If a patrol car is pulled over to the side of the road, you have to change to the next lane (away from the stopped vehicle) or slow down by 20 mph. Every state except Hawaii, Maryland and D.C. has this law. In California, the "Move-over" law became operative on January 1, 2010. A friend's son got a ticket for this recently. A police car (turned out) it was 2 police cars) was on the side of the road giving a ticket to someone else. He slowed down to pass but did not move into the other lane. The second police car immediately pulled him over and gave him a ticket. He had never heard of the law. It is a fairly new law that states if any emergency vehicle is on the side of the road, if you are able, you are to move into the far lane.

The cost of the ticket was \$754, with 3 points on your license and a mandatory court appearance. Please let everyone you know that drives about this new law. It is true, see details at the following web address:

<http://www.moveoveramerica.com/>.

Meaning of a Flag Draped Coffin



Do you know that at military funerals, the 21-gun salute stands for the sum of the numbers in the year 1776?



Have you ever noticed the honor guard pays meticulous attention to correctly folding the United States of America Flag 13 times? You probably thought it was to symbolize the original 13 colonies, but we learn something new every day!

The 1st fold of the flag is a symbol of life.



The 2nd fold is a symbol of the belief in eternal life.



The 3rd fold is made in honor and remembrance of the veterans departing the ranks who gave a portion of their lives for the defense of the country to attain peace throughout the world.



The 4th fold represents the weaker nature, for as American citizens trusting in God, it is to Him we turn in times of peace as well as in time of war for His divine guidance.



The 5th fold is a tribute to the country, for in the words of Stephen Decatur, "Our Country, in dealing with other countries, may she always be right; but it is still our country, right or wrong."



The 6th fold is for where people's hearts lie. It is with their heart that They pledge allegiance to the flag of the United! States Of America, and the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all.

The 7th fold is a tribute to its Armed Forces, for it is through the Armed Forces that they protect their country and their flag against all her enemies, whether they be found within or without the boundaries of their republic.



The 8th fold is a tribute to the one who entered into the valley of the shadow of death, that we might see the light of day.



The 9th fold is a tribute to womanhood, and Mothers. For it has been through their faith, their love, loyalty and devotion that the character of the men and women who have made this country great has been molded.

The 10th fold is a tribute to the father, for he, too, has given his sons and daughters for the defense of their country since they were first born.



The 11th fold represents the lower portion of the seal of King David and King Solomon and glorifies in the Hebrews eyes, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.



The 12th fold represents an emblem of eternity and glorifies, in the Christians eyes, God the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit.



The 13th fold, or when the flag is completely folded, the stars are uppermost reminding them of their nation's motto, "In God We Trust."



After the flag is completely folded and tucked in, it takes on the appearance of a cocked hat, ever reminding us of the soldiers who served under General George Washington, and the Sailors and Marines who served under Captain John Paul Jones, who were followed by their comrades and shipmates in the Armed Forces of the United States, preserving for them the rights, privileges and freedoms they enjoy today. There are some traditions and ways of doing things that have deep meaning. In the future, you'll see flags folded and now you will know why. **Please pray for our troops!**

How can YOU help CARE?



Send us your Camping World receipts

Camping World donates 2% of your sales shown on your Camping World receipts to CARE. Simply send the original or a copy of your receipt to: **Escapees, Attn: Camping World Receipts, 100 Rainbow Drive, Livingston, TX 77351** and we'll do the rest.

Donate money

Donations from Escapees members paid for this tax-exempt Center. Not having loans helps keep the cost of CARE far below any other adult day care program. Your donations are tax-deductible.

Some folks find it is easier to give a small monthly donation that is automatically deducted from their bank account or automatically charged to their Visa or MasterCard. Nobody misses a monthly \$5 or \$10 and it does help CARE. If you give \$100 or more, you will receive a CARE jewelry pin to wear, and if you give \$1,000 or more, you will receive a gold donor pin and have your name engraved on the plaque mounted at the CARE Center. Donations may be in the form of pledges and can be made in easy payments over any time period you select. Automatic monthly donations and credit card donations can also be arranged. When your accumulated donation totals \$100 or \$1,000, you will receive the above recognition. Please donate whatever you can.

Send Hand-Crafted Donations

CARE welcomes donations of hand-crafted items for a gift shop operated by the participants. If you are a crafter, please consider donating. Funds raised at the gift shop help to pay for participant activities.

Volunteer Your Time

Volunteers are especially needed during spring and summer months, but are welcome any time.

Volunteers are needed for the following:

- *Kitchen cleanup
- *Cooking evenings and weekends
- *Maintenance chores
- *Driving participants to appointments
- * On call "responders" for evenings and weekends
- *Carpenters to help build ramps and storage sheds
- *Volunteer nurses are always needed