



Escapees Mid-Atlantic Chapter 20 March 2010

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From the Prez.....

Hello from Texas. I hope everyone is having a good winter. Fran and I have been busy what with going to 1950's Sock Hops, playing golf and fishing. We don't have time to do anything except go out to eat. We are looking forward to the Multi-Chapter Rally in Marion NC on April 29. Hope to see you all there. We will have our spring business meeting at the rally. Take care,

Hugs and Handshakes
Rudy

From the Vice President

Hi Everyone,

Here we are in Maryland, still with snow on the ground. I am looking forward to spring and some strong sunshine! We will be going to the Multi Chapter Rally in April and look forward to seeing many of you there.

Many Many Hugs,
Ann

From Phil

A big **Thanks** to all who have paid their dues for 2009 and beyond! It is now **2010**! 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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Mid Atlantic Chapter 20
RR#3 Box 206
Wyalusing PA 18853

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 2008-09 newsletters, the chapter roster and links to helpful Escapee's pages. To access this web site go to: <https://sites.google.com/site/midatlanticchapter20>

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 September 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 three 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!!

Come on, come all!!!

Multi Chapter Rally

Place: Tom Johnson Rally Park Marion, NC.

Date: April 29-May 3.

Park information:

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

Camping is \$20 per night for FHU. Rally fee is \$20 per person. Rally fee includes one catered meal. Another catered meal will be offered at \$12 per person. Come and join the fun.

CHAPTER 20 WILL HOLD ITS MAY BUSINESS MEETING AT THIS RALLY.

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

Registration form will be sent to all members with this newsletter. Be sure to note parking with Ch. 20!

Please register ASAP. Money is refundable if your plans change. Chapter 20 will be part of the Parking Crew. If you are willing to help, please contact Rudy and let him know. They would like the parking team come in on the 26th or 27th. Rudy talked with Ralph Hossford who is heading up the parking and he thinks the 27th would leave plenty of time to lay out the area. Rudy will arrive on the 27th. Any early arrivals will be at the member's expense, which is \$24 a day in addition to the rally costs.

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### **July Rally**

#### **Blue Falls, Reading PA**

**Hosts: Joe and Monica Behun**

The Mid Atlantic Chapter 20 Rally and business meeting will be at Blue Falls Grove Campground in Reading PA. Joe and Monica Behun are the hosts. Dates are July 16-17-18 with early arrivals always welcome. You can check out the campground web page at [Blue Falls Grove Campground](#) and see everything that is offered. Sites with water and electric are \$26 a night, rally fee is \$5.00 per couple. Please make your reservations by July 1 with Joe and Monica at [jomonbeh@yahoo.com](mailto:jomonbeh@yahoo.com) or call them at 610-698-5810.



Blue Falls Grove is "The Perfect Place" for so many things! Whether it's a banquet or reception, a catered event for your company, a small picnic, or just a day of fun in the sun at our pool, we think you'll agree. Please take a look through our site to see all that we have to offer. We hope to see you soon! Blue Falls Grove is centrally located near many wonderful attractions in the Reading area. These are just a few:

**Daniel Boone Homestead**

400 Daniel Boone Road, Birdsboro, PA 19508 Phone 610-582-4900. Daniel Boone's birthplace.

**Boyertown Area Historical Society**

43 South Chestnut Street, Boyertown, PA 19512. Phone 610-367-5255.

**Boyertown Museum of Historic Vehicles**

28 Warwick Street, Boyertown, PA 19512. Phone 610-367-2090. Learn about Pennsylvania's Transportation Heritage.

**Hawk Mountain Sanctuary**

1700 Hawk Mountain Road, Kempton, PA 19529. Phone 610-756-6961. Hiking, visitor center. Year round and registered National Landmark.

**Crystal Cave**

RD#3 Kutztown, PA 19530. Phone 610-683-6765. Enjoy an underground tour.

**Pinnacle Ridge Winery**

407 Old Rt 22, Kutztown, PA 19530. Phone 610-756-4481. Complimentary tours and tasting.

**Blue Marsh Lake**

1268 Palisades Drive, Leesport, PA 19533. Phone 610-372-8939.

**Cabella's**

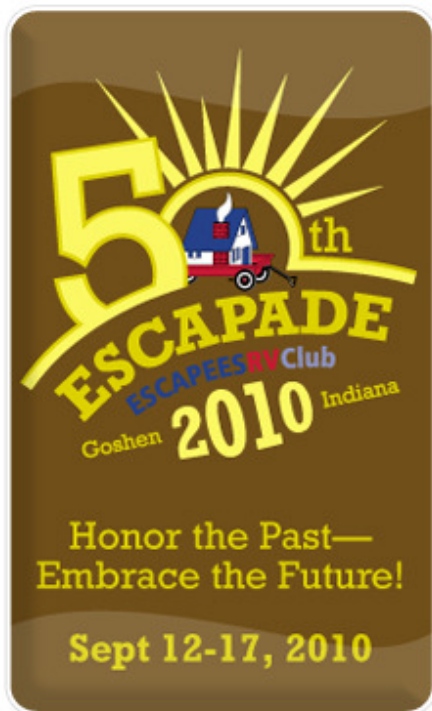
Route 61 & 78. Tour the sportsman's paradise.

**Vanity Fair Outlet Center**

West Reading, PA. Discount stores.

**Rodale Institute Experimental Farm**

611 Siegfriedale Road, Kutztown, PA 19530. Phone 610-683-1400. Organic farm. Tours, workshops, exhibits, demonstration.



**Join us for the 50<sup>th</sup> 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.



## From Denny and Susie Orr:

It is the MEMBERS who make any group successful.

It is the members who are glue that holds a group together.

It is the members who become the officers.

And it is the members who support the officers and volunteer to host events.

The members come up with new ideas. They are the ones who share their talents and creativity. It is the members who to inspire others to do more. If your group is fun and you enjoy going to the activities, "been there, done that" is not an excuse for not being involved. We have all worked the 40 hr routine, we've all volunteered along the way, and volunteering is what keeps a group alive, fun and thriving. We can all contribute something to make any group better. Even the best groups need new ideas and folks to step up to keep the group fresh, interesting, welcoming and growing. We're never too old to be an inspiration to others, a spark plug of ideas or a friend to the new members. So if you enjoy your chapter/c-bof, just step up to be counted as a real member!

*SKIP Hugs ~ ~ ~ ~ Susie & Denny Orr*

## Chapter 20 Member News:

**Monica and Joe Behun** will be celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary this year. They will be traveling back to England in the spring. Congratulations!! **David and Linda Ireland** took possession of their new RV in Bushnell Florida and then traveled down to Wauchula FL before heading across country. **Dick and Kathy Rohrer** are now Full Timers! They have sold their house and had an uneventful trip to Livingston and arrived 12/22. They'll be there until Jan 11 when they head for Spokane in the car. The RV is staying in Livingston. They'll be in Spokane for the National Figure Skating Championships. **Keith and Shirley Murphy** and **Bob and Betty Bear** went on the Escapee's Hop to Hawaii. **John and Barb McDonnell** stayed at home this winter and are both working hard at getting better! **Cliff and Janet Thompson** were in Bushnell FL where **Cliff** won the Karaoke Contest on New Year's Eve. **Rudy Mager and Fran** traveled through Florida and then headed west to Texas where they spent the rest of the winter. **Patricio Vasquez** is now known as the "Retired Guy". **Tom and Paula Nankivell** were work camping in northern GA before heading south to Florida. They stopped in Summerdale at the Plantation before heading further west to Louisiana and Texas. They will be volunteering at CARE in Livingston. **Bob and Molly Pinner** have bought a new rig. We wish them good luck and safe travels with it. **Clair and Sandy Souter and their daughter** were traveling and stopped in at Sumter Oaks in Bushnell. **Cindy and Phil Devonshire** are happy to report that their son is home from his second tour in Afghanistan. Many thanks for all the prayers and support while Craig was overseas. Welcome to new members **Tom and Linda Maher**. *If you have any member news to share, send it along to Cindy at [cynthia.devonshire@gmail.com](mailto:cynthia.devonshire@gmail.com).*

## 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](http://www.fredericknewspost.com/sections/special_sections/the_joneses) Ralph and Gisella Jones

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

## 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.

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



### What, you haven't seen the Grand Canyon?

With 4.4 million visitors a year, Arizona's Grand Canyon National Park is the nation's second-most visited park. It's also generally included in every list of 7 Natural Wonders of the World, often as the only U.S. site.

You could have seen a zillion photos of the canyon, and it will still make your jaw drop to see it in person. Millions of years of geologic history are laid bare by the Colorado River, the colors are breathtaking and shift with the angle of the sun, and the hiking or white-water rafting experience is second-to-none.

President [Theodore Roosevelt preserved the Grand Canyon](#) as a national monument in 1908, and it was designated a national park 11 years later.

If you want to see the more remote North Rim, visit between late May and early October, before heavy snows close the roads. Most people stick to the more easily accessible South Rim, and they don't regret it. **Park #3 next issue.**

# Eastern Multi-Chapter Rally

## *Rally Registration and Waiver Agreement*

Name \_\_\_\_\_ SKP# \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Make of RV: \_\_\_\_\_ Other Vehicle \_\_\_\_\_

### **Fees Due AT Registration**

Camping fees at \$20.00 per night \$80.00

Rally fees \$ 20.00 per person X \_\_\_\_\_ people = \_\_\_\_\_

Optional Biltmore Estate Tour \$42.00 per person X \_\_\_\_\_ people = \_\_\_\_\_

Optional catered Sunday dinner \$12.00 per person X \_\_\_\_\_ people = \_\_\_\_\_

Total (payable by cash or check (made out to **Escapees Florida Sunseekers Ch 15**) \_\_\_\_\_

**If you wish to be parked with a chapter, please indicate which chapter:** \_\_\_\_\_

Early arrival and stay late camping fees of \$24 per night will be collected at registration.

**Please mail your check made out to Escapees Florida Sunseekers Ch 15 to:**

**Larry Forbes  
164 Crossways Drive  
Leesburg, FL 34788**

**Emergency Contact Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number** \_\_\_\_\_

### **By your attendance at this event you are agreeing to the following:**

As an attendee, you assume all risk and danger relating to your personal property, RV and attendance at this chapter event, whether occurring prior to, during, or after the event. In the event of loss or theft, no claim will be made upon Escapees, its volunteers, employees or agents. Volunteers may be directing and assisting you in your parking areas. It is, however, the driver of the RV or other vehicle who is ultimately responsible for avoiding obstacles or dangerous situations and solely responsible for any damages to their property or the property of others. As an attendee at this event, you are granting your permission to be filmed, videotaped, audio taped or photographed, and granting full use without compensation.