



## Escapees Mid-Atlantic Chapter 20 May 2009

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### From the Prez.....

Well another May Rally and lots of RAIN. Nevertheless, we had fun. I want to thank everyone for making Judy feel like she belonged to our SKP family. It was a entirely new experience for her, and she loved all of you. Please remember the Multi-Chapter Rally to be held in Marion N.C. next May. Try to come up with some ideas that our chapter can do to help, ie, games, entertainment, help with parking etc.. Maybe someone could help me do a pantomime of the Hillbilly version of TEMPTATION. We still need nominations for the offices for President and Secretary. The elections are held at our July rally.

SKP HUGGS and HANDSHAKES,

*Rudy*

### From the Vice President

Hi Everyone,

It rained for a few days but it did not spoil our fun. We had a nice building to go into, thanks to the management. A BIG THANK YOU to our hosts, Monica and Joe Behun and JM and Ruth Thompson. The food was great! I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the next rally in Troy. Until then.

Love and Huggs,

*Ann*

### 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  
RR#3 Box 206  
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### **Breaking News!!**

### **Chapter 20 Member Wins the Grand Prize**

Tom and Deb McIlwein won the grand prize at the Escapade 2009!! They won a twenty-three day trip to the Maritime Provinces with Adventure Tours. Way to go!!

**Minutes to Chapter #20 Meeting  
May 16, 2009  
Outdoor World Manheim PA**

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

**There were 16 rigs in attendance with 27 members and two guests, Paulette Zakrgeski and Judy Gravel.**

**No VCR report.**

**Secretary read the minutes from the September 20<sup>th</sup> 2008 rally held in Outdoor World in Manheim PA. Secretary noted her name was misspelled. Motion by Bob Fitzgerald to accept the amended minutes. Seconded by Harry Bellerby.**

**Treasurers report was read by Phil Devonshire, copy of report is available. A copy will be filed for Audit Committee.**

**July 17-19 2009 Rally will be held at Alparon Park in Troy PA. Jim Rodgers, co-host is not well and cannot attend. Jim is also on the Nominating Committee, we need volunteers to help out.**

**Sept. 18-20 rally is to be held in Martinsburg PA at the Morrison's Cove Memorial Park Fairgrounds.**

**Old Business**

**Phil talked about the Troy area where the July rally is to be held.**

**Motion by Ruth Thompson to buy a smaller coffee pot. Seconded by Joe Behun, passed.**

**Members talked about having the breakfast later, 8:00 instead of 7:00. Everyone agreed but Rudy pointed out that the times are determined by the host(s).**

**Rudy talked about the Multi Chapter Rally to be held in 2010 in NC in May. A discussion followed as to if we should have our May rally as part of this rally. After a discussion from the floor it was suggested that we survey the members.**

**Motion by John Miskey to adjourn. Seconded by John McDonnell. Time 10:35 A.M.**

**Submitted by,  
Monica Behun, Secretary**

**Directions to Troy PA**

**For those headed north on Rt. 15, about 7 miles north of Lewisburg take Interstate 80 East for one exit to Interstate 180. Take 180 to Williamsport. This will put you back onto Rt. 15 and will eliminate the need to climb some steep grades and downhills.**

## Member News

**Bill and Lois Boose** are still working. Lois is hoping that the 2009-2010 school year will be her last one to teach. Bill has had carpal-tunnel surgery on both hands and Lois will be having rotator cup surgery on her shoulder. Let's hope those two take care of each other!

**John and Cheryl Miskey** are still staying home and working. They have bought a lovely new place in Florida and escape there whenever possible.

**Harry and Joan Bellerby** have spent the last two winters in Arizona. They plan on spending next winter in Rockport Texas.

**Barb and John McDonnell** have been spending a lot of time with their doctors. We are all hoping this will change in the near future!

**Bob and Marge Brownback** wintered in GA, NC and SC. They are looking forward to future rallies.

**Cindy and Buzz Wilson** have recently moved twice. They are now in Centerville MD and love it. They hope to semi-retire next year and be more active in our group. They report that their 9 grandchildren are great, as well as their parents.

**Ed and Donna Norman** spent the winter in Melbourne FL. They are currently home in W VA on their 'farm' with the horses and cows.

**Flo and Frank Oyer** are at home in the Poconos. They hope to be on the road more in the future. They have a grandson serving in Iraq.

**Bob and Susan Fitzgerald** wintered in Tampa FL. They celebrated their 48<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on May 6. **Way to go!!** Future travels include rallies and winter trips.

**Dick and Kathy Rohrer** spent Christmas in NYC and 2008/09 in northern Florida. They will be spending summer weekends at MD and DE state parks.

**Ann and Ira Hanks** spent the winter at home. We are thankful that they both are healthy! They are looking great and recently celebrated their 61<sup>st</sup> wedding anniversary.

**Joe and Monica Behun** spent the winter at the Skp Co-op in Wachula Florida. They are spending the summer in PA.

**Rudy Mager** spent the winter in FL and is now back in PA, working. Let's hope he is not working too hard!

**Cindy and Phil Devonshire** spent a great winter traveling from PA to TN, SC, FL, GA, AL and MS. We came home the Natchez Trace Parkway from Baton Rouge to Nashville TN. If you haven't done this yet, you should think about doing the Trace in the future. It is a beautiful drive. We ask for prayers for our son, Craig, who is serving his second tour in Afghanistan.

**Carol Ann and Bob Iles** are currently in hot, sunny and 98 degrees in Pahrump, Nevada.

**Inga Smith** has taken her oath of citizenship after living in the US after 50 years. **Way to go Inga!!**

**If anyone else has news to share, please send it on to me and I will include it in the next newsletter.**

### From Rudy:

The need to support ethics and morality is not confined to philosophers or the clergy. There are some who believe that a little dishonesty is not all that bad. That fact is that people who are dishonest and untrustworthy are in the minority. But they are responsible for destroying the opportunities of others by forcing higher prices, fear, and lack of trust.

Stand with the majority who carry on their business and personal lives strictly on the basis of honesty, fairness, and responsibility.

These are the people whose strength forms the foundation of our organization, our government and our society.

Author Unknown

## Recipe Corner

### Texas Caviar

2 cans of Mexicorn  
8 oz. of sour cream  
Jar of green jalapenos, chopped (add as many as you can stand, start with 1/4 to 1/3 of a cup)

2 cups of mayo  
1 med. onion, finely chopped

### Brussels Sprouts with Water Chestnuts

2 pounds of fresh Brussels Sprouts trimmed and halved or 2 14 oz. bags of frozen sprouts  
2 tablespoons of butter  
2 tablespoons of flour (or corn starch)  
Salt and pepper to taste

1 cup of chicken or veg. broth  
1 8 oz. can of sliced and drained Water Chestnuts

Cook sprouts and drain.

In small pan, melt butter and add salt, pepper and flour. Gradually stir in broth. Bring to a boil and stir for 1 minute or until thickened. Stir in chestnuts.

Put sprouts in serving dish and top with chestnut mixture.

Marge Brownback

### Quick and Easy Sticky Buns

3 tablespoons of butter or marg.  
1/4 cup packed brown sugar  
1/4 cup of raisins (optional)

1/4 cup of Karo syrup  
1/4 cup of chopped nuts  
1/4 tsp. of cinnamon

1 can of 10 refrigerator biscuits

Preheat oven to 400° F

Melt butter and stir in syrup, brown sugar, nuts, raisins and cinnamon. Put in 9 1/2 inch cake pan and arrange biscuits on top.

Bake 15-17 minutes,

## 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 editions on the web page, Photo Gallery!**

**New Web Album  
Has May Rally Pictures**

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

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

**Thanks to photographers Lenore Krajenke, Katy Patterson, Dawn Rodgers and Keith Murphy.**

Voice mail by Jerry Hopman

Webmaster is Tom McIlwain

**Thanks Guys!!**

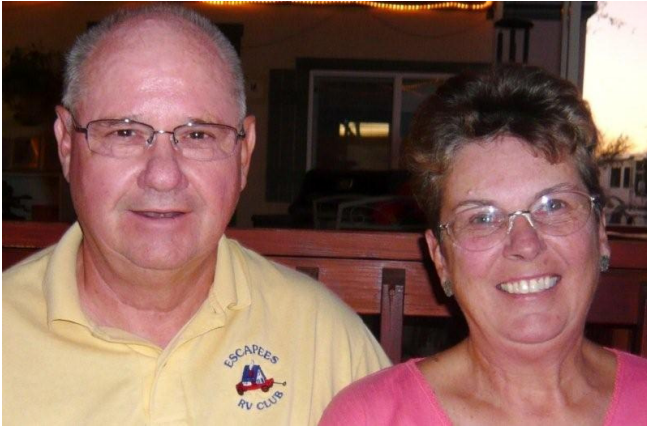
## Badge Information

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](http://toocrazyladies.com). If you would care to contact them by mail or telephone their address is:

Too Crazy Ladies

154 Rainbow Dr. #5452  CheckBox1

Livingston, TX 77399-1054 [email: orders@toocrazyladies.com](mailto:orders@toocrazyladies.com) or call 1-575-525-0141



It's Spring --- it's time to travel. We enjoyed a bit of time at North Ranch in Congress, AZ, but we were in and out thru the winter visiting Quartzsite, AZ and some rallies. It is time to wander east toward Sedalia, MO for Escapade 2009. The Row will again be in a building at Escapade with 47 chapters/c-bofs/co-ops represented. We hope with fuel prices again reasonably priced that we'll see you either at Escapade or along our travels.

**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

**July 17-19 2009** will be at Alparon Park in Troy PA. Hosts will be Phil and Cindy Devonshire with co hosts Lois and Bill Boose. This is a fairgrounds and very picturesque. Camping with water and electric will be \$21 a night. Call Devonshire's at 570-744-2762 for reservations.

**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 host to decide.
- \*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=wl>

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/>

**Please keep watch. A member survey will be sent to you soon. More news to come!**

## Maine RV Parking Bill Status

5/12/09

LD114 / HP98, the bill in the Maine State Legislature that would make it a civil offense to park an RV overnight on any public parking lot in the state appears to be a dead duck.

The bill's sponsor, Rep. Anne Perry, D-Calais, asked the House of Representatives today to vote down the bill, stating that it was too broad, could affect too many businesses and impact safety for RV travelers. The house responded by accepting the minority "ought not to pass" report from committee without a roll call. The bill now heads to the Senate with an "ought not to pass" recommendation. Given that the sponsor asked that the bill be killed in the House, it's unlikely that LD 114 will be approved in the Senate.

Here are some links to news stories relating to the bill.

<http://updates.maintoday.com/updates/maine-house-kills-rv-camping-bill>

<http://kennebecjournal.maintoday.com/newsupdate.php?updates/sponsor-moves-to-kill-rv-bill>

At this time, no further grassroots action is likely to be necessary, but we will watch the status of the bill closely until we are sure it is dead. Thank you to the many RVers who sent emails or made phone calls to Maine legislators and tourism offices. Your voices were definitely heard!

We feel it would now be a friendly gesture for RVers to take a moment to thank Maine's Legislature for doing the right thing. They have proven that they do care about RVers' safety and respect their lifestyle.

**Recently, I was diagnosed with A. A. A. D. D.**  
Age Activated Attention Deficit Disorder..

This is how it manifests:

I decide to water my garden.  
As I turn on the hose in the driveway,  
I look over at my car and decide it needs washing.

As I start toward the garage,  
I notice mail on the porch table that  
I brought u p from the mail box earlier..

I decide to go through the mail before I wash the car..

I lay my car keys on the table,  
put the junk mail in the garbage can under the table,  
and notice that the can is full.

So, I decide to put the bills back  
on the table and take out the garbage first.

But then I think,  
since I'm going to be near the mailbox  
when I take out the garbage anyway,  
I may as well pay the bills first.

I take my check book off the table,  
and see that there is only one check left.

My extra checks are in my desk in the study,  
so I go inside the house to my desk where  
I find the can of Pepsi I'd been drinking.

I'm going to look for my checks,  
but first I need to push the Pepsi aside  
so that I don't accidentally knock it 20 over.

The Pepsi is getting warm,  
and I decide to put it in the refrigerator to keep it  
cold..

As I head toward the kitchen with the Pepsi,  
a vase of flowers on the counter  
catches my eye--they need water.

I put the Pepsi on the counter and  
discover my reading glasses that  
I've been searching for all morning.

I decide I better put them back on my desk,  
but first I'm going to water the flowers.

I set the glasses back down on the counter,  
fill a container with water and suddenly spot the TV  
remote. Someone left it on the kitchen table.

I realize that tonight when we go to watch TV,  
I'll be looking for the remote,  
but I won't remember that it's on the kitchen table,  
so I decide to put it back in the den where it belongs,  
but first I'll water the flowers.

I pour some water in the flowers,  
but quite a bit of it spills on the floor.

So, I set the remote back on the table,  
get some towels and wipe up the spill...

Then, I head down the hall trying to  
remember what I was planning to do.

At the end of the day:  
the car isn't washed  
the bills aren't paid  
there is a warm can of Pepsi sitting on the counter  
the flowers don't have enough water,  
there is still only 1 check in my check book,  
I can't find the remote,  
I can't find my glasses,  
and I don't remember what I did with the car keys.  
Then, when I try to figure out why nothing got done  
today, I'm really baffled because I know I was busy  
all damn day, and I'm really tired.

I realize this is a serious problem,  
and I'll try to get some help for it,  
but first I'll check my e-mail.....

Don't laugh -- if this isn't you yet, your day is coming.

*Life may not be the party we hoped for, but  
while we are here we might as well dance!*

