



## Escapees Mid-Atlantic Chapter 20 September 2009

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### From the Prez.....

Our Sept. rally went really great. We had 11 rigs. Ann Hanks outdid herself again. Thank you, Ann for doing a great hosting job and a huge THANK YOU to all who volunteered to help. I'm really excited about the Multi-Chapter Rally to be held at the Tom Johnson Rally Park in Marion N.C. Exact dates to be announced, however tentative dates are around 4-29 10 to 5-3-10.. The weather is fabulous in that part of the country in the spring. Please contact Cindy or me as soon as possible with your plans. Please be there and support the EASTERN ESCAPEES. See you all in Marion N.C

Huggs and Handshakes

*Rudy*

### 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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### From the Vice President

Hi Everyone,

This was our last rally for the year and we missed so many of our friends ~ the Thompsons, the Bears and the McDonnells ~ we wish you all a speedy recovery and hope to see you in the spring. We had a great rally with so much to eat! I think I gained ten pounds. A special thanks to Phil and Cindy for all the help and many others that lent a helping hand. We will be thinking of you all this winter and wishing you all good health and safe travels.

Many Many Hugs,

*Ann*

## Minutes to Mid Atlantic Chapter 20

September 19, 2009

Morrison Park Martinsburg, PA

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 AM by President Rudy Mager. Officers present were: President - Rudy Mager, Vice President - Ann Hanks, Treasurer - Phil Devonshire and Acting Secretary - Cindy Devonshire. Members stood for the Pledge of Allegiance and a silent remembrance of our troops and club members who are ill. There were eleven rigs in attendance with nineteen members and three guests. Guests were Ron and Elaine Lutz and Fran Howard. VCR's in attendance were Keith and Shirley Murphy. Cindy read the minutes from the July rally. Motion to accept the minutes was made by Bob Fitzgerald and seconded by Bryan Rose. Phil Devonshire read the treasurer's report. The report will be filed for the audit committee.

The VCR's report was given by Keith and Shirley Murphy. Keith and Shirley are Chapter 20 members and VCR's in training by Bryan and Jane Rose.

They reported:

- The current membership number is #104276.
- A new digital copy of magazine is available.
- Comments on the new format of the Escapee's magazine are welcome.
- Escapees has designed a new t-shirt.
- Care needs volunteers.
- Escapee members are welcome to attend any Chapter Rally.
- Denny and Susie Orr welcome everyone to join them at Quartzite Open House on Jan. 14-15<sup>th</sup>.
- Golf shirts and many other products are available on line at the Escapee's store.

### **Old Business**

- Rudy asked for a volunteer for a host for the May Rally. Phil Devonshire volunteered. Phil stated that the May rally will be held at the Multi Chapter Rally in NC. Cindy reported that all members had been contacted about the Multi Chapter Rally. Of 21 responses, 19 were in favor of holding our chapter rally in NC.

- Bryan Rose then reported on his progress with the Multi Chapter Rally. Tom Johnson Park in Marion NC has 300 FHU sites. Camping will be \$20 per night and there will be a \$20 per person rally fee. A tour of the Biltmore House has been set up as well as two catered meals. One meal is included in the rally fee and the other meal is an additional cost of \$12 per person. A day will be set aside for individual chapter meetings and activities. Volunteers will probably be encouraged to come in early. More details will be coming. Please check out the web site often: <http://sites.google.com/site/rallyinfosite>

Bryan also invited everyone to Chapter 27 and Chapter 15 November rallies at Sumter Oaks in Bushnell Florida on November 9-12 and November 12-15. Check their chapter sites for details.

### **New Business**

- Cindy reported that she would like to set up a map or some way for members to be able to locate other skp's in the winter. Look for more information coming.
- Rudy reported that our donations to Care are at about \$2300. We have another patch coming for our banner. He suggested that we donate around \$350 this year and next so that our donations will bring us up to \$3000 by 2010. A motion to do so was made by Keith Murphy and seconded by Cindy Devonshire.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:40 AM.

Cindy Devonshire, Acting 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](http://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!!**

## 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 on 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.

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### July Rally

Blue Falls, Leesport PA

Hosts: Joe and Monica Behun

More details coming soon!



### 2010 Escapade

Goshen Indiana

September 12-17

## Member News

- A big SKP Welcome to new members **Roger and Gloria Mory** from Blandon PA.
- **Jay Casey** sends a big hello also. He has sold his house and is traveling without a rig. He is presently in South Dakota and hopes to take delivery of his new RV in late December.
- **Bob Fitzgerald** is celebrating his 71<sup>st</sup> birthday this month.
- Please keep **Barb and John McDonnell, Ruth and JM Thompson, Jim and Dawn Rodgers, Bob and Betty Bear** and **Jan Calwell** in your prayers. We hope to see them all well and at a chapter rally soon.
- **Joe and Monica Behun** vacationed in the Keys for the month of September.
- **Jo Ellen and Jim Gass** have a blog. Check it out!! <http://bigreds-travels.blogspot.com/>
- **Ann Hanks** has had cataract surgery. **Only our Ann would host a chapter rally and go in the next Monday for surgery.** Thanks to **Ann and Ira** for a great September rally!



Getting ready to eat.....again! Our Pot Luck Suppers are great!

## RV group sending 'Hugs from Home' to troops overseas



Story Published: Jul 16, 2009 at 9:39 News SUTHERLIN, Ore. -- RV'ers that travel around the country, some that stay here in the county and still others that come here in the summer are helping our troops.

The Timber Valley Escapees in Sutherlin are supporting our troops overseas by baking things that the soldiers love to get from home.

The clubhouse kitchen at Timber Valley Escapee Park had volunteers making brownies and other sweet treats for National Guard troops from Fort Lewis, Washington, who are currently overseas.

Jackie Deal from the Escapees, said , "We were looking for something to

do for the troops, and this book 'Do One Nice Thing' had some ideas in it, so I contacted the woman that wrote it, and she put us in touch with our contact with this troop."

Since January, they have been baking once a month, every third Wednesday and ship out packages the following day. "Also candy, gum, coffee. These guys are out of Fort Lewis, that's Washington. That's the Starbucks state, they want coffee."

The retirees have gotten letters, cards and even a flag that was flown at their camp from the soldiers. They say they can't help but feel attached to their new found friends. The packages are called Hugs from Home, and anyone wishing to help out with the baking, other treats inside the packages or even help with the shipping costs, can send it to Jackie Deal at the Timber Valley Escapee Park in Sutherlin

### Http vs Https WHY?

Maybe you already knew this, but I thought it was important enough to send even if you already know.

**FIRST, MANY PEOPLE ARE UNAWARE OF** The main difference between `http://` and `<https://>`. HTTP stands for HyperText Transport Protocol, which is just a fancy way of saying it's a protocol (a language, in a manner of speaking) for information to be passed back and forth between web servers and clients. The important thing is the letter S which makes the difference between HTTP and HTTPS.

**The S (big surprise) stands for "Secure".**

If you visit a website or webpage, and look at the address in the web browser, it will likely begin with the following: `http://`. This means that the website is talking to your browser using the regular 'unsecure' language. In other words, it is possible for someone to "eavesdrop" on your computer's conversation with the website. If you fill out a form on the website, someone might see the information you send to that site. This is why you never ever enter your credit card number in an `http` website! But if the web address begins with `https://`, that basically means your computer is talking to the website in a secure code that no one can eavesdrop on.

You understand why this is so important, right?

**If a website ever asks you to enter your credit card information, you should automatically look to see if the web address begins with `https://`. If it doesn't, there's no way you're going to enter sensitive information like a credit card number.**

## *Advice from [Snopes.com](http://snopes.com/)*

1) Any time you see an E-Mail that says forward this on to "10" of your friends, or sign this petition, or you'll get bad luck, good luck, or whatever, it almost always has an **E-Mail tracker program attached that tracks the cookies and E-Mails of those folks you forward to.**

The host sender is getting a copy each time it gets forwarded and then is able to get lists of "active" E-Mails to use in SPAM E-Mails, or sell to other spammers.

2) Almost all E-Mails that ask you to add your name and forward on to others are similar to that mass letter years ago that asked people to send business cards to the little kid in Florida who wanted to break the Guinness Book of Records for the most cards.

All it was, and all any of this type of E-Mail is, is a way to **get names and "cookie" tracking information for telemarketers and spammers -- to validate active E-Mail accounts for their own profitable purposes.**

You can do your friends and family members a GREAT favor (PLEASE) by sending this information to them; you will be providing a service to your friends, and will be rewarded by not getting thousands of spam E-Mails in the future!

If you have been sending out (FORWARDING) the above kinds of E-Mail, now you know why you get so much SPAM!

Do yourself a favor and STOP adding your name(s) to those types of listings regardless how inviting they might sound! You may think you are supporting a GREAT cause, but you are NOT in the long run. Instead, you will be getting tons of junk mail later! **Plus, we are helping the spammers get rich! Let's don't make it easy for them!**

Also: E-Mail petitions are NOT acceptable to Congress or any other organization. To be acceptable, petitions must have a signed signature and full address of the person signing the petition.

Read the full story here: <http://www.snopes.com/inboxer/inboxer.asp>

## Download **emailSTRIPPER**

**emailStripper** is a **free** program for cleaning the ">" and other formatting characters out of your emails. It will restore "forwarded" or "replied" emails back to their original state so they're easier to read.

It's simple to use, and best of all it's **FREE!**

<http://www.papercut.biz/emailStripper.htm> Email stripper is free and deletes the carats (<>)

## From Passport America:

### 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



Yosemite

(AP photo / August 15, 2009)

For scenery that will take your breath away, Yosemite National Park ([nps.gov/yose](http://nps.gov/yose)) in central [California](#) is unmatched. Iconic granite cliffs such as the picturesque Half Dome and El Capitan, expansive vistas of glacier-carved valleys such as Tuolumne Meadows and Yosemite Valley, and the thunderous waters of Yosemite Falls and Bridalveil Fall act like balm to city-weary souls.

One of the best ways to see these jaw-dropping scenes is aboard a raft, floating along the gentle Merced River. But the rafting season depends on the water level, which drops off in late summer. So hit the river in late spring through midsummer. Bring your own raft, or rent small inflatable boats at the Curry Village Recreation Center.

Landlubbers can rent bikes to explore the paved paths that follow the river's route, or hike one of the dozens of trails that crisscross the park. Avid rock climbers know that Yosemite also offers world-class climbing opportunities. And camping enthusiasts will find a handful of campgrounds, which, though often crowded, offer better proximity to Yosemite attractions than the somewhat pricey in-park lodges.

**Park #2 next issue.**

# 10 best RV uses for dryer sheets

August 12, 12:21 PM - [RV Travel Examiner](#) - Keith Bennett

Next to the can opener, dryer sheets are one of the best inventions from mankind. For RVers they are as useful as duct tape and we all know that duct tape can do anything.



Some of the more popular uses for dryer sheets are:

1. Getting bugs off the RV – just wet the dryer sheet and the bugs magically come off. The used dryer sheets can be kept by your spouse for just this use versus throwing them away.
2. Mosquito repellent – tuck one in a pocket or belt loop and the blood sucking pests will be annoying somebody else.
3. Placed in various places of the RV will keep things smelling nice and fresh and will keep out those winter visitors while the RV is in storage. If you have some footwear that let's everyone know your feet sweat, then tuck a sheet inside your shoes and leave them in a storage bin overnight and you will not only have clean smelling shoes, but your storage area will smell fresh.
4. If you have mini blinds, dryer sheets are great for cleaning them and seem to attract the dust. They also are great for dusting the TV screen. Some say you can use on a computer screen BUT make sure your computer is off and unplugged when you do this.
5. The sheets are excellent for cleaning the shower doors as they will leave them squeaky clean and spotless.
6. Prevent thread from tangling by running a threaded needle through sheet of Bounce before beginning to sew.
7. Eliminate odors in wastebaskets. Place a sheet of Bounce at the bottom of the wastebasket.
8. Collect animal hair. Rubbing the area with a sheet of Bounce will magnetically attract all the loose hairs.
9. Want to quickly freshen up the RV in the humid summer? Place a sheet in the AC vent to give the rig that clean outdoor smell.
10. Here is a link to Bounce's website for "clever uses" of their product.  
[http://www.bouncesheets.com/en\\_US/cleveruses/index.jsp](http://www.bouncesheets.com/en_US/cleveruses/index.jsp)
11. Used Bounce dryer sheets are excellent for removing nail polish. It saves manicure time, and uses less nail polish remover.

Be sure to share your favorite use for dryer sheets by leaving your comment below. Till then

Happy Camping



# 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**) \_\_\_\_\_

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.