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From the Prez.....

Hello Folks,

What a great Escapade! Everything went well. Fran and I had a wonderful time on the “Row”. We signed up four new couples to our Chapter 20 family.

We had 28 members at our Business Meeting on Tuesday September 14th. We had three adoptions. Ralph and Gisela Jones adopted David and Rhetta Alcaraz as well as Larry and Denise Williard. Cindy and Phil Devonshire adopted Diane and Andy Hitzel.

We are heading south in about six weeks, and after spending a couple of months moving about we’ll end up in Texas for the winter.

So, we will see you all in Marion NC at SKIP ACRE, the second annual Multi Chapter Rally, and then in May in Manheim at our regular Chapter 20 Rally.

Drive Safe ~ 'Til we meet again,
HUGGS and HANDSHAKES

Rudy

From the Vice President

Hi Everyone,

Ira and I were really sorry that we were not able to travel to the Escapade. We missed seeing all of our many, many friends, so we are really looking forward to the May Rally in Manheim. We also want to thank everyone for their kindness while we have been here at home caring for our daughter. All of your cards, prayers and good wishes have helped us through a difficult time. We will be home for the winter and do look forward to the spring. Travel safe.

Many Hugs,

Ann

From Phil

Dues for 2010 are now overdue. I send thanks to everyone who has paid. If you have not sent your dues check of \$5 for 2010, please consider doing it. 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

September 14, 2010

50th Escapade Goshen Indiana

The Meeting was called to order at 12:10 PM by President Rudy Mager. Members stood for the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence. There were twenty eight members in attendance. Officers present were President Rudy Mager and Treasurer Phil Devonshire. Vice President- Ann Hanks and Secretary- Monica Behun were not able to attend.

VCR's present were Bob and Betty Bear. Betty stressed the importance of member involvement in the club and encouraged all members to think about becoming an officer or rally host for the chapter. It can be lots of fun! **CARE:** Betty encouraged all members to visit the CARE facility in Livingston TX. They are always looking for volunteers. Bob Iles explained that you need to schedule ahead of time if you are planning on volunteering for CARE as some background testing and health screening are now required by Texas law.

Reading of the secretary's minutes was waived as all members receive a copy of the minutes in the newsletter. Phil Devonshire read the treasurer's report which will be filed for audit.

NEW BUSINESS:

Nominations are due in July 2011 for the offices of President and Secretary.

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Bob Iles donated \$75.00 proceeds from his spinner craft class to CARE. Thanks Bob!

ADOPTIONS: Ralph and Gisela Jones adopted two couples, David & Rhetta Alcaraz and Larry & Denise Williard. Larry and Denise are from Frederick Maryland, hometown of Ralph and Gisela. Phil and Cindy Devonshire adopted Diane & Andy Hitzel.

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Adjournment was at 12:40 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Cindy Devonshire



Escapade Happenings



We were well represented on the Row and in the Parade. Fran and Rudy were on the Row and Rudy and Tom Abernathy carried the banner in the Chapter Parade. Rudy signed on four new couples to the chapter and we hope to see them all at a Chapter 20 Rally soon. Other Chapter 20 members at the Escapade were Joe and Ellie Brugger, Carol Ann and Bob Iles, Keith and Shirley Murphy, Bryan and Jane Rose, Fran Howard and Rudy Mager, Tom and Debbie Abernathy, Bob and Lorraine Trumbauer, Bob and Betty Bear, Bob and Denise Gray and Cindy and Phil Devonshire. There were adoptions at the chapter meeting and Ralph and Gisela Jones adopted two couples. David and Rhetta Alcaraz are on the left, Ralph and Gisela are in the middle while Larry and Denise Williard are on the right.

Oscar in the Pet Parade



Phil and Cindy Devonshire adopted Diane and Andy Hitzel.



Carmen and Don Loveday also joined our chapter, but after the Chapter Meeting. Bob and Denise Gray were at the Gypsy Journal Rally and also at the Escapade. Sorry Bob, I only found a picture of Denise. You must have been hiding. A big WELCOME to all of our new members!

Bob Iles taught his craft class on making Spinners twice, assisted by Phil Devonshire. Bob earned and donated \$75.00 to CARE by teaching this class.

Great going, Bob! If you will look closely at this picture of Rudy with our banner, you will see that



Chapter 20 now has three patches, each representing a donation of \$1000 to CARE. At one of the Social Hours representatives of Camping World were there to present a check to Escapees for CARE. In the last three years Skps have earned \$25,000 for CARE by turning in their receipts to Camping World. They reported that over \$50,000 has been donated in the last five years. Keep it going!



Finally, here is a shot of Joe and Kay Peterson leading the parade.



If you want to see more pictures of the Escapade, Susie Orr has posted them at:

<http://picasaweb.google.com/dennsuu/201009Escapade?authkey=Gv1sRgCM2p3fbWxtyVvQE#> or at http://picasaweb.google.com/dennsuu/20100915?authkey=Gv1sRgCK-SIYP_vNq03QE#

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

- ***Rallies are held on the third weekend of May, July and September. Mark your calendars!**
- *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 one, come all!!!

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2011 Rally Schedule

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The Road to Freedom!

(August 28 – September 2, 2011)

The 51st Escapade is already taking shape! Bob and Molly Pinner, 2011 Escapade directors, are staging the 51st Escapade at the beautiful CamPlex in Gillette, Wyoming. Attendees are sure to love the brand-new \$42 million Wyoming Center, loads of full hookups, and the scenic treasures that abound in the Northwest. Not to mention a full-scale program that is bound to knock your boots off!

From Denny and Susie Orr: We think the chapters/c-bofs are the heart of Escapees. We enjoy the participation on The ROW! With 45 chapters/c-bofs/co-ops represented on The ROW at Escapade – we consider The ROW at Escapade a great success. Wednesday was a grand parade in the park with Joe & Kay leading the way. The ROW is a success because so many groups participate and share in the fun. Thank you all for sharing your love of Escapees with others. Hope to see you again at Escapade or somewhere along the way.

SKP Hugs ~ ~ ~ ~ Susie & Denny Orr

Big Thank You!!!

It is time to extend a big **THANK YOU** to two gentlemen that work in the background for Chapter 20. For years **Tom McIlwein** has maintained the chapter web site for us and **Jerry Hopman** has kept our chapter voicemail up to date. This is important because sometimes non members will check these sites to collect information about our chapter to attend a chapter rally. **We really appreciate the super job that both of you do!!**

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

<http://www.mytripjournal.com/bobandenise> Bob and Denise Gray

<http://goodsamclub.mytripjournal.com/abernethyAlaskaTrip> Tom and Debbie Abernathy

Member News

We had a note from **Dave Frailey** telling us of Linda's passing last winter. Our thoughts and prayers are with Dave at this time. **Frank and Barbara Simon** - We now have a new ER trailer, a 24 ft Coleman with a slide out from Camping World where we traded out our old one – 2002 23 Ft. We are now in Helena MT visiting with our grandson for a week or so. We will meet my sister in Cody WY and stay a week there and then start heading home. See Ya~ **Barb and John McDonnell** were RVing over the summer and will be heading south to Alabama to Rainbow Plantation in the early Fall. **Ann and Ira Hanks** are sticking close to home as her daughter is having health problems. We're all praying for your family, Ann!



John and Cathy Strausbaugh have been traveling this summer, spent time in Virginia Beach. **Lois Boose** is in her **LAST** year of teaching!! **Beryl and Jim Eichlin** were at the Gypsy Journal Rally in Elkhart Indiana. **Tom and Debbie Abernathy** are back from Alaska, they were at the Gypsy Journal Rally and then off to the Escapade. They became Escapade Club VCRs in September and were then heading to the Balloon Fest in Arizona. **Wow**, grass doesn't grow under their tires! **Molly and Bob Pinner** are back in Virginia resting after some pretty intense training to be Escapade Directors for the 2011 Escapade in Gillette Wyoming. They are going to have a busy year! **Tom and Katie Patterson** are catching their breath after volunteering at Custer State Park, S.D. from early May thru mid Aug. **Ira Hanks** had a heart stent put in and is doing well. Rumor has it that our sheriff (AKA **Bob Trumbauer**) was on the job at the chapter meeting and caught someone cussing. That added twenty-five cents to our ice cream fund! Way to go Bob!



WATER

- #1. 75% of Americans are chronically dehydrated. (Likely applies to half the world population)
- #2. In 37% of Americans, the thirst mechanism is so weak that it is mistaken for hunger.
- #3. Even MILD dehydration will slow down one's metabolism as 3%.
- #4. One glass of water will shut down midnight hunger pangs for almost 100% of the dieters studied in a University of Washington study.
- #5. The lack of water is the #1 trigger of daytime fatigue.
- #6. Preliminary research indicates that 8-10 glasses of water a day could significantly ease back and joint pain for up to 80% of sufferers.
- #7. A mere 2% drop in body water can trigger fuzzy short-term memory, trouble with basic math, and difficulty focusing on the computer screen or on a printed page.
- #8. Drinking 5 glasses of water daily decreases the risk of colon cancer by 45%, plus it can slash the risk of breast cancer by 79%, and one is 50% less likely to develop bladder cancer.

Are you drinking the amount of water you should drink every day

Here are some very interesting tid bits...!! Enjoy!

Bananas Take your bananas apart when you get home from the store.

If you leave them connected at the stem, they ripen faster.

Cheese Store your opened chunks of cheese in aluminum foil. It will stay fresh much longer and not mold!

Peppers Peppers with 3 bumps on the bottom are sweeter and better for eating. Peppers with 4 bumps on the bottom are firmer and better for cooking.

Ground Beef Add a teaspoon of water when frying ground beef.

It will help pull the grease away from the meat while cooking.

Eggs To really make scrambled eggs or omelets rich add a couple of spoonfuls of sour cream, cream cheese, or heavy cream; then beat.

Garlic Add garlic immediately to a recipe if you want a light taste of garlic and at the end of the recipe if you want a stronger taste of garlic.

Reheat Pizza Heat leftover pizza in a nonstick skillet on top of the stove; set heat to med-low and heat till warm. This keeps the crust crispy. No soggy micro pizza.

Easy Deviled Eggs Put cooked egg yolks in a zip lock bag. Seal; mash till they are all broken up Add remainder of ingredients, reseal, keep mashing it up mixing thoroughly, cut the tip of the baggy; squeeze mixture into egg. Just throw bag away when done - easy clean up.

Reheat Leftover Bread To warm biscuits, pancakes, or muffins that were refrigerated, place them in a microwave next to a cup of water. The increased moisture will keep the food moist and help it reheat faster.

Newspaper weeds away Start putting torn newspaper in your plants, work the nutrients in your soil. Wet newspapers, put layers around the plants, overlapping as you go; cover with mulch and forget about weeds. Weeds will get through some gardening plastic; they will not get through wet newspapers.

Broken Glass Use a wet cotton ball or Q-tip to pick up the small shards of glass you can't see easily.

Flexible vacuum To get something out of a heat register or under the fridge add an empty paper towel roll or empty gift wrap roll to your vacuum. It can be bent or flattened to get in narrow openings.

Reducing Static Cling Pin a small safety pin to the seam of your slip and you will not have a clingy skirt or dress. Same thing works with slacks that cling when wearing panty hose. Place pin in seam of slacks and ... Static is gone.

Measuring Cups Before you pour sticky substances into a measuring cup, fill with hot water. Dump out the hot water, but don't dry cup. Next, add your ingredient (peanut butter, honey, etc.) and watch how easily it comes right out.

Foggy Windshield? Hate foggy windshields? Buy a chalkboard eraser and keep it in the glove box of your car When the windows fog, rub with the eraser! Works better than a cloth!

Reopening envelope If you seal an envelope and then realize you forgot to include something inside. Just place your sealed envelope in the freezer for an hour or two. Viola! It unseals easily.

Conditioner Use your hair conditioner to shave your legs. It's cheaper than shaving cream and leaves your legs really smooth. It's also a great way to use up the conditioner you bought but didn't like when you tried it in your hair.

Goodbye Fruit Flies To get rid of pesky fruit flies, take a small glass, fill it 1/2 with Apple Cider Vinegar and 2 drops of dish washing liquid; mix well. You will find those flies drawn to the cup and gone forever!

Get Rid of Ants Put small piles of cornmeal where you see ants. They eat it, take it 'home,' can't digest it so it kills them. It may take a week or so, especially if it rains, but it works and you don't have the worry about pets or small children being harmed!

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

The Smokies



America's most visited park logged 9.4 million visitors in the National Parks Service's latest survey). And for good reason.

Great Smoky Mountains National Park boasts 800 miles of hiking trails, up rugged Appalachian Mountain peaks -- 16 of them greater than 6,000 feet. Straddling the mountainous border between North Carolina and Tennessee, the park is traversed by rivers and streams that reveal countless waterfalls. Part of the park's appeal is the diversity of recreation available there, from picnics and scenic drives to hiking and wildlife watching.

Founded in 1940, the park owes its creation, in part, to some of the biggest names in American conservation: John D. Rockefeller Jr., who donated \$5 million to the effort, and President Franklin D. Roosevelt, who was in the White House when the park was dedicated.

There's no bad time to visit, but the spring and early summer profusion of wildflowers earned this park the nickname of Wildflower National Park, and fall leaf peeping through the park's undulating ridges and its namesake mist can be magnificent.

<http://www.cleaningforareason.org/>

If you know any woman currently undergoing Chemo, please pass the word to her that there is a cleaning service that provides FREE housecleaning - 1 time per month for 4 months while she is in treatment. All she has to do is sign up and have her doctor fax a note confirming the treatment. Cleaning for a Reason will have a participating maid service in her zip code area arrange for the service.

This organization serves the entire USA and currently has 547 partners to help these women. It's our job to pass the word and let them know that there are people out there that care. Be a blessing to someone and pass this information along.

Please share this. It could be a real help for someone going through a really rough time.

Triple Chocolate Mess Cake in a Crock-Pot

Ingredients

- * Chocolate Cake Mix - 1 package (I used a dark chocolate mix)
- * Sour Cream - 16 oz.
- * Instant Chocolate Pudding Mix - 1 package
- * Chocolate Chips - 1 8 oz. bag (I used the mini-sized)
- * Canola Oil - 3/4 cup
- * Water - 1 cup
- * Eggs - 4

Directions

1. Combine all ingredients in a large bowl and blend thoroughly with a large wooden spoon.
2. Spray or rub the Crock-Pot with oil.
3. Pour the chocolate mixture into the Crock-Pot and turn on to Low.
4. Vent the top a bit (an inch at most) by placing something between the top and the pot (I didn't do this, but I think it would help.)
5. Cook for 4 hours and check for done-ness with a knife in the center, which should come out fairly dry. Also, the sides of the cake should be separating from the sides of the pot. If not, let it cook for another half an hour and check again. The first Crock-Pot cake you make will require a bit of checking but once you have determined the timing on one cake, future cakes will be more predictable and easier (see below for more information on how to tell if your cake is done.)
6. Cool for at least a half an hour or more. The cake stays warm for a long time.
7. When you can't wait anymore, slide a dinner knife around the edge to separate the cake from the pot.
8. Center a serving plate on top of the pot and flip it over so that the cake falls onto the plate. You may need to jiggle it a bit, and when it has come out, slowly lift up the Crock-Pot.
9. Your wonderful cake is ready!

Goes great with vanilla ice cream - or on its own.

About determining if your cake is done: Crock-Pots are inherently moist cookers and so the top will always be much moister than a typical oven-baked cake. But, the top will be the bottom once you flip it, so it doesn't have to look perfect. And, the knife will probably never come out bone-dry, because Crock-Pot cakes are very moist. It's important to make sure the sides don't overcook, so doneness will be a combination of the middle being fairly dry and the side being well done but not over-cooked. Even if your cake is a little messy in the middle, it will still be delicious.

"WHERE is my SUNDAY paper?!"



The irate customer calling the newspaper office loudly demanded to know where her Sunday edition was.

"Madam", said the newspaper employee, "Today is Saturday. The Sunday paper is not delivered until tomorrow, on SUNDAY".

There was quite a long pause on the other end of the phone, followed by a ray of recognition as she was heard to mutter,

"Well, goodness me! That explains why no one was at church!"