

Escapes Mid-Atlantic Chapter 20 Spring 2009

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From the Prez.....

Hello from Cold PA!

I just returned from Florida and it snowed the first day of spring! I'm looking forward to our May rally, it will be good to see everyone again. Remember elections are coming up in July and we need help for the President position and secretary position.

Skp Huggs ,

Rudy

From the Vice President

Hello Everyone,

In another month or so all the snowbirds will be heading north. I will be happy to see the warm weather. That 6° temperature was not for me. I am so looking forward to the May Rally and seeing all my wonderful friends. I really miss you all.

Until then,

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:

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Mid Atlantic Chapter 20
RR#3 Box 206
Wyalusing PA 18853

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

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. 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

Escapades

Escapades are five-day, fun-filled, jam-packed events geared to educate and entertain RVers. Each Escapade offers 60+ seminars and presentations in a wide range of RV-related topics— from boon-docking to tire safety. There's also an extensive agenda of demonstrations and craft and hobby workshops. There's a full schedule of entertainment and activities each evening, as well! The market area houses vendors offering the latest and greatest goods and services for attendees to examine. RV maintenance, upgrades, and service are available right on the Escapade grounds.

ESCAPEES RV Club

PRESENTS

ESCAPADE 2009!

AT

MISSOURI STATE FAIRGROUNDS

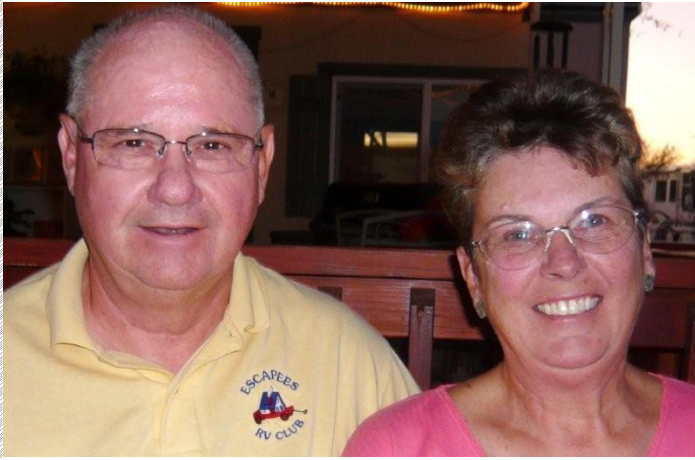
SEDALIA, MISSOURI

May 24 – 29, 2009

Something for Everyone !

Email: Escapade@Escapees.com





From Dennis and Susie Orr.....

The Quartzsite Happy Hour was another hit in Jan 2009. The weather was perfect --- sunny, warm and only a little breeze. We thank all of those who helped to form our circle of RVs and all of those who joined the fun. Isn't it neat to see friends and get those warm hugs? We also thank our SKP entertainers for an enjoyable afternoon of music – JoElla and Friends and Ernie Webster with the Quartzsite Swing Band.

The desert is showing beautiful signs of spring. As we all begin our travels, do take time to check the Events Calendar in the Escapees Magazine for rallies and luncheons along the way. Hope to see you in Sedalia, MO for Escapade May 24-29.

Big Hugs – Susie & Denny Orr

Who are Denny & Susie Orr? We are Escapees members who jumped right in to the RVing lifestyle. We sold the house, packed the RV and began our RVing adventures in July 1999, leaving Northwest Indiana and our life long history there behind. Denny had been retired for 5 years from Xerox and Susie retired from nursing as we started this new lifestyle.

We had joined Escapees RV Club in May of 1999. Our first Escapade was September 1999 – we didn't know many RVers. By Spring 2000 Escapade we had stopped at Turkey Creek in Branson, MO, Jojoba Hills in California, traveled to Quartzsite with a group of SKPs and were introduced to the desert rallies, went to the Baja with Mexican Connection, and then met the Roadrunners at Chapter #7 rally. We were hooked on SKPs!

During 2000 summer we traveled to the Northwest, meeting other Escapees friends and joined the Dogwood SKPs Chapter #35. We agreed to be on The Row at Fall Escapade. And our SKP Family continued to grow as we made lifelong friends. We volunteered for Escapade Staff and there we were – with more friends than ever in our stick house life. Being on the Parking Crew at Spring Escapade was always a hoot! From there we were asked to become Volunteer Club Representatives for Escapees. We enjoy going to rallies and have from the very beginning! Working with Adele and Dan Clifton, we were then asked to become their assistants. Adele however, died shortly thereafter. And there we were --- Chapter Directors!

The last five years have been exciting for us as we have continued to visit chapter/c-bof groups all across the US and Canada. Our family of friends continues to grow. And even though we decided it was time for some roots (we now have a house at North Ranch in Congress, AZ) we still consider ourselves RVers as we travel almost 8 months a year. If we have yet to meet you, we hope to meet you somewhere along the way. SKP Hugs Susie & Denny Orr
SKP#58118

SKP Hugs Susie & Denny Orr

CHARACTER..... is doing the right thing when no one is watching!

Upcoming Rallies

May 15-17, 2009 Chapter 20 Rally is at **Outdoor World PA Dutch, Manheim, PA**. Everyone must call the campground at 717-665-2500, to make reservations and to guarantee them by credit card, or arrange prepayment. Everyone should ALSO call Hosts Monica and Joe Behun at 610-698-5810 to tell let them know when they are coming. Co hosts are JM and Ruth Thompson. Early bird rate will be the same as weekend rate.

Be sure to tell Outdoor World that you are with the Escapees Rally.

July 17-19 2009 will be at Alparon Park in Troy PA. Hosts will be Phil and Cindy Devonshire with co hosts Jim and Dawn Rodgers. 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 Mercer County fairgrounds. Hosts will be Ira and Ann Hanks. We need some co-hosts. If interested, please let Ann know. 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=w1>

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).

A Replacement For Life On Wheels

Posted on January 8th, 2009 by Nick Russell

Great news for RVers and wannabe RVers who wanted to attend Life on Wheels!

Walter Cannon, Executive Director of the Recreational Vehicle Safety Education Foundation (RVSEF) announced yesterday that RVSEF is holding an RV Lifestyle, Safety and Education Clinic September 13 - 16, 2009 at the Wildwood Conference Center at Harrisburg Area Community College in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

In the last few weeks, Walter has discussed the new program with me a couple of times, and we have been exchanging e-mails. I am really excited about it. Walter and RVSEF are proven entities in the RV industry, and if anyone has the business acumen and the industry contacts to create a successful RV education program, Walter is the man. Walter tells me that he will be bringing in many of the former Life on Wheels instructors, and from our conversations, I know that the program will be long on education without the "fluff" classes that had crept into the Life on Wheels schedule in its last year or two.

Attendees at the new program will learn about the different types of RVs available and how they will fit an individual's needs, how to properly and safely operate their RVs, and come away with the knowledge and confidence to enjoy all that the RV lifestyle has to offer.

Special focus will be given to understanding how an RV's different systems work, and how to maintain and operate them; warranties, insurance and roadside assistance programs available for RVers; and the RV lifestyle and how to get the most out of it. RV driver training will also be available, and attendees can arrange to have their rigs inspected for safety, and weighed by a RVSEF certified weighing crew.

For more information call RVSEF at 321-453-7673 or e-mail them at staff@rvsafety.com. You can visit the RVSEF website at www.rvsafety.com.

I C E- IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

Apparently this is a standard procedure all paramedics follow at the scene of an accident when they come across your cell phone.

ICE - 'In Case of Emergency'

We all carry our mobile phones with names & numbers stored in its memory but nobody, other than ourselves, knows which of these numbers belong to our closest family or friends.

If we were to be involved in an accident or were taken ill, the people attending us would have our mobile phone but wouldn't know who to call. Yes, there are hundreds of numbers stored but which one is the contact person in case of an emergency? Hence this 'ICE' (In Case of Emergency) Campaign.

The concept of 'ICE' is catching on quickly. It is a method of contact during emergency situations. As cell(mobile) phones are carried by the majority of the population, all you need to do is store the number of a contact person or persons who should be contacted during emergency under the name 'ICE' (In Case Of Emergency).

The idea was thought up by a paramedic who found that when he went to the scenes of accidents, there were always mobile phones with patients, but they didn't know which number to call. He therefore thought that it would be a good idea if there was a nationally recognized name for this purpose. In an emergency situation, Emergency Service personnel and hospital Staff would be able to quickly contact the right person by simply dialing the number you have stored as 'ICE.'

For more than one contact name simply enter ICE1, ICE2 and ICE3 etc. A great idea that will make a difference! Let's spread the concept of ICE by storing an ICE number in our Mobile phones today!

Please spread the word about this. It really could save your life, or put a loved one's mind at rest. ICE will speak for you when you are not able to.

Inspirational Videos from Al Groft

Whenever you are having a bad day, just click on this video and you will be inspired. A good friend shared these with me and I feel compelled to pass on these inspirational messages.

<http://uk.youtube.com/watch?v=v4uG2kSdd-4>

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yo_24_qTNac&NR=1

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JUas9uNPDuM&NR=1>

Member News

1.30.2009

Bob and I are in Ehrenberg, AZ at a Membership Campground. We were just at Quartzsite for two weeks with the Boomers. Lots of fun and activities. But I am so thankful for full hook-ups, although, I did very well conserving water in the desert. I also managed to find Nymo thread at Hardies Beads in Q. I have been making the spiral bracelet but have been using FireLine. None of the stores in Texas (Michaels, Hobby Lobby, JoAnn's, etc.) carried Nymo and had never heard of it. I knew I could order it from Fire Mountain but wanted to be able to actually see the colors in person.

Hope to be able to make it back to Jersey in September and make one of the campouts this year. We are going to Alaska in July and August.

Hugs,

Life is Good!

Carol Ann and Bob Iles

Barb and John McDonald have both had a rocky winter health wise. They returned home early to PA from Alabama. We hope they are both feeling better and we will be seeing them at a rally soon.

Barb and Spencer Wisner joined our chapter this winter. They are from the Shickshinney PA area and promised to try to make a rally this summer. Welcome Barb and Spence!

Cindy and Phil Devonshire traveled south and west. They spent a month at Bushnell's Sumter Oaks and seven weeks at Rainbow Plantation in Summerdale Alabama before heading west to Natchez and up the Trace toward home.

Monica and Joe Behun and Lynn and Mary Lord wintered at the Skp Coop in Wachula.

Rudy Mager was in Florida at Thousand Trails in Clermont.

Tom and Debbie McIlwain: As for Florida, we are Thousand Trails members, so it is very cost effective camping to use their facilities as much as possible. So we will be spending 2 weeks in TT in Clermont, 1 week at a Corp of Engineers park near Labelle, 2 weeks in TT in Wauchula (very close to the SKP park), then 2 more weeks in TT Clermont. Then about 2/23 we head for Ocala NF and a SKP boondockers Rendezvous near Salt Springs. After that northern Florida at another Boondockers rendezvous. Not as adventurous as previous years when we wandered around down near Big Cypress and the Everglades.

Roster changes

***Al Groft** new email address is n4ag@verizon.net

*For **Herman & Pat Winters**. Removed land line number. 609.877.2590
It is no longer in use and I only give it to people I don't want calling me

* **William (Buzz and Cindy) Wilson**
154 McKenney Lane, Centreville, Maryland 21617

*Clay and I have now moved. We live at 1222 Grangers Rd. Selinsgrove, Pa. 17870.
Clay and Shirley Cornell

*The last digit of our phone number should be an "8" not a "3" as shown on roster
"Dick and Geri Campagna
400 Timberline Drive
Mt. Laurel, NJ 08054-2137
856-235-8268
campagna1@verizon.net"

*Here is a roster correction for **Tom & Debbie Abernethy**:
Our email address is corrected below in red.
Tom & Debbie Abernethy
PO Box 201
Accokeek, MD 20607
301-292-6263 w3tom@arrl.org

***Miller, Doug and Valerie**
zzsophie@powerc.net

***Woody and Jean Miller**
Woodyjean36@gmail.com

***Tom & Debbie McIlwain** ~ Note phone number and e-mail change
42 Shady Lane
Annville, PA 17003-9302
717-580-0211
tomndebm@att.net

***June and Alvin Lynn**
jualynn@verizon.net

* **Herman and Patricia Winters**
overthenexthill@gmail.com

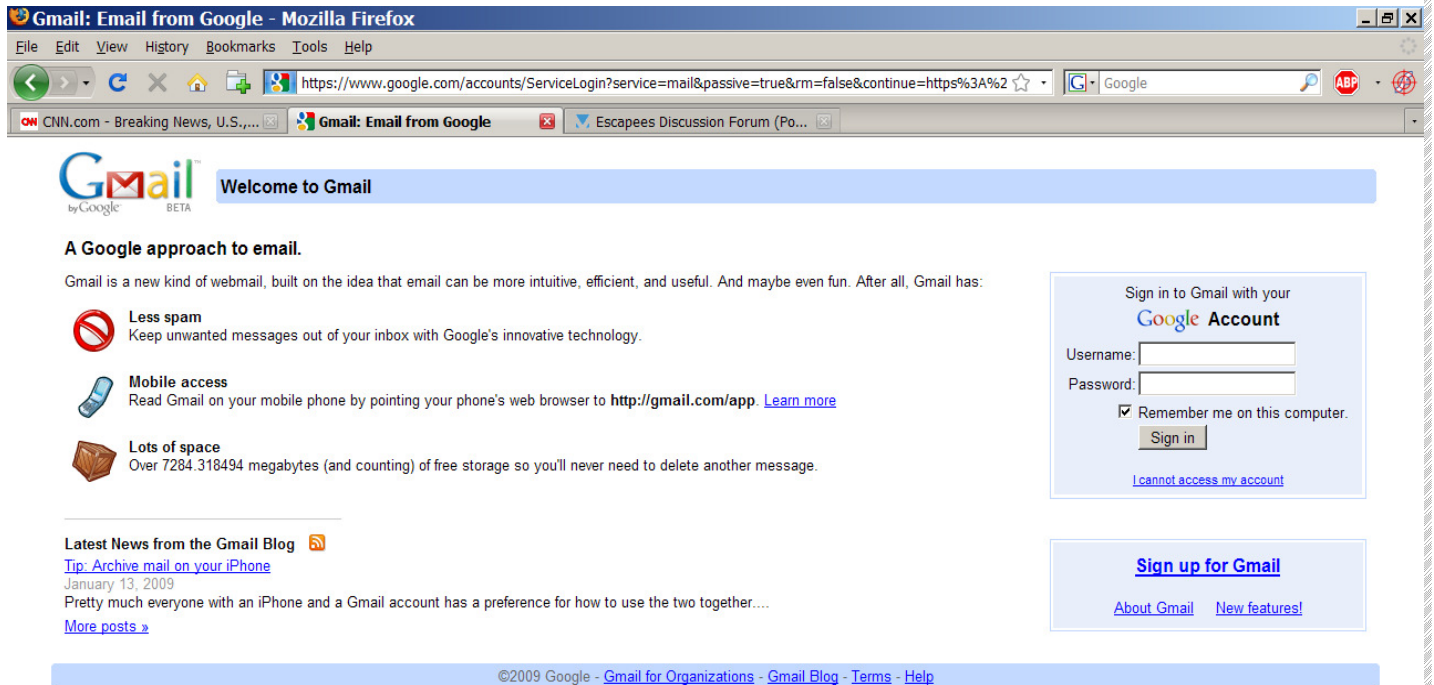
Newsletter Information

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 four newsletters from 2008, the chapter roster and links to helpful Escapee's pages. To access this web site go to: <https://sites.google.com/site/midatlanticchapter20>
All of the above changes have been made to the roster that is posted on this web

page.

www.gmail.com

For travelers without a regular internet provider, Gmail is a great way to manage your e-mail. This is what the first page looks like:



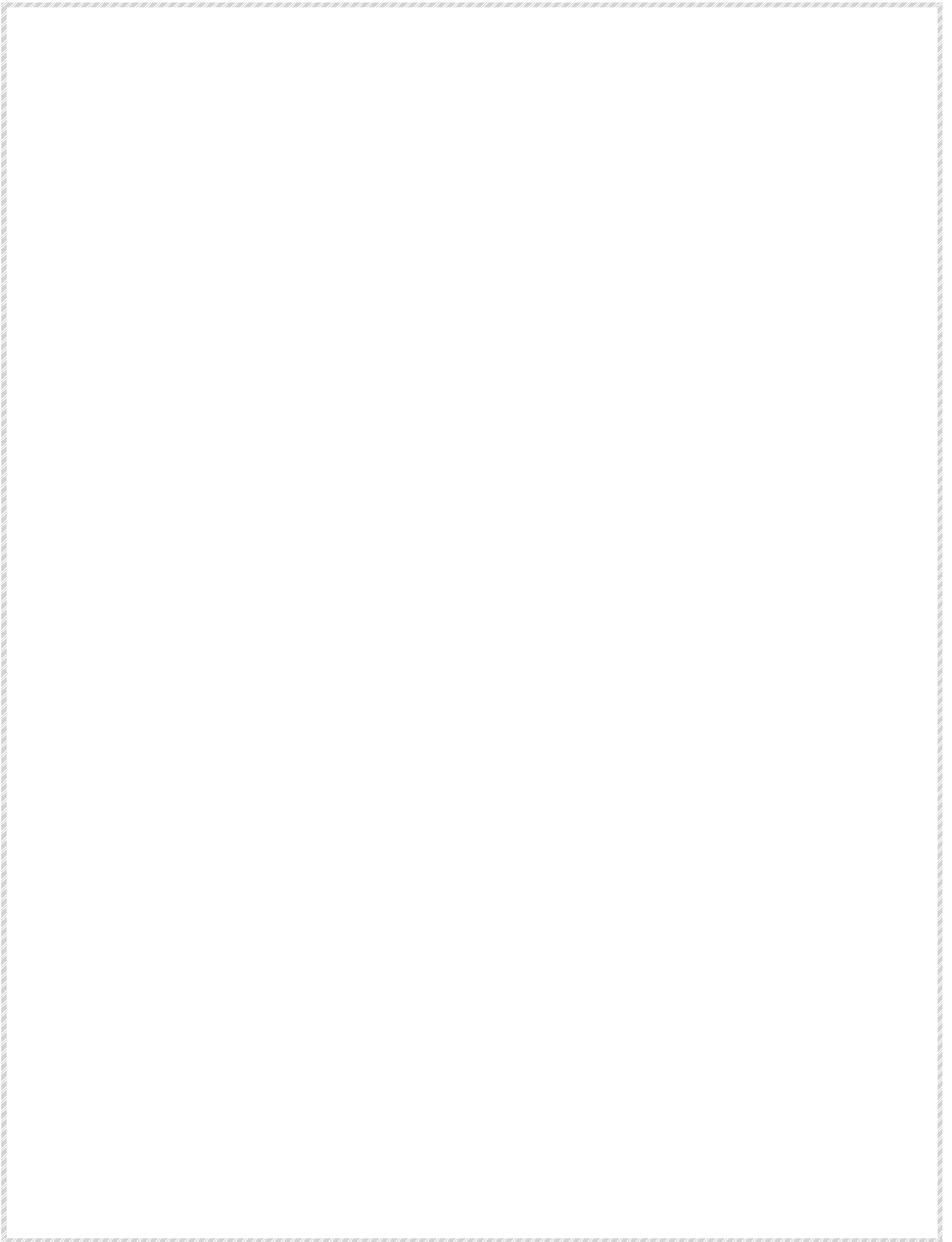
The screenshot shows the Gmail website in a Mozilla Firefox browser window. The browser's address bar displays the URL: <https://www.google.com/accounts/ServiceLogin?service=mail&passive=true&rm=false&continue=https%3A%2>. The page features the Gmail logo with "by Google" and "BETA" text, and a "Welcome to Gmail" header. Below the header, there is a section titled "A Google approach to email." which lists three key features: "Less spam" (Keep unwanted messages out of your inbox with Google's innovative technology.), "Mobile access" (Read Gmail on your mobile phone by pointing your phone's web browser to <http://gmail.com/app>. [Learn more](#)), and "Lots of space" (Over 7284.318494 megabytes (and counting) of free storage so you'll never need to delete another message.). To the right of these features is a sign-in box titled "Sign in to Gmail with your Google Account" containing fields for "Username:" and "Password:", a "Remember me on this computer." checkbox, a "Sign in" button, and a link for "[I cannot access my account](#)". Below the sign-in box is a "Sign up for Gmail" button with links for "[About Gmail](#)" and "[New features!](#)". At the bottom of the page, there is a copyright notice: "©2009 Google - [Gmail for Organizations](#) - [Gmail Blog](#) - [Terms](#) - [Help](#)".



The screenshot shows a Windows taskbar at the bottom with the "Start" button and several application icons. The browser window's title bar reads "Gmail: Email f...". The browser's address bar shows "www.google.com". The system tray in the bottom right corner displays the time as "9:31 AM".

Here are some of the reason I recommend it:

1. You can access your mail from **any computer** that has an internet connection.
2. Your account can be open on several computers at the same time.
3. If you happen to have a computer crash or malfunction, your mail and files are safe on a separate server.
4. **It is free.**
5. If you want to use a different e-mail program such as Outlook, Thunderbird, or IncrediMail, Gmail messages can be automatically imported into that program.
6. You can chat with other Gmail members.
7. **It is free.**
8. You have 7307 MB of storage.
9. It has many, many features that are too numerous to mention here. It does have a good help section as well as forums where you can find answers.
10. There are some aspects that can be a bit cumbersome. You cannot insert a picture into your message, but you can attach several. There are ways to get around this if you really want to imbed a snapshot rather than attach it. You can create a message in Google documents and then copy and paste.
11. Automatic Spam filter that works very well.
12. **Did I happen to mention that it is free?**
13. For a free video that shows how to sign up for a G-Mail account, go to [G-Mail video](#) for help.



TECHNOLOGY

For Country Folk



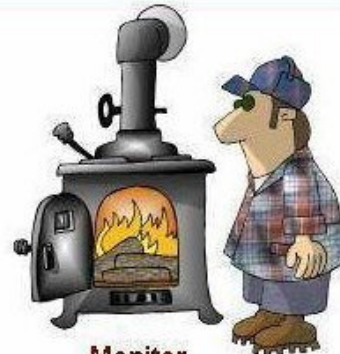
Log On

Makin' the stove hotter



Log Off

Coolin' 'er down



Monitor

Keepin' an eye on 'er



Download

Gitten the farwood offn the truck



Mega hertz

When yer not keefull gitten the farwood



Floppy Disk

Whutcha git from tryin ta tote too much farwood



RAM

That thar thang what splits farwood



Hard Drive

Gitten home in the winter time



Windows

Whut ta shut when its cold outside



Screen

Whut ta shut when its black fly season



Byte

Whut dem dang flys do



Chip

Munchies fer the TV



Micro-Chip
Whut's in the bottom of
the muchie bag



Modem
Whutcha do ta the hay fields



Dot Matrix
Dot Coms name after she got
hitched ta Dan Matrix



Laptop
Whar the kittie naps



Keyboard
What ya hang the dang truck keys



Software
Them thar plastic forks 'n knives



Mouse
Whut eats the grain in the barn



Mouse Pad
Thats jes hippie talk fer where the mouse lives



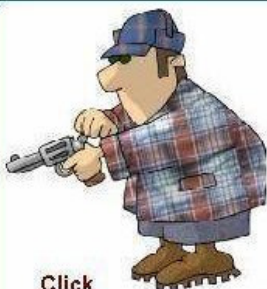
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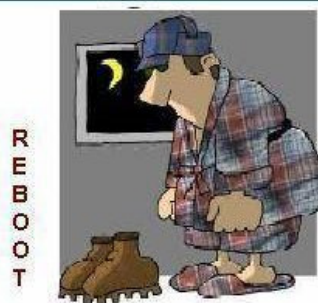
Enter
Duh! How ya git in the house



Click
Whut ya hear
when ya cock yer gun



Double-Click
Whut ya hear when ya
REALLY mean bizness



REBOOT
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when ya have ta go ta the outhouse