



Escapees Mid-Atlantic Chapter 20 September 2011

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Greetings from your President:

Escapees family members;

The September Rally could not have been nicer. Thanks to the host's Ira & Ann Hanks, Rudy Mager and Fran Howard and all the other helpers. The weather was beautiful, food was great and the entertainment kept everyone laughing. Our first official meeting went along well, with help, and all business was taken care of. Our next official meeting will be at SKP Acres in April 2012 and I am looking forward to seeing everyone there. Those who attended the National Rally had a great report as there was a lot to do and learn.

It was great to meet the Wingate's and Battey's who are Escapees members but this was their first Rally. Hope to see you again at future events.

If you have any questions or concerns please ask. There is always someone who can help!
Eleanor and I hope everyone will have a wonderful time during the Holidays, where ever you may be, and a safe and happy New Year. We pray that everyone has a safe travels to where and when every they are going.

(Note) We are actively looking for a VP who would take Ann Hanks place. She has been doing the job for several years. Please let us know if interested. There is not much time involved and your help is greatly appreciated

Hugs
Joe Brugger

Notes from Ann.....

Hi Everyone,

Everything went well at the September Rally. Plenty to eat and lots of fun. Thanks to Rudy and Fran, my co-hosts for their help. Also thanks to Cindy and Phil, Monica and Joe, Barry and Mary, Joe and Eleanor, Keith and Shirley, Betty Bear, Bill and Lois and all the others that made our rally a success.

Welcome to Bill & Diane Battey and Dick & Betty Wingate – this was their first rally with Chapter 20 – we are happy that you came!

I want to wish all of our friends Good Health and please be safe as you travel this fall. Hope to see you all at the Multi Chapter Rally in North Carolina on April 17-22, 2012. Until then.....

Love & Lots of Hugs,

Ann

From Phil

Thanks to all who have paid their 2011 dues! Our roster is looking much better. If you have not sent your dues check of \$5 for 2011, please consider doing it soon. Feel free to pay for more than one year at a time, if you would like. Please mail checks made out to **Mid Atlantic Chapter 20** to:

Phil Devonshire
Mid Atlantic Chapter 20
3381 South Hill Road
Wyalusing PA 18853

Please note our new address!

Minutes of the Chapter #20 September 16-18 2011 Rally

- President Joe Brugger called the meeting to order. Time 10:05am.
- Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for our service men and women.
- *11 Rigs in attendance, 24 members. Barry and Mary Moien stayed in the Cabins at the Park.*
- **Call of Officers.** President J. Brugger, V. President. A. Hanks, Secretary S. Sauzer, Treasurer P. Devonshire.
- President introduced new members and guests: Bill and Diane Battey and Betty and Richard Wingate.
- Introduction of VCR's Phil and Cindy Devonshire, Betty Bear, and Keith and Shirley Murphy.
- Reading of the minutes from the July Rally by Stacie Sauzer. Minutes stand approved as corrected. P (Phil) Devonshire not C (Cindy) Devonshire as treasurer.
- Reading of Treasurer Report by Phil Devonshire Approved by B. Bear. Report will be filed for audit.
- Wagon Master Report by Ann Hanks.
- Robert Trumbauer accepted the position of Historian of Chapter #20 Nominated by Joe Brugger
2nd Rudy Mager, accepted
- Lois Boose discussed the conflict of the Sept. 12th 2012 Rally with the Escapade 16th-21st in Sedalia. Since 6 rigs from Chapter #20 plan on attending Escapade including President J. Brugger, Lois B. stated it would be acceptable to hold a business meeting for the chapter in Sedalia.
- Confirmed Chapter 20 Rally at SKP ACRE April 17-22, 2012.
- Joe Brugger mentioned the need for a microphone or something similar considering the poor acoustics at many of the facilities where our meetings are held.
- **No Old Business**
- **New Business:**
- VCR Report: Cindy D. gave a detailed account of the monies raised for CARE during the Escapade in Gillette. She noted that Chapter 20 was well represented by our members many of whom were volunteers on staff. Betty B. and Shirley M. carried the flag in the Parade of Banners.
- Phil D. talked about VCR's and what they do. He also brought flyers for SKP ACRE to distribute.
- Joe Brugger explained that as a Chapter, we usually donate up to \$1000.00 per 3 year cycle to CARE. Since this is the beginning of a new cycle, we have \$290.00 in an account for Care. Cindy D. motioned to accept the new cycle and send CARE \$350.00 this year. The motion was seconded and accepted.
- Cindy D. announced the passing of two Chapter 20 members: Cliff Thompson and Walt Gano.
- Rudy Mager suggested that we explain CARE to the new members. Bill Battey spoke of his interpretation of CARE. Betty Bear added that CARE is all volunteer and the residents are noticeably happy and well taken care of. Betty Bear mentioned the requirements to enter 1) you must be able to walk in 2) you must have a caregiver in your rig. There is a cottage available for visiting family members. A rewarding place to take a tour if you are in Livingston.
- **Motion to Adjourn:** Lois Boose, 2nd Monica Behun
- Time 10:45 am

Respectfully submitted by Secretary Stacie Sauzer

Rally Report: Saturday Night's Auction and Bracelet Raffles brought in \$228.42. Thanks to everyone for their generosity and to Monica Behun for an outstanding job as auctioneer.

Special Welcome to new members **Fred and Barbara Adkins** who joined our chapter at the Escapade and to **Don Bingham** who has recently become a full timer. See you down the road!

Meet your Officers:



President: Joe



Vice President: Ann



Secretary: Stacie



Treasurer: Phil

President Joe Brugger: Joe and Ellie are in the process of selling their home and becoming full time RVers. We wish them luck in their new life adventure.

Vice President Ann Hanks has been our VP since 2003. She and Ira are at every rally and have adopted many Chapter 20 SKP children! Ann and Ira used to full time but now reside in Maryland.

Secretary Stacie Sauzer is new to Chapter 20 and a great addition. She recently attended Boot Camp at the 51st Escapade as well as representing our Chapter on the Row during the Wednesday Open House.

Treasurer Phil Devonshire is completing his second term as your treasurer. Phil and Cindy have a home in northeast Pennsylvania but travel through the south during the winter. They just returned home from an extended trip across country to Alaska and back.

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

bobanddenisewanderlust.com Bob and Denise Gray

<http://www.mytripjournal.com/2011summer> Tom and Debbie Abernethy

From Denny and Susie Orr:

Escapade in Gillette, WY was a hit! Lots of fun, smiles and interesting classes. The Row was inside wrapped around the assembly hall. The Row is a great way to promote your activities and share just how much fun you can have with Escapees. Next year **Escapade will be Sept 16-21, 2012 in Sedalia, MO.**

We hope your chapter/c-bof is present to share in the fun. Bob & Molly Pinner, Escapade Directors, will be visiting Sedalia soon. We will then know where The Row will be located. Hours for The Row will be shortened to give those on The Row more time to go to classes. We're looking forward to seeing many of you in Sedalia.

SKP Hugs,

Susie & Denny Orr



Call for Officers:

At the July Rally in 2012 the offices of Vice President and Treasurer are up for election. Please read the information below about each office and consider serving as an officer of our club. It can be lots of fun!

CHAPTER/C-BOF VICE PRESIDENT

Job Summary:

As a volunteer, elected position, the vice president assumes the duties of the chapter/c-BOF president in his/her absence, coordinates rallies and luncheons, and oversees membership.

Duties and Responsibilities:

1. Assume the duties of chapter/c-BOF president in his/her absence.
2. Serve as oversight and liaison person between wagonmaster/rally host and the chapter/c-BOF executive board.
3. Ensure that a wagonmaster and/or host are appointed for each rally and duties are completed.
4. Ensure the development of the chapter/c-BOF rally calendar. Share rally dates with the secretary, who will complete the Escapees magazine report form.
5. If insurance is required for a rally/event, contact National at 888-757-2582.
6. Coordinate all chapter/c-BOF luncheons.
7. Oversee the chapter/c-BOF membership program person.
8. Ensure that treasurer and audit committee audit the financial records once a year (usually before a new treasurer is installed). Please have a copy sent to Chapter Directors. (If needed, a copy of Treasurer's Audit form is on the Website.)
9. Other duties as may be necessary.

Job Description: CHAPTER/C-BOF TREASURER

Job Summary:

As a volunteer, elected officer, the chapter/c-BOF treasurer maintains the financial records of the chapter/c-BOF.

Duties and Responsibilities:

1. Maintain an accurate account book. See sample forms. Computer bookkeeping is also acceptable.
2. Timely deposit all money in the proper bank account.
3. Timely update the ledger, including the source of entry and the date.
4. Pay authorized bills in a timely manner.
5. Keep copies of receipts of income and expenditures.
6. Maintain chapter/c-BOF bank accounts, including reconciling of each account with its bank statement.
 - a. Notify the bank when there is a change of officers who sign the checks.
7. Give a treasurer's report at each chapter/c-BOF and executive board meeting.
8. Produce a balance sheet at least once a year to be published in the chapter /c-BOF newsletter.
9. Maintain an accurate inventory and location of all chapter/c-BOF property.
10. Assume the duties of the president in absence of the president, vice president, and 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. 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

New Web Page

While here at home this winter, I spent time updating my website for Chapter 20. This does not replace our Escapee website at supplied by the Escapee site at:

<http://www.escapees.com/chapter20>. This is an **additional site** that has archives of our past newsletters and slide shows of our rallies. You can also access our chapter roster there for a fellow member's address, telephone number and email. Please check back often, because I do try to keep it current. This website is **replacing** the other one that I created with Google Sites. I find this provider much easier to work with. **CHECK IT OUT.....**

www.midatlanticchapter20.weebly.com

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!!** Also optional.
- *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
- *A light hitch-up breakfast is provided on Sunday morning.
- ***Rally activities are set up by the Hosts and Co Hosts and may be subject to change.**

*****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.

Voice mail by Tom Abernathy

Webmaster is Tom McIlwain

Thanks Guys!!

Spring Rally 2012

It was decided to hold our spring rally at **SKP ACRE** in Marion NC. The dates are **Tuesday, April 17th to Sunday, April 22, 2012**. Lots of fun things are being planned for this rally. Check out the website at <http://www.skpacre.com> for more information and registration details.

July Rally 2012

The 2012 July Rally will be held in Maryland, details to be announced - Hosts Dennis & Bonnie Shankle and Bob & Rita Meredith. We recently discovered from a search through past records that July 2012 is the **25th Anniversary** for Chapter 20! Some celebrations will commence. Keep tuned for more information.

September Rally

It was discussed and decided that our September Rally would take place at the fall Escapade in Sedalia Missouri September 16-21, 2012. More details about the exact time and place of our business meeting will be available at a later date. Make your plans, hope to see you there!

Welcome new rally attendees!



Betty Wingate



Diane and Bill Battey

Notes on the Escapade:

Chapter 20 was well represented at the 51st Escapade in Gillette Wyoming. Here is a list of what your active members were doing at the Escapade:

Bob and Molly Pinner ~ Escapade Directors

Ralph and Gisela Jones ~ Registration

Gisela Jones ~ Queen Mum of Red Hatters

Tom and Debbie Abernathy ~ Selling Club Products

Bryan and Jane Rose ~ Escapade shirts

Keith and Shirley Murphy and Betty Bear ~ Information and Lost and Found

Phil and Cindy Devonshire ~ Handicap Hosts

Cindy Devonshire ~ Escapade Extras

Stacie Sauzer ~ Boot Camp and Row Representative

Shirley Murphy and Betty Bear ~ Carried Chapter 20 Banner in the Parade of Banners

Final Statistics on the Escapade:

- Official registration: 679 rigs.
- We had a total of 1286 attendees. WOW!
- Total Door Prize Value was \$11,600 with thanks to Scott and Karen Bonis and Joe Tenpenny for this wonderful program!
- 956 Baby caps were created and given to Campbell County Memorial Maternal-child unit! And Cathie Carr and Molly are very proud of the ones they received, too!
- \$2108.96 was donated to Donuts for CARE, with Alliant Credit Union contributing a \$500.00 donut in memory of Bud's mom, Katherine Carr. SOLO's collected \$708.25 for CARE at Ham-O-Rama last night! Total contributions were \$ 2817.21 to CARE at Escapade!!
- Sew Much Comfort donations at Escapade totaled: 94 items of new clothing and \$160.00.



Camping World Receipts

Every dollar you spend at Camping World helps Escapees CARE! The combination of generous Escapees members and Camping World has resulted in \$5,000 in donations to CARE each year the past several years. Your support of this program is greatly appreciated by the CARE residents and staff. We also are very appreciative of the generosity of Camping World in starting and

sustaining this fund.

Here's an important update to the program! Beginning this month, only Camping World receipts that are **less than 3 months old** are eligible to be counted for the 2 percent donation to CARE! That's right; you won't be able to save up your receipts until you are near a Rainbow Park. You'll have to send them on to us pronto. Send the original or a copy of your receipt to:

Escapees,
Attn: Camping World Receipts,
100 Rainbow Drive, Livingston, TX 77351. We'll do the rest.

The partnership of you and Camping World has benefited the residents at CARE since 2002, and the program is ongoing.

Here's how the Camping World fund works. SKPs send their Camping World receipts to the Escapees national headquarters in Livingston, Texas. Escapees staff tallies the receipts and sends them to Camping World headquarters where a donation equal to 2 percent of the total amount of the purchase is returned to CARE. This is a great deal for CARE!

We appreciate your efforts to support this fund and need your receipts more than ever. Make sure the purchase date shows clearly on the receipt. Don't cut it off!

Whenever you are in the vicinity of Livingston, Texas, stop in at CARE to see the fruits of your shopping labors. CARE tours are Mon-Wed-Fri at 11AM. We hope to see you soon.

Thank you, and keep those receipts coming!