



Escapees Mid-Atlantic Chapter 20 Spring 2010

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From the Prez.....

Hello to everyone from Port Isabel Tx. It's been a rather uneventful winter, a little colder than usual during January and early February, however the sun came out and the weather has been nice. We are looking forward to seeing everyone at Skp Acre rally in Marion NC. and then at Manhiem in May. We attended some of the luncheons at Chapter 19 in Wesleco Tx and as usual ate too much, but had a great time anyway.

Don't forget we have elections at the July rally for the office of president and secretary. Please make plans to attend the July rally and precipitate. Save travels.

SKP HUGGS and HANDSHAKES

Rudy

From the Vice President

Hi Folks,

Ira and I have been home this winter and boy, are we looking forward to spring! I have a new computer and it has supplied me with many hours of wonderful FRUSTRATION! Hopefully my grandson can get it to work for me. Anyway, we are looking forward to the summer camping season and seeing all of our Chapter 20 friends at the upcoming rallies. Please keep in mind that we are looking for hosts and co-hosts for the September rally. Please let me know if you are interested. Don't worry if it is your first time, there will be plenty of people around to help. I hope everyone has been well this winter.

Love & Lots of Hugs,

Ann

From Phil

Dues for 2011 are now due. I send thanks to everyone who has paid. 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!

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!!
- *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.

Voice mail by Jerry Hopman
Webmaster is Tom McIlwain
Thanks Guys!!

Come on, come all!!!

Rallies for 2011

SKP ACRE

2nd Annual Eastern Multi Chapter Rally

April 27-May 2, 2011

Tom Johnson's Rally Park

Marion NC

Check out www.skpacre.com for more details.

May Rally

The May Rally is to be held at Outdoor World in Manheim PA on MAY 20- 21-22, 2011. Hosts will be Bill & Lois Boose. Please make your reservation with Lois (717-538-1564 or 717-538-1591 or email them at williamboose@comcast.net) and **also** with Outdoor World 185 Lehman Road Manheim, PA 17545-8720 - (717) 665-2500.

July Rally

Plan on July 22-23-24 at the Huntingdon County Fairground in Huntingdon PA. We can arrive as early as the 19th and the camping fee will be \$23.00 per night with full hook-ups with 30 amps. Reservations will need to be made to Ann Hanks (410-248-3178) or Keith and Shirley Murphy (304-623-5098) by July 6th. Right now we will plan on a potluck on Saturday evening and make additional plans later. We will need to ask anyone who has a pop up canopy to bring them if possible so we can use them part of the time as we will have to pay for a shelter at the rate of \$100.00 per day unless we will be able to get the price reduced so we can at least use it for the potluck.

September Rally

The September Rally is planned for September 16-17-18. The location and hosts are yet to be decided. If you are interested in hosting or helping with this rally, please contact either Rudy Mager or Ann Hanks. Keep watch for more details to come.

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://www.mytripjournal.com/abernethy> Tom and Debbie Abernethy

From Denny and Susie Orr:

What makes a successful chapter? It is a group of *old and new* friends coming together to share some good times – fun activities and of course a meal or two. It is a group that is warm and welcoming to not only well known friends, but especially to new members that help a chapter to grow. It is a group that does something new and interesting each rally, so it is always fun to get together to share good times and new adventures.

The President leads by enthusiastic leadership (the glue that gives the members direction) and keeps the chapter growing and a happy place to be. And it is the members that always need to step up to volunteer -- sometimes again and again – to keep the chapter active and growing. When the chapter events are fun – interesting – welcoming --- new members will come back and the chapter will grow.

As a chapter member we Thank You each time you:

- Greet everyone with miles of smiles
- Help with set up
- Help with clean up
- Bring a **new** group activity or game to share
- Bring a friend to help grow the chapter
- Ask “What can I do to help?”

SKP Hugs ~ ~ ~ ~ Susie & Denny Orr

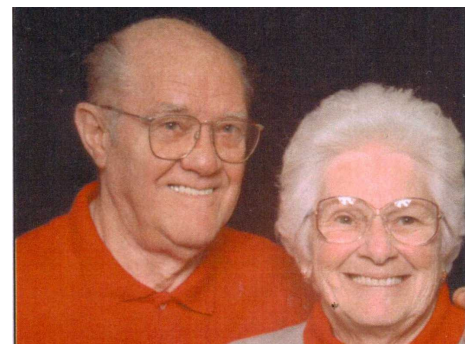
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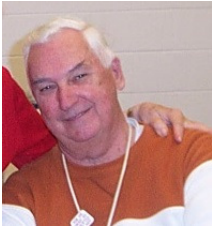
Escapees lost three valued members recently. In order of their passing:



Bob Bear, Skp #42. Bob and his wife Betty have been active members of Escapees for many years. Bob and Betty were instrumental in the beginning of our own Mid Atlantic Chapter 20. They were Voluntary Club Representatives and were familiar faces at our rallies. Bob will be missed. We are glad to hear that Betty plans on continuing her RV travels. So look for Betty down the road.

Joe Peterson, Skp #1. Joe Peterson and his wife, Kay, founded the Escapee RV club in 1978. They were 2001 inductees into the RV/MH Hall of Fame in Elkhart, Ind. The Petersons were owners/developers of 18 RV parks in 11 states and were widely recognized consumer educational seminar speakers at RV events. They authored numerous self-help books on the RV lifestyle. For over 20 years they developed the Escapees RV club, mail and message forwarding service and coordinating medical insurance. They operated an adult day care and residency program (CARE) near their office in Livingston, Texas. Joe’s smile and his wonderful sense of humor will be sorely missed by all who knew him.





John McDonnell Skp #50973. John and Barb McDonnell have been active and faithful members of Chapter 20. They would attend our rallies whenever possible. They were also active in FMCA. During the summer they would often spend time camping in the Pocono's and in the winter they traveled to Rainbow Plantation in Summerdale, Alabama. Their home is in Warminster PA. If you are in the area, give Barb a call, she would love to hear from you.

Cindy and Phil Devonshire stayed home this winter as Phil was busy with extensive renovations on our son's Victorian house. We will be traveling to NC to attend SKP ACRE and then plan on heading west and north to Alaska for the summer. We will be returning in late August and will be stopping for the 51st Escapade in Gillette Wyoming. If things go well we may make Chapter 20's September rally. **Bob and Denise Gray** wintered in Breckridge CO. Bob tore the meniscus in his right knee while preparing the motorhome for their mountain winter. Surgery was a success and he was skiing in 31 days! They are headed to Oregon, Washington, Idaho and then to Gillette WY for the 51st Escapade. **Bryan and Jane Rose** have been busy coordinating the second annual Eastern Multi Chapter Rally (SKP ACRE). They are also co-hosting the Chapter 20 July rally. **Dick and Gerri Campagna** wintered in Homestead, FL and may be headed home around the end of March. They are planning on Chapter 20's July rally. **Bob and Molly Pinner** traveled through Texas & Yuma, AZ mostly with the Hick's in training for the Escapade!! A busy winter for sure! They are not heading home, no indeed...heading North through Utah and will end up in Wyoming by mid-June!! Y'all come!! We sure hope to see lots of you at Escapade and HUGE thanks to all who have volunteered to help!!! :) **Herman and Patricia Winters** spent time in their TT at Carolina Landing and Fair Play SC. They will be heading home soon. Herman is being treated for prostate cancer. The July Rally is in their plans. **Rudy Mager and Fran Howard** wintered in Port Isabel TX. On their way home they will be stopping at SKP ACRE and then the Chapter 20 May Rally. **Frank and Barb Simon** spent some of the winter in Paw Paw WV before landing in Texas. They will head home in May and are planning on attending our Spring Rally. They would like to upgrade their TT but say it costs too much! **Gisella and Ralph Jones** were in Lakeland FL and are heading north May 1 - with stops in Alabama, Myrtle Beach, Richmond, VA, Frederick, MD and hopefully end up at the Upper Peninsula in Michigan. They are enjoying the full time lifestyle and are planning on the 51st Escapade in Gillette WY. **Keith and Shirley Murphy** were home in all the snow and cold weather but we are heading south this week for a month or so. They are well and glad to be traveling someplace warmer for a little while. They are also planning on the Escapade in Gillette WY. **Jim and Jo Ellen Gass** spent the winter in Yuma AZ. They will be camp hosting at Antetium Battlefield in July. They are planning on the July Rally for Chapter 20. **Jay Casey** writes ~ I've been spending a lot of time with the SKP Boondockers in AZ, hiking in shorts and t-shirt. I am probably going to TX, OK and CO in the next few months, then exploring the northwest. warm regards, ...Jay. **Dave and Thelma Middleton** report that we got to Florida around the 6th of January and have been moving around to various places in Florida. We went all the way to Key West for nine days. Spent some time in the Everglades and we also like Bluegrass. So, we attended some Bluegrass Festivals in Florida and also a Florida Samboree at Palatka. We are currently at Tyndall FAM Camp near Panama City. We will be leaving here around the 10th and stay at a couple of FL State Parks north of Rt. 10 as we make our way back across Florida to I95 and then on home. We hope to be home by the end of March. We are not sure what our summer schedule is yet, so we don't know which rallies we will be able to attend until we get home and check our calendars, **Joe and Ellie Brugger** were at home for the winter and are trying to make it till Spring, hated the ICE. Their oldest son is getting married March 23. They are planning on the July Rally. **Harry and Joan Bellerby** are staying in Texas for the summer. **Lois Boose** is going to retire this year and is planning on knee replacement surgery soon afterward. **Debbie and Tom Abernathy** have been traveling all over the place! Check out their blog to catch up on their travels, it is a good read! A BIG thank you to all that responded to the questionnaire! **We are looking for Row representatives for the Gillette Escapade. Please contact Rudy if you are interested.** It can be lots of fun, just ask Rudy and Fran.

The Road to Freedom...

51st Escapade Gillette, WY

August 28 - September 2, 2011



The Road to Freedom awaits you! Make your summer travel plans now, and join your friends in Gillette, WY for the 51st Escapade. Wyoming is rich with natural beauty and boasts some of the best-known parks in the country. With the Tetons, Yellowstone, Mount Rushmore and the Black Hills of South Dakota within a short day's drive, it's the perfect summer for a high plains adventure on the road to Escapade!

You do not have to be an Escapees member to attend the Escapade!

Register Early! CAM-PLEX offers over 1,100 full-hookup 30-amp sites and ample boondocking sites. Register early to reserve yours! For registration and parking options, go to: [Registration information](#).

A Lifetime of Learning! With over 60 educational seminars, classes, and workshops, there is something for everyone. Fascinating featured speakers and discussion panels round out the line-up. Check out the list of seminars and workshops and some of the key faculty. You'll see that Escapees RV Club sets the benchmark for the industry in RVers education. [Seminars](#)

The nationally acclaimed **Escapees Boot Camp** for RVers takes place August 26 - 28, preceding the Escapade. For Boot Camp options please go to: [Boot Camp information](#)

Go to the Market! The Escapade Market area is just the place to find something new to complete the outfitting of your RV. Check out the list of exhibitors who will be available in the commercial market area and visit some of the wonderful sponsors who help make Escapade a premier event! Click here for: [Exhibitor Listing](#) and [Exhibitor Registration Info](#)

Arrive early! There's lots of fun to be had just prior to Escapade. Even though the doors are not officially opened until Sunday, and some folks are busy with volunteer staff chores, you can get to know your neighbors early! See the early-bird parking options at [registration information](#).

Take a HOP! Head out on the Presidents and Indians HOP to visit Mount Rushmore, Crazy Horse and the site of the Battle of Little Big Horn; or the Devil's Tower and Coal Mine HOP to view the gigantic devilish mound up close, then see the coal mine and mega trucks in action. Get full HOP details at: [Escapees HOPS](#)



Jimmy Travis

Evening entertainment! The main event officially begins on Sunday (August 28) with "First-Timers orientation", followed by opening ceremonies and delightful entertainment by singer-comedian Jimmy Travis. His humorous observations on raising children, married life, and relationships are a big hit with every audience. Super stars such as Barbara Mandrell, The Righteous Brothers, Wynonna, The Smothers Brothers, Marie Osmond, Gregory Hines and dozens more have chosen Jimmy Travis to open their shows in major concert venues around the country.



Monday night prepare to laugh along with *The Original Fabulous One Guy*, Gordy Pratt. A seasoned performer, Gordy has been in the entertainment business since age 12. He has appeared on ABC's *Good Morning America* and has opened for Kenny Chesney, Michael Martin Murphy, the Beach Boys, and many more.

Back by popular demand on Wednesday is **Ham-O-Rama**, so come prepared to ham it up a bit. Of course, there are daily socials and 'Happy Hours' with your SKP friends and neighbors! Check back for more exciting details on evening entertainment.

Event Shirts (as well as hats and sweatshirts) will soon be available for pre-ordering and pick up in Gillette. Check back for details!

<http://www.escapees.com/escapade/2011>

Gas Fill up Tips

Only buy or fill up your car or truck in the early morning when the ground temperature is still cold. Remember that all service stations have their storage tanks buried below ground. The colder the ground the more dense the gasoline, when it gets warmer gasoline expands, so buying in the afternoon or in the evening....your gallon is not exactly a gallon. In the petroleum business, the specific gravity and the temperature of the gasoline, diesel and jet fuel, ethanol and other petroleum products plays an important role.

A 1-degree rise in temperature is a big deal for this business. But the service stations do not have temperature compensation at the pumps.

When you're filling up do not squeeze the trigger of the nozzle to a fast mode If you look you will see that the trigger has three (3) stages: low, middle, and high. **You should be pumping on low mode,** thereby minimizing the vapors that are created while you are pumping. All hoses at the pump have a vapor return. If you are pumping on the fast rate, some of the liquid that goes to your tank becomes vapor. Those vapors are being sucked up and back into the underground storage tank so you're getting less worth for your money.

One of the most important tips is to **fill up when your gas tank is HALF FULL.** The reason for this is the more gas you have in your tank the less air occupying its empty space. Gasoline evaporates faster than you can imagine. Gasoline storage tanks have an internal floating roof. This roof serves as zero clearance between the gas and the atmosphere, so it minimizes the evaporation. Unlike service stations, here where I work, every truck that we load is temperature compensated so that every gallon is actually the exact amount.

Another reminder, **if there is a gasoline truck pumping into the storage tanks when you stop to buy gas, DO NOT fill up;** most likely the gasoline is being stirred up as the gas is being delivered, and you might pick up some of the dirt that normally settles on the bottom.