



# Nor' Easter

ESCAPEES NORTHEAST CHAPTER 3

SUMMER 2012

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## Let's Meet in



## For LobsterFest!

### AUG 15-19

### Pumpkin Patch RV Resort

149 Billings Road, Hermon, ME 04401

[www.pumpkinpatchrv.com](http://www.pumpkinpatchrv.com)

Some of the fun on the agenda!

- Wednesday - Registration, social hour at 4, **welcome dinner** at 6
- Thursday - See Maine! But come back for the social hour and rock with **The New Society Band!** Check 'em out on the web at <http://www.myspace.com/rockinronandthenewsocietyband>
- Friday - **Brown bag auction**, social hour, potluck dinner and **the Iron Chef Contest!**
- Saturday - the **Lobsterfest** dinner!
- Sunday - **Hitch Up Breakfast** and safe travels homeward.
- Breakfasts, games and activities every day.

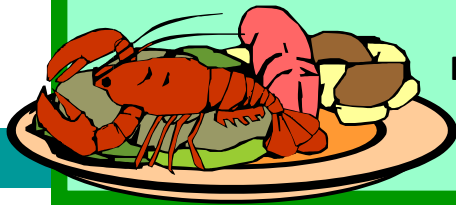
Use the enclosed form to register and then call

**Pumpkin Patch RV Resort** at

**866-644-2267** toll-free,

have credit card ready for campsite deposit.

**Registration Deadline is July 15**



## President's Message

Ready for summer everyone?

The June rally in Hancock, NH was a fun time with good friends, good food and good times. Now we are looking forward to the **LobsterFest** in August to be held in Hermon, ME. Please print the registration form found elsewhere in the newsletter. We hope to see you all there.

Are you planning to be near Sedalia, MO, September 16-21 for the **Escapeade**? Would you like to be our chapter representative for **The Row**? We really need your help on this. If you could represent Chapter 3, please let me know as soon as possible.



**“YOU GOT TO BE CAREFUL IF YOU DON'T KNOW WHERE YOU'RE GOING, BECAUSE YOU MIGHT NOT GET THERE.”**  
— **YOGI BERRA**

The Row will be inside at the Commercial Building — with a table and 2 chairs provided for each group. We will be sharing this building with crafts displays – which should attract a lot of visitors.

- The Row duties are:
  - 1:** to share Chapter information: tell about your rallies, luncheons, and other activities and to have some travel brochures of the New England area.
  - 2:** to participate in The Row game (explained at Escapeade).
  - 3:** to have a local treat available, maybe maple sugar or seashells,
  - 4:** Friends or group members can assist you on The Row - the more, the merrier! The Chapter banner will be given to you to display at your location.

Have you been somewhere really amazing lately? Have you got a favorite campground? Let's share experiences and recommendations in YOUR newsletter! You can send them to me or to Sherril.

Until Ron & I see you again, happy travels, good times and SKP Hugs,  
Joan



*Joan enjoying a quiet paddle in the Contoocook River near Hancock, NH.*

### **www.Escapees.com**

Have you checked the NEW Escapees website? [www.escapees.com](http://www.escapees.com)

It's been redesigned and reorganized with a whole new look.

You will need a new id/pass, so please follow the instructions on the sign-in page. Then take time to take a tour by clicking on the various headings and pull down menus.

Please click "MySKP" on the opening page to check that your name, address, email information is correct.

Also check your chapter/c-bof web site for upcoming rally information.

**To go direct to  
our Chapter 3 Site use**  
[http://  
northeastchapter3.weebly.com/](http://northeastchapter3.weebly.com/)

## Member News

### RV Adventures

The RV lifestyle is almost always a treat. But, recently two members of Chapter 3 enjoyed some special experiences.

**Bruce and Arlene Hanson** attended the recent Chapter 3 Rally in Hancock NH, where Arlene had a really great day. She went into town to do some marketing but ended up meeting one of the innkeepers of the historic Hancock Inn who gave her a full, private tour of the tavern and guest quarters. The Hancock Inn is one of the oldest in New England. When it opened in 1789, George Washington was in the first year of his presidency.

Continuing on down the street, Arlene noticed the First Congregational Church, which not only houses worship space, but also the Hancock Town Hall. Arlene asked an approaching stranger about this interesting co-tenancy. He explained that the church was on the second floor (closer to Heaven?) and the town offices on the first. He introduced himself as Bob Fogg and invited Arlene to the 4<sup>th</sup> floor tower where he has wound the clock, by hand, since 1965!

Arlene says if she hadn't had responsibilities, and a husband, at the Rally, she might have stayed in Hancock forever!

*Read a recent Yankee Magazine story about Bob and the clock at <http://www.yankeemagazine.com/issues/2012-01/features/clock-caretaker>*

Your editor, **Sherril Bover-Cheney**, a New Hampshire native, is also having some interesting times. I've been tracing my roots on *Ancestry.com* and was lucky to be reunited (after 50 years) with some cousins from Vermont. After the Rally, **Niles** and I came to the Green Mountain State to scope out cemeteries and visit the cousins. When I advised my cousin that we would be staying at Lake Champagne Campground in Randolph Center, VT, she told me that the land on which the campground sits had been our great-grandparents' farm!

I mentioned this to Pierre LaFrance, the owner of the campground, and he shared a photo of a house that his parents had owned adjacent to the farm. It was the same house that my grandfather had been born to! It's quite a feeling to walk around and imagine Grampy Bover and his siblings walking on the very same land.

We had another "small-world" experience when we learned that our campground neighbors, who are from Waitsfield, VT, know my cousin and her family! In fact, they went to high school together! Can't wait to find out what my next surprise will be!

*PS: We are loving Vermont; Niles, who is originally from Kansas, is very taken with our New England architecture and the general beauty of the area.*

*We can strongly recommend Lake Champagne Campground – it's quiet, amazingly spacious and very well-kept.*

**Ed and Cathy Landry** want to remind you to put this date on your summer calendar: July 19 @ noon! It's the annual SKP luncheon at the *Old Country Buffet*, located at 90 Providence Hwy. (Rt.1) in Walpole, MA (just inside the Walpole Mall). Its easy to get to, just off of Rt. 495 or Rt. 95.

Come socialize with fellow Escapees from Chapter 3, the northeast or just about anywhere! If you want to make a day out of it, the popular Patriot's Place is just down the street with lots of shops, a cinema and a walking trail behind Bass Pro Shop. Any questions contact Cathy Landry 508-269-3359. Hope to see you there!



**THANKS TO THE INTERSTATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM, IT IS NOW POSSIBLE TO TRAVEL FROM COAST TO COAST WITHOUT SEEING ANYTHING."**

**– CHARLES KURALT**

## SKP News

Hi Folks --- We enjoyed a much-too-short inland passage to Alaska cruise with some SKP friends. Now it is time to ramble and enjoy our summer travels. We hope you have plans to enjoy some chapter/c-bof rallies for fun, adventures and friendships.

We also are making plans for **Escapade** in Sedalia, MO Sept 16-21. Have you seen **Bob & Mollie Pinner's** articles in the *Escapees Magazine* or on Facebook? You can quickly register on the website, by phone 888-757-2582, or mail in the form found in your magazine.

Have you checked out the **NEW Escapees website**? It has a whole new look. Go to [www.escapees.com](http://www.escapees.com). *Be sure to follow instructions for your NEW id/pass.* **MySKP** is now active. Also info for **MyMail** including requesting mail, adding postage. The Membership Directory now lists names by SKP #, the Member Handbook is now available on line, as well as Emergency Documents. Check it out! Cruise through **Benefits** to see the Magazine, Info to join the Mail Service, Parking, Events (that's the latest Rally Calendar), Groups (that's where to find chapter/c-bof/bof information, Escapade and more! **Resources** has areas of interest and the **Forum** is the place to research RV questions.

We wish you sunny skies, a happy heart, and memorable days ahead....

See you along the way.

**SKP Hugs Susie & Denny Orr**



“WHEN  
PREPARING TO  
TRAVEL, LAY  
OUT ALL YOUR  
CLOTHES AND  
ALL YOUR  
MONEY. THEN  
TAKE HALF THE  
CLOTHES AND  
TWICE THE  
MONEY”. —  
**UNKNOWN**

## Spring Rally Minutes

### Escapees Chapter 3 Meeting - June 9, 2012

#### 7 Maples Campground, Hancock NH

**Ron Scopa**, vice president began the meeting by announcing a 50/50 Raffle to benefit the Escapees CARE center in Livingston. The raffle raised \$45 for the center.

Ron then introduced **President Joan Hurd** who called the meeting to order.

Meeting business:

- Minutes from the previous meeting were approved as read.
- New business. A **nominating committee** is needed for Vice President and Treasurer to be elected in August 2012.
- **Treasurer Judy Penman** reported a treasury balance of \$2,620.73
- Ron Scopa recognized and thanked **Fran and Irene Lambert** for stepping in to help organize the rally when wagonmasters **Cricket and Chuck Johnson** were detained by storm damage to their property.
- **VCRs Phil and Cindy Devonshire** explained the job of a VCR; recommended upcoming HOPs and the Sept. 16-21 Escapade. Cindy mentioned that members can find history on Escapees on Facebook, and she discussed the recent SKP ACRE which was attended by 165 rigs. Check it out at SKPAcre.com
- Newsletter editor **Sherril Bover-Cheney** made a plea for input on the chapter's quarterly newsletter, asking members to advise her on their news and on what might be valuable to them as part of the newsletter.
- Joan closed the meeting with a call for all members to mark their calendars for **Lobster-Fest**. (Information on page 1)

# Escapees RV Club Chapter 3, Northeast Rally Registration and Waiver

August 15-19, 2012 Rally, Pumpkin Patch RV Park

(Please Contact them at 149 Billings Road Hermon, ME 04401. [www.pumpkinpatchrv.com](http://www.pumpkinpatchrv.com). (207-848-2231) for reservations.

Names of Attendees: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Info \_\_\_\_\_

SKP# \_\_\_\_\_ Ch 3 Member? Y N Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ No of Pets \_\_\_\_\_ First Time at a Ch 3 rally? Y N # \_\_\_\_\_ will attend dinner on Aug 14

Rally fee per person, *excluding* Lobster Feed - \$20 x \_\_\_\_\_ # People = Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Checks are payable to Northeast Chapter 3 . Total Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_

How many lobsters per person would you like? \_\_\_\_\_

## REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS JULY 00

Please complete this form and mail with check to Ron Scopa at 3A McKays Dr., Rockport, MA 01966-1404.

- **Lobster Fest costs will be payable upon arrival the first day of rally when you order.**
- Daily registration for those not attending full rally may be paid at the Social Hour on the first day, Aug 17<sup>th</sup>.

## WAIVER

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 is 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, audiotaped, or photographed, and granting full use without compensation

## Tentative Schedule

### • 2012 Pre-rally Get-Together Aug, 14, TUESDAY

5PM - Meet at the Clubhouse at for Dutch Treat Dinner at Angler's Restaurant. Please let Ron Scopa or Joan Hurd ([rv.nirvana@yahoo.com](mailto:rv.nirvana@yahoo.com)) know if you are attending so reservations can be made.

### • Aug. 15 WEDNESDAY

8 AM - Coffee /Continental Breakfast

1-3 PM - Registration, Membership Renewals, Volunteer Sign-ups, Lobster Ticket Sales

4PM - Social Hour-BYOB and snack to share. Introductions/Ice Breaker and 50/50 ticket sales.

5:30 PM - Complimentary Chapter 3 dinner.

6:30 PM - VCR Greetings

7:30 PM - Game Time. Campfire each night weather permitting

### • Aug .16 THURSDAY

7:30-9 AM Coffee /Continental Breakfast

9-11 - Late Registrations and Sign-ups, Book Swap, Hobbies, Treasures

11AM - 1 PM - Lunch on your own

1:30 PM - Brown Bag Auction

4-5 PM - Social Hour and Wine Tasting sponsored by Winterport Winery

7-9 PM - Potluck Supper / Iron Chef Hors d'oeuvres Contest.

### • Aug. 17 FRIDAY

7:30-9 AM Coffee /Continental Breakfast in a Bag!

Free Day for sightseeing, playing games or lounging

4-5 PM - Social Hour

7-9PM - Rockin' Ron and the New Society Band.

### • Aug. 18 SATURDAY - Lobster Fest Day !

7:30-9 AM - Coffee /Continental Breakfast

9:30 AM - Lobster Fest Prep Team – All hands on deck!

10-11:30 AM - Outdoor games and Dining Room Set up.

12:30 PM - **Lobster Fest** (lobster, steamers, corn on the cob)

Bring your own place setting and shell crackers. Grill will be hot for anyone wanting to cook foods other than lobster.

2:30 PM - Annual Chapter 3 meeting and elections.

Group Photo.

4-5 PM Ice Cream Social

### • Aug .19 SUNDAY

7-8 AM - Hitch-up Blueberry Pancake Breakfast

10 AM - Officer's Meeting and Rally Tally.

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## Membership Form

Northeast Chapter #3 dues are \$5 per year: September through August.

Please mail dues to treasurer, Judy Penman, 1160 Norwich New London Tpke, Uncasville CT 06382-1616.

Make checks payable to Northeast Chapter #3.

Include:

SKP # \_\_\_\_\_

Names \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

email: (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

Amt. \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ years



**Chapter Voice Mail Information: 888-757-7701 ext. 8003**