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ESCAPEES NORTHEAST CHAPTER 3

SUMMER 2017

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Howdy to all. Happy Summer. Millie and I finished our 15,000 mile adventure in late May. We hit most sections of the continental US, and a bit of Mexico. Needless to say, our country is both big and beautiful. The people are what makes it great however.

We had a small but enjoyable June rally at the Newfound Lake RV Park. We will be returning there next year at about the same time.

Our big Lobster Rally is just around the corner in August at the Pumpkin Patch RV Park.

Charlie has arranged entertainment. Please come and enjoy. Maureen awaits our payments.

God bless all, Tim Hanson,

P.S. Need candidates for President and Secretary for the August election. I will not be repeating as Pres. Thanks.

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LOBSTERFEST PLEASE MAKE SURE TO MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS ASAP AS SITES ARE LIMITED Tue Aug 15 - Sat Aug 19 Pumpkin Patch RV Resort 149 Billings Rd, Hermon, ME_ (207) 848-2231 Note. Because of a scheduling conflict at the campground, the August rally has been scheduled to begin on a Tue instead of the usual Wed.

A memorial to celebrate the life of Kay Peterson will take place July 1 at 2 p.m. at the CARE center in Livingston, Texas. Kay and her late husband, Joe Peterson, founded Escapees RV Club in 1978, and continued to serve its members until 1990 when leadership of the club was passed to their daughter, Cathie Carr, and her husband, Bud. From writing and publishing the club's early newsletters in the 1970s and 1980s, to advising the current board of directors in her later years, Kay maintained a strong connection to the club and its members. Escapees encourages members that cannot attend to celebrate by tying a red ribbon on their RV. This symbol will allow members to be with the Peterson family in spirit. Escapees will also be distributing video copies of the memorial afterwards to each of the Rainbow Parks. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to CARE.

TENTATIVE RALLY SCHEDULE:

Registration is **Tue** , Tues. night is out for dinner (Angler's Rest.); **Wed.** is FREE day (do what you want. , Wed. night (Free meal by Chapter); **Thurs.** 9am MEETING ; 4pm Ice cream and raffles, dinner on your own .or POT LUCK ??? . 7p.m. THE JUDGE !!; **Fri** ALL HANDS ON DECK ! LOBSTER FEED , 1 P.M. , 7 P.M. - dance & music (Sammie Angle); **Sat** . Pan-cakes & coffee 7-9am HOOK - UP !!!!!!! EVERY MORNING WE'LL HAVE COFFEE AND DONATS , MUFFINS, TOAST.

FILL OUT REGISTRATION FORM IN THIS NEWSLETTER AND MAIL ALONG WITH RALLY FEE.

MEMBER NEWS:

Rick and Eileen Russo wrote: We are back in Junction, Tx at North Llano RV Park. Rick is with me till April then he is going back up to MA to stay with his Dad for a few months. We have a new truck and Wildcat 5th wheel. Loved the time we spent up there at the rallies. Don't miss the cold weather though! Our new addition to the family; Grainger 8 month old Jack Russell. Our beloved Choochie passed away at 13 last August.

Joan Hurd/Ron Scopia wrote: Spent three months in Mission TX We will be in entertainment withdrawal since the Rio Grande Valley has great musicians and singers from Branson to choose from every day in multiple venues. One particular treat was a Mariachi Concert at the San Juan Basilica. There were 5 groups of Mariachi, two from local middle schools and three high school groups. Amazing talent.

Tricia Schmidt writes: I'll be flying east for a 50th college reunion the last weekend in April and once I'm back in Casa Grande I need a day or so to get ready to head to Maine, via South Dakota, for a May 31st rendezvous at the Pumpkin Patch for a 51-day Adventure Caravan tour of just Newfoundland. Since the end of October I have a new-to-me addition to my RV in the form of a 12 year old (large for his breed) Papillon named Trouble. His original owner had named him Pappy, but when I first met the two of them several years ago and asked her what her dog's name was, she said Trouble, so Trouble he is (although he doesn't live up to his name, fortunately). His daytime bed when we're parked is one of my couches, not that I spoil him or anything :-). After the end of the caravan, I will make my way back to the Pumpkin Patch and be there for the Lobster Fest.

Rick and Mary Sorensen wrote: We will not be attending the rallies which is a real disappointment for us. Mary and I are full time rv'ers now and for the past 2 years have returned home to the New England area from Arizona. This year we decided we needed a break from all that traveling, and instead, will be spending the summer in the Black Hills of SD. This past March, while in Tucson, AZ at the Escapade, I saw Charles & Carol Bennett, Pete and Donna Ward, and Mike and Linda Anderson. And if you don't think it is a small world, we are currently staying at Santa Fe Skies RV Park, and during the course of a morning walk this week, who should I run into but Pete Ward. Wow, was all I could say. Say hello to all for us. We'll miss being there.....

We are happy to report that **Armand Auclair** is doing well at rehab after heart surgery.

We welcome new members Bobbie and Gleen McCracken from Freedom, NH Glenn is a retired HS teacher, Bobbie is a retired counselor still per diem social worker at Huggins Hospital. They travel in rv in summer with family and friends, Winter Jan-April in Clearbrook rv resort in FL. They will be going to Yosemite, Oregon, Washinton and Alaska next year from May thru Sept.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR NEEDED: After 30 years in the club, we are dropping our membership in Chapter 3 since we no longer rv. It has been a pleasure to serve as Treasurer, newsletter editor and hosting three camping rallies. I believe that if you belong to a club, you should be an active participant.

The Difference Between a Milkshake and a Frappe

Do you know the difference between a milkshake and a frappe? How about a cabinet? Read on to learn the New England frappe drink definition. When is a milkshake not a milkshake? In New England, of course, when it's a frappe (or a cabinet). Confused? Let's break down the delicious difference between a milkshake, frappe, and cabinet.

According to the *American Heritage College Dictionary*, a milkshake is a "a beverage that is made of milk, ice cream, and often flavoring and is blended or whipped until foamy." Unless you live in New England, where a milkshake would never include ice cream. Adding ice cream makes it a "frappe" drink.

I don't know why we call the delicious mix of ice cream, milk, syrup, and sometimes malt powder a frappe (pronounced "frap") here in New England, but when you really think about it, a milkshake shouldn't be anything *other* than shaken (NOT stirred) milk and syrup. And a frappe, which sounds funny and looks elegant with those double p's, must (of course) be the fancier of the two, meaning the one with the ice cream. It makes perfect sense. Now for those who wonder if a chocolate milkshake in New England is basically just a glass of chocolate milk, the answer is a resounding NO. Chocolate milk is the casual stirring of chocolate syrup into a glass of milk. A chocolate milkshake is the vigorous shaking (or blending) of the two until the consistency is perfectly creamy and a frothy head is formed. I used the same stick blender in a tall glass pitcher to make this drink as well. Finally, to make matters even more confusing, if you're from certain parts of Rhode Island and southeastern Massachusetts, you order a cabinet.

What is a cabinet? Basically it's the same thing as a frappe (usually coffee-flavored and made with Autocrat Coffee Syrup, but it got its name because that's where the blender was kept. We like to keep milkshake-loving tourists on their toes here in New England!

TIPS: (Thanks Judy for the below tips)

If you are in an area where you should have **cell phone service** but don't, put your phone on airplane mode and then switch back. This will cause your phone to register and find all the towers in the vicinity. Running low on battery? Put your phone on airplane mode and it will charge faster.

Pineapple juice is 500% more effective at helping you stop coughing than cough syrup. Pineapples contain bromelain, which can combat infections and eradicate the bacteria.

Use a fork to keep **taco shells** steady while filling them up.

To quickly **cool a drink**, wrap a paper towel around it and put it in the freezer for a few minutes.

Use a piece of **raw spaghetti** when your reuniting low on matches. It's the perfect tool for those hard-to-light candles.

Mosquito bite? Press a hot spoon on the bite. The heat will destroy the chemical that caused the reaction and the itching will stop.

Kills **fleas** instantly. Dawn dishwashing liquid does the trick. Add a few drops to your dog's bath and shampoo the dog thoroughly. Rinse well to avoid skin irritation. Goodbye fleas.

Rainy day cure for **dog odor**. Next time your dog comes in from the rain, simply wipe down the animal with bounce or any other dryer sheet instantly making your dog smell springtime fresh.

Zen Coloring Book For Adults

Adult coloring books are all the rage these days. If you'd like to give it a try, I'd suggest checking out Zen Coloring Book For Adults, a fun and free app for Windows 8.1 and Windows 10. You can color using your mouse or by drawing on the screen using a touchscreen device. I tested it out both ways and it works fine either way. To find the app, tap the Windows Store icon to open the store and search for Zen Coloring Book For Adults. Or type Zen Coloring Book For Adults in your Windows 10 search box. It should bring up store results. The app is free, so just tap the Free button to install.

Preserve privacy with your Windows 10 PC. To turn off location tracking, go to start/setting and choose Privacy, In the Location area, you can have windows stop tracking you—or choose specific apps that can or cannot track you. To get rid of ads on the lock screen, start at settings, go to Personalization, click lock screen, and under Background, choose Picture or Sideshow—not Windows Spotlight, which lets ads through. To limit advertisers access to your data, go to Privacy/General and switch off “Let apps use my advertising ID.”

Some Tricks to make your fruit and vegetables last longer

Put an apple in your bag of potatoes Sprouted potatoes are at the top of nobody's to-eat list. It turns out the best way to keep them fresh is to keep an apple in the bag – apples produce ethylene gas, which keeps potatoes fresher and firmer, and ready for mashed potato duties for a few more weeks

But keep apples away from other fruits and veggies Ethylene gas may be good for potatoes, but it's bad for almost everything else. Keep apples out of the fruit bowl (and in a plastic bag in the fridge) and you should suddenly find that your other purchases keep much better.

Wash berries in vinegar Because fate is cruel, berries are both a) pretty much the most expensive fruit and b) the quickest to go moldy by a mile. You can extend their life by giving them a bath in 1 cup of vinegar and 3 cups of water before you put them in the fridge – this kills the mold spores and bacteria that turn them fuzzy. Just be sure to dry them thoroughly before storing.

DON'T refrigerate your tomatoes Seriously. You'll kill their flavor, and their juicy texture doesn't survive so well in the cold either. To make the most of your tomatoes, keep them on a counter to allow them to ripen them to their full potential. FYI, other veggies that shouldn't live in the fridge include potatoes and onions, although they should be stored in a cool dark place rather than within the sun's reach.

Wrap celery in foil In the plastic wrapper you get from the supermarket, celery will last a week or two at most – annoying if you only use a couple of stalks at a time. Swap the original packaging for a sheet of aluminium foil – it lets the gas that spoils your celery escape, rather than trapping it like plastic, so the celery stays crisp long enough for plenty more hummus-dipping adventures.

Keep Mushrooms in a paper bag Proper greengrocers use these bad boys for a reason – paper bags keep mushrooms much more efficiently than the usual plastic tubs. Moisture is a slime sentence for mushrooms, so storing them this way keeps them clean and dry (and if you leave them too long and find they get too dry, you can give them a quick rinse in the sink and they'll plump right back up).

Ice your greens You're too good for limp lettuce and you know it. Rehydrate and refresh your leaves by separating them and tossing them into a sinkful of iced water for anywhere from 5 to 30 mins, depending on how sad they're looking. Voila – your dinner salad no longer earns itself a spot on Dimly Lit Meals for One.

DIFFERENT DRUG PROBLEM:

The other day, someone at a store in our town read that a Methamphetamine lab had been found in an old farmhouse in the adjoining county and he asked me a rhetorical question, "Why didn't we have a drug problem when you and I were growing up?"

I replied, I had a drug problem when I was young: I was drug to church on Sunday morning. I was drug to church for weddings and funerals. I was drug to family reunions and community socials no matter the weather.

I was drug by my ears when I was disrespectful to adults. I was also drug to the woodshed when I disobeyed my parents, told a lie, brought home a bad report card, did not speak with respect, spoke ill of the teacher or the preacher, or if I didn't put forth my best effort in everything that was asked of me.

I was drug to the kitchen sink to have my mouth washed out with soap if I uttered a profanity. I was drug out to pull weeds in mom's garden and flower beds and cockleburs out of dad's fields. I was drug to the homes of family, friends and neighbors to help out some poor soul who had no one to mow the yard, repair the clothesline or chop some firewood, and, if my mother had ever known that I took a single dime as a tip for this kindness, she would have drug me back to the woodshed.

Those drugs are still in my veins and they affect my behavior in everything I do, say, or think. They are stronger than cocaine, crack, or heroin; and, if today's children had this kind of drug problem, America would be a better place.

God bless the parents who drugged us.

Homemade Shower Cleaner and Soap Scum Remover

You'll need: a spray bottle, 1 part Dawn dishwashing liquid, 1 part white vinegar

Directions: Measure out equal amounts of Dawn soap and white vinegar. (Somewhere between one and two cups of each should be plenty.)

Heat the white vinegar in your microwave until hot, then pour it into your spray bottle.

Pour the Dawn soap into the bottle as well, then put the lid on and gently shake to mix.

How To Use Spray liberally around your tub and/or shower. Let the mixture sit for 30 minutes to an hour, then scrub (if needed) and rinse well.

When using, make sure your bathroom is as well-ventilated as possible. Turn on the fan and open any windows, because this stuff is POTENT. It smells really strongly of vinegar right after spraying it, but the smell does dissipate fairly quickly. If you really can't stand the smell of vinegar, you could throw a bandana around your mouth and nose while you're using the cleaner. But the end result is well worth it, I promise!

Why It Works

This homemade shower cleaner works so well because it's actually two cleaners in one! White vinegar can eliminate odor, dissolve tough messes, and remove stains, and do about a hundred other things, too.

Dawn dish soap cuts through stubborn grease and grime like nobody's business, and it has almost as many uses as vinegar! The soap also makes the homemade shower cleaner thicker, so it clings to the walls and floor of your tub and shower, rather than running right down the drain.

10 Prettiest Coastal Towns in New England

KENNEBUNKPORT, MAINE

Often named one of the best coastal towns in Maine, Kennebunkport has it all. The Kennebunk River adds even more waterline charm to the small shops, elegant ship captains' homes, and fishing ports of this vibrant Southern Maine town of 3,474.

Unique View: The quintessential fishing village of Cape Porpoise, Maine.

See More: From the river and harbor on Rugosa Lobster Tours.

BAR HARBOR, MAINE

Some Maine coastal towns have an unfair advantage. Perched on Mount Desert Island at the gateway to , this historic resort town still resonates with the Victorian splendor of bygone days, not to mention the backdrop of Cadillac Mountain.

Unique View: From Bar Island, which you can walk to at low tide (plan ahead).

See More: Lighthouse and National Park Tour via catamaran.

NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE

One of the loveliest New Hampshire coastal towns, this town of 968 residents at the mouth of the Piscataqua River is made up entirely of islands. The Victorian charm of the Wentworth by the Sea [Hotel](#) makes the setting even lovelier.

Unique View: Portsmouth Harbor Lighthouse

CAMDEN, MAINE

The self-dubbed "Jewel of the Coast" is a well-deserved moniker, and this Mid-Coast harbor town of 4,823 on Penobscot Bay is tucked where mountains reach down to the sea.

Unique View: Three windjammers making this narrow harbor their home.

NEWPORT, RHODE ISLAND

Spectacular at every turn, from broad, sandy beaches to deep harbors bristling with schooners, racing yachts, and pleasure craft; from cozy Colonial taverns to opulent Gilded Age mansions.

Unique View: The twinkling span of the Pell Bridge just after twilight.

See More: From a historical point of view, with Newport History Tours.

NEW SHOREHAM, RHODE ISLAND

All of verdant, windswept Block Island, just 13 miles off Rhode Island's southern coast, is technically New Shoreham, but it's the Victorian harbor-front that makes landing here forever captivating.

Unique View: Granite-blocked Southeast Lighthouse, perched at on one of the island's iconic bluffs..

ROCKPORT, MASSACHUSETTS

Artists love Massachusetts coastal towns, and Rockport in particular. Painters turned this fishing village into an art colony for a reason—it's an inspiration. Perched at the tip of Cape Ann, there are rugged shorelines, hidden coves, and a bustling, historic village.

Unique View: Motif No. 1, the most painted building in the world.

STONINGTON BOROUGH, CONNECTICUT

Connecticut coastal towns don't always get the attention they so justly deserve. This delightful village of fewer than 1,000 residents boasts a wealth of 18th-19th-century buildings on its own narrow peninsula that juts into Fisher's Island Sound and Little Narragansett Bay, with views in all directions.

Unique View: From "The Point," a view of Rhode Island, Connecticut, and New York.

See More: On foot, with a self-guided walking tour available at the Old Lighthouse Museum.

OAK BLUFFS, MARTHA'S VINEYARD, MASSACHUSETTS

The brightly colored gingerbread Victorian cottages make this laid-back enclave on Martha's Vineyard a true New England confection. And on one night each summer, the cottages light up with Chinese lanterns, making it likely the loveliest place on earth.

Unique View: The nation's oldest platform carousel.

PROVINCETOWN, MASSACHUSETTS

Set at the outermost tip of Cape Cod, surrounded by water on three sides and backed by vast sand dunes on the fourth, Provincetown is a colorful gem that's drawn artists and writers for generations.

Unique View: A bird's eye, from the top of the Pilgrim Monument.

See More: By jeep, of Provincetown's famous sand dunes, with Art's Dune Tours.

ESCAPEES RV CLUB, NORTHEAST CH 3 LOBSTERFEST August 15-Aug 19th

PUMPKIN PATCH RV RESORT (For reservatons please contact them at 149 Billings Road, Hermon, ME , 04401, www.pumpkinpatchrv.com. Or (207-848-2231). Please reserve your campsite ASAP before registering for the rally, Available spaces are limited. Then Please complete this form and mail with check to **Maureen DeRoy Escapees Northeast Chapter 3, 88 Atwood Road Wilmot, NH 03287**

Names of Attendees: _____

Mailing Address _____

SKP# _____ Ch 3 Member? Y N Email Address _____

Phone # _____ # of Pets ____ Type _____

1st Time at a Chapter 3 rally? Y N 1st year an Escapee member? Y N

Emergency Contact: Name: _____ Phone # _____

Will attend Pre-rally Dinner on Aug 13? Y N Number of persons: _____

Rally fee per person, excluding Lobster Feed \$ 25.00 x _____ # People = Total \$ _____

Checks are payable to: Escapees Northeast Chapter 3. Total Enclosed \$ _____ Check # _____

Lobster Costs will be payable upon arrival the first day of rally when you order. How many lobsters per person would you like? _____

Registration for those not attending the full rally may be paid at the Social Hour of that day, on a pro-rated basis.

Pre-rally Dinner. Participants will meet at the Clubhouse at 5:30PM to carpool over for a Dutch Treat at a local restaurant. If you have questions or need more information contact Milke/Sandy Keliher at sandy.keliher@gmail.com

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, their 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, audio taped, or photographed, and granting full use without compensation.

Signature(s) _____

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION, RENEWAL, AND/OR UPDATE
(Due by October 1)

Chapter 3 annual dues are \$5.00 .per year. members who join at the June rally or after will include the following year. To reduce operating costs we will e-mail your Newsletter to you unless you specifically request that a printed copy be mailed. (Check the roster for your membership expiration date.)

Request for mailed Newsletter _____

Renewal _____ Correction _____ New Member _____ SKP # _____

Name _____

Spouse/Companion _____

Address _____
Street City State & Zip Code

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Amount enclosed: \$ _____ Number of years _____

No person may be a member of Northeast Chapter #3 SKPS unless he/she is a member of National Escapees. Dues do not cover the cost of rally and/or camping fees. Dues are effective from October 1 - September 30.

**Please make check payable to: Escapees Northeast Chapter 3 and send, along with this form, to:
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