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SUMMER 2011

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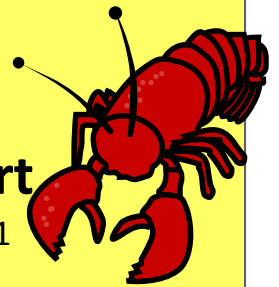
LOBSTERFEST!

AUG 17-20, 2011

Pumpkin Patch RV Resort

149 Billings Road, Hermon, ME 04401

www.pumpkinpatchrv.com



Some of the fun on the agenda!

- Wednesday - Registration, happy 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

Welcome to Summer!

Well it's *finally* here, and after spending three months this winter at **Rainbow Plantation** in Summerdale, AL, we spent a week at **Rainbow's End** in Livingston, TX. We were very impressed with the **CARE** facility and the people who run it and volunteer there. All of our donations are very well utilized. Please keep them coming.

As we ventured home we stayed at another Escapees park in Branson, MO. **Turkey Creek** is a small but extremely friendly park with direct access to Lake Tanneycomo and just a short distance to all the entertainment of downtown Branson. It also has a dog park for which Dixie was grateful.

Isn't it nice to see the sun and the trees blooming with flowers popping up after a very cold and snowy winter in the northeast? We hope everyone survived the unpredictable weather wherever you were. Our prayers go out to all of those who lost property or friends and family due to the terrible tornado devastations.

Ron & I were so happy to see our friends, old and new, at the **June Rally**. Our thoughts go out to **Esther Tallamy** and **Yvonne Crockett**, who were unable to attend this year. They were sorely missed. We were very pleased to meet our visiting VCRs, **Tom & Debbie Abernethy** at the June rally. VCRs **Tom & Mary Anne O'Bryant** will be joining us at the **Lobsterfest** in August.

For those of you who could not join us in June, I am looking forward to seeing you at **Lobsterfest**, August 17-21, 2011 at Pumpkin Patch in Hermon, ME where you shall elect a new president and secretary. The vice president and treasurer will serve another year until those offices are up for reelection. Please enter your name for nomination to one of these offices or nominate someone you think will be a great asset to our chapter. **Armand Auclair,**

(armayb@verizon.net) and **Ed Lonergan,** (eneed@verizon.net) are the nominating committee members.

The only way to keep the club current and interesting is to bring in new officers with a new vision.

See you soon.

SKP Hugs, Joan

Thank You, Joyce Bogan!

After dedicating many years of serving Chapter 3 as our editor and webmaster, **Joyce** has decided to step down and hand the reins over to Sherril Bover. We are very grateful to Joyce for keeping us informed of the chapter's members and events and for the many helpful hints and articles she has provided. Many of our members cannot attend rallies because of distance or other commitments and the quarterly newsletter helps to keep us all in touch with each other. It has always been happily anticipated, whether by email or snail mail.



Welcome to Sherril Bover!

Please join me in welcoming **Sherril** as our new editor. While new to Chapter 3, she and **Niles Cheney** and **Bart** the rocket dog have been Escapees for four years. Sherril has a background in publishing, including writing and publishing a book of her own! She was newsletter editor for the CA marina where she and Niles lived on their 60-foot trawler before taking to the roads.



Please send newsletter submissions, including photos, to Sherril at sherril.bover@att.net



A perfect summer day is when the sun is shining, the breeze is blowing, the birds are singing, and the lawn mower is broken.

~James Dent

Member News

- **Cindy & Phil Devonshire** are spending the summer travelling in Alaska.
- **Ted & Sue Piotrowicz** are building a home in Florida and selling their condo in Connecticut.
- **Jim & Lucy Rae's** granddaughter graduated in June. Congratulations!
- **John & Maureen DeRoy** will be heading west in June, then north to Alaska. Maureen says, "Wishing everyone the best. Happy Trails. Lots of HUGS."
- **Jack & Gerry Fisher** are going on the Grand Canyon HOP in June. They hope to make the August rally.
- **Pat LaPointe** fell and broke her ankle in several places and was unable to attend the June rally. Hoping she is feeling much better now.
- **Judy and Don Penman** are entertaining their granddaughter **Breanna** this summer.
- **Suki Gebro** will be retiring this summer. Congratulations!



Help CARE with Your Camping World Receipts

Camping World has again agreed to donate 2% of the total receipts for purchases made at Camping World businesses by Escapees members to **Escapees CARE**. The cap for 2011 is \$5,000.

CARE will use about \$3,500 to bring its six golf carts up to a safe driving condition. The other \$1,500 will go toward the purchase of a portable projector and accessories for laptop presentations.

You can contribute by mailing copies of your Camping World receipts, within 90 days of purchase to: **Escapees RV Club, 100 Rainbow Drive, Livingston, TX 77351**, or by faxing to **936-327-4388**. E-mail is clubbusiness@escapees.com or carefd@escapees.com

Robert "RB" Brinton, Facility Director

Life is either a daring adventure or nothing. To keep our faces toward change and behave like free spirits in the presence of fate is strength undefeatable.

~Helen Keller

Chapter 3 on the Row?

Escapade – August 28 to September 2– is just around the corner. **Bob & Molly Pinner**, Escapade directors, have plans for a traditional Escapade in Gillette, Wyoming. They are working on **The Row** activities, and hope Chapter 3 and/or any C-BOFs will be represented there.

Please call to register for The Row soon at 888-757-2582 and ask for Kim.

The Row will be inside at the Wyoming Center Building – Spirit Center area – with a table and 2 chairs provided for each group.

Reasons to be on The Row include:

- Sharing your group information – rallies, luncheons, etc
- Offering a map with locations marked for events
- Sharing **a few** travel brochures of your area
- Participate in **The Row** game (explained at Escapade)
- Offering special treats from your area

We're looking forward to great entertainment, excellent classes, interesting market area, extra activities, and of course lots of SKP Hugs. Check the website for details

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

See you in Gillette. Hugs, Susie & Denny Orr

June Rally Report

This year's spring rally was held at **Woodmore Campground** in Rindge NH. A total of 25 members, counting the VCRs, and one additional guest, attended. One Escapée couple, who were not Chapter 3 members, joined our chapter during the rally.

Probably influenced by the higher fuel costs, the turnout was smaller than last year.

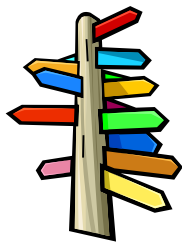
However, the **VCRs, Tom and Debbie Abernathy** did drive from Maryland, and another member couple drove all the way from Quebec City to attend.

Although the weather didn't always cooperate, most of the planned events took place on schedule, with the exception of the evening campfires. Two of the three had to be canceled. But, we were able to get in one full day of games that were enjoyed by both the participants and onlookers.

The **Welcome Dinner** which included hotdogs and pulled-pork sandwiches was delicious.

We looked forward to the morning coffee and doughnuts on Friday and Saturday, as well as the happy-hour get-togethers each afternoon.

We enjoyed a fabulous barbequed chicken dinner on Saturday evening in which there were two additional guests, and the farewell breakfast, the next morning that included scrambled eggs and sausages.



I travel
not to go
anywhere,
but to go.

I travel
for travel's sake.
The great affair
is to move.

~Robert Louis
Stevenson



Relaxing on the First Day

The chapter business meeting followed the dinner on Saturday. There was a special cake served after the meeting, honoring **Joyce Bogan**, who retired as chapter editor. Also "written" on the cake were congrats to **Fran and Irene Lambert** who had spent their wedding anniversary working the rally. Our VCR couple, **Tom and Debbie**, celebrated their wedding anniversary while at the rally.



Co-Hosts Fran and Irene Lambert

We are all very grateful to **Fran and Irene**, our rally hosts, and to **Don and Judy Penman**, who assisted, for a very successful rally. This foursome stepped up and took charge on short notice when the original volunteer wagon masters had to bow out.

The **June 2012 rally** will be hosted by **Chuck and Cricket Johnson** (our newest members) with assist from **Doug and Marion Crocker**.

*Rally report by
Chapter 3 Vice President **Ron Scopa***



Chow Line at the Welcome Dinner

Spring Rally Minutes

A chapter meeting was held on Saturday afternoon, chaired by **Joan Hurd**, President of Escapees Northeast Chapter 3.

The meeting opened by thanking the rally hosts **Francis and Irene Lambert**, who were assisted by **Don and Judy Penman**, for a job well done.

Next, the VCRs, **Tom and Debbie Abernathy**, who made a special trip at their expense to attend the rally were introduced formally to the throng.

Joan thanked our outgoing editor **Joyce Bogan** for many years of good service doing the newsletter and other correspondence. A celebration with cake honoring Joyce was held after the meeting.

Also mentioned was that the new editor will be **Sherril Bover**. Sherril will be starting her duties by generating the summer newsletter.

The Lamberts and the Abernathys were also congratulated because their wedding anniversary dates occurred during the rally.

Before temporarily handing the meeting over to VCR Tom Abernathy, Joan welcomed the Johnsons, **Chuck and Cricket**, who had just become new members of Chapter 3.

VCR Topics

Tom Abernathy reported that the national membership had risen to 108,717 as of the above date.

He discussed the **August Escapade** in Gillette, Wyoming in which he would be attending this year.

He then spoke about **Continued Assistance for Retired Escapees (C.A.R.E.)** at Rainbows End in Livingston TX. He touched upon the need for more volunteers at the facility, and for increased donations. He reported that **Camping World** donates 2% of the receipts from customers, when the store receipts are submitted to Escapees national office (see story page 3). The donations help to keep the expenses affordable for Escap-

ees who are in need of the **CARE** center's services.

Tom concluded his talk by reminding everyone about the wealth of the information found in issues of Escapees magazine, including rally dates, B.O.F.s, Escapades, seminars, etc.

Joan thanked Tom for the information and then mentioned the elections that will be held at the August rally. Members, this year, will vote for president and secretary, for a term of two years. **Armand Auclair** and **Ed Lonergan** will serve on the nominating committee to look for new candidates to compete for the two offices.

Joan next called on Chapter 3 Treasurer **Judy Penman**, who reported that prior to the rally, the club had receipts of \$1971.27 during the year, and expenditures of \$2619.55. She also stated that this rally had 26 people and 13 rigs attending. There were also two added guests for the main dinner on Saturday.

Next, the agenda addressed finding new wagonmasters for next year's June rally. It was suggested by the current wagonmaster-host that the newest members, **Chuck and Cricket Johnson**, have the honor. The Johnsons accepted after **Doug and Marion Crocker** offered their help as co-hosts. The site of next year's rally will be determined later by the new wagonmasters.

Lastly, **Tom Gebro** expressed his desire to change the chapter bylaws, to allow the summer rally and elections to be held as late as September 30 instead of the current deadline of August 31.

This matter will be addressed again and possibly voted on at the August rally.

The meeting was motioned for adjournment, and the motion was seconded.



A journey is best measured in friends, rather than miles.

~Tim Cahill

June 11, 2011
Woodmore Campground
Rindge, NH
By **Ron Scopa**
on behalf of club secretary

Escapees RV Club Chapter 3, Northeast Rally Registration and Waiver

Event: August 17-21, 2011 Rally, Pumpkin Patch RV Park

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 16

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

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

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS JULY 15th

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 17th.

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 RALLY ITINERARY

2011 Pre-rally Get-Together Aug, 16, TUESDAY

5PM -Meet at the Clubhouse at for Dutch Treat Dinner out.
Please let Ron Scopa or Joan Hurd
(rv.nirvana@yahoo.com) know if you are attending so
reservations can be made. Restaurant to be determined.

Aug. 17 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, Adoptions
7:30 PM - Game Time. Possible Campfire.

Aug .18 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
7-9 PM- Rockin' Ron and the New Society Band.

Aug. 19 FRIDAY

7:30-9 AM Coffee /Continental Breakfast
Free Day for sightseeing, playing games or lounging
around.
4-5 PM - Social Hour
6 PM - Potluck Supper and Iron Chef Dessert Contest.
Aug. 20 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 something other than
lobster.
2:30 PM - Annual Chapter 3 meeting and elections.
Group Photo.

4-5 PM Social Hour

Aug .21 SUNDAY

7-8 AM - Hitch-up Blueberry Pancake Breakfast
10 AM - Officer's Meeting and Rally Tally.

PO Box 465
Buckner, KY 40010



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