



# Nor'Easter

ESCAPEES NORTHEAST CHAPTER 3

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## LOBSTER FEST RALLY

### Wagon Master's Report

#### By Ron Scopa and Joan Hurd

The 2011 Lobster Fest Rally was held from August 17 to 21 with 25 rigs and 47 members and guests. A group of early arrivals got together Tuesday evening for a seafood dinner at Angler's restaurant in Hampden, ME, just a few miles distant. Good food and great company.

We were blessed with great weather and great participants.

A special thank you is in order to the **Auclairs** who arranged for delivery of the lobsters and clams and also in helped with their preparation. **Maybelle Auclair** prepared a tasty haddock chowder for the Wednesday Welcome dinner. Thanks to all the potato peelers, veggie choppers and hot dog cookers and servers. Everyone pitched right in where needed, especially **Fran Lambert** who headed up preparation and clean-up.

A special thanks again this year, to **Clay Hardy** for his early morning trips to Gosselin's donuts.

Thursday afternoon brought the fun-filled and fast-paced brown bag auc-

tion with **Fran Lambert** and **Joe Noll** as auctioneers, netting \$120 for the chapter and \$120 for CARE.

Great job guys. Thanks also to **Lucy Rae** and **Larry Space** for running the grid.

Seven members were welcomed and adopted, **Chuck & Cricket Johnson**, **Larry & Joyce Space**, **Patty Rogers**, **Pamela Pierce**, **Helmut Koch & Mairead Stein**, **Michael & Margie Parr** and **Bruce & Arlene Hanson**. Two of these were new members of Escapees.

Thursday evening the joint was jumpin' to the tunes of **Rockin' Ron and the New Society Band**. Never knew Chapter 3 had such great dancers! Congratulations to Twist dance contest winners, **Chuck & Cricket Johnson** who managed to edge out **Larry & Joyce Space**. Our thanks go to **Patty Rogers**, a new chapter 3 member and a long time resident of Rainbow's End in Livingston, TX., for staffing the lemonade bar.

After breakfast and a free day on Friday we all joined together for a pot luck and Iron Chef Contest. There were four contestants this year submitting their delicious desserts. **Marion Crocker's** French Apple Pie was the winner, followed by **Maybelle Auclair's** Peach Cobbler, **Margie**

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## President's Message

The rallies this year were great and well-attended, even though many of our friends seemed to head west or north to Alaska for the summer. We're dying to hear their stories.

Ron and I spent an extra week in Maine after the rally to catch our breath and do a little sightseeing. One day we travelled over to Bar Harbor and had a nice lunch overlooking the Harbor. Another day we took a short ride to the Penobscot Indian Museum located in Indian Island, ME. Very worthwhile, it's small but packed with history and artifacts.

The highlight of our visit was listening to all the wonderful talent at the Bangor Folk Music Festival. There was blues, bluegrass, country swing and a New Orleans Brass band for your listening pleasure. Great ethnic food, seafood booths and creative crafts were available at the market area.

If you're still in Maine next August, don't miss it.

I hope everyone fared well with the hurricanes this season, we were at Pumpkin Patch and while there was very heavy rain and some wind, we were very lucky. Except for

this one day we had beautiful weather the entire time we were there.

With the rallies behind us, we are looking forward to becoming snowbirds once again. Not sure where our travels will take us this year but if you see an Itasca Spirit towing a Mini-Cooper with a Kayak on top and RVTOAD on the plates, give us a shout.

Please send Sherril your stories, tips and hints for the road, don't forget to promote Chapter 3 with your all RVing friends. We always welcome new members and the chapter needs new ideas and creativity to keep it vibrant.

Looking forward to seeing you in the spring at the June rally if not before. Be sure to register early. The Johnsons and the Crockers have lots of great ideas planned.

Wishing everyone a Happy Halloween, a blessed Thanksgiving with family and friends and a carefree holiday season.

*SKP HUGS,*

*Joan*



Animals are such agreeable friends - they ask no questions; they pass no criticisms.

**George Eliot**

## Precious Pet Pix



**Are you known as Fluffy's mother? Spot's dad?**

I think I know more pet names than people names! If you have a cute pix of your animal companion(s) share them with us and we'll feature them in future newsletters.

Above are **Bart** (Bover-Cheney) and **Dixie** (Hurd-Scopa) playing in the fields near Rainbow Plantation in Summerdale AL.

Send your pix to newsletter editor Sherril Bover at [sherril.bover@att.net](mailto:sherril.bover@att.net).





## Rally News

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**Parr's** New Orleans pralines and **Carol Price's** Hidden Dessert. Thank you all. (See Page 5 for the winning recipes).

The "BIG DAY" arrived. Corn was husking, butter melting, clams steaming and lobsters boiling. Everything was delicious and enjoyed by all. Friends of the wagon masters, **Nancy & John Nelson** arrived for the dinner and John snapped the group photo for us so that Joyce Space, our rally photographer could be in it as well. Thanks Joyce for all your great photos.

A short annual meeting was held in the afternoon, electing the president and secretary for a term of two years in accordance with the Chapter's bylaws. **Joan Hurd** was reelected as president and **Tracey Magee** as secretary. **Patty Rogers** graciously recorded the minutes of the meeting in the absence of current secretary **Suzanne Piotrowicz** who was unable to attend due to illness. We all missed her and wish her well.

That evening an Ice Cream Social and Rally Cake were enjoyed, followed by the 50/50 drawing and door prizes. The 50/50 drawing was won by **Pete Corson**; it yielded \$172 of which \$86 will be sent to CARE.

We are grateful to **Camping World** for the donation of a \$25 gift certificate, **Gypsy Journal** for 2 annual subscriptions, a U.S. flag and pole set donated by **Fran Lambert** and other items donated by the chapter and the wagon masters.

HERE COMES THE JUDGE. **Fran Lambert** was terrific as judge with **Maybelle Auclair** as a standout sheriff. She had lots of stories and brought up many of us on charges, including your president, vice-president, her deputy **Russell Magee** and others.

A hitch-up breakfast of wild blueberry pancakes and sausages was served to sustain the SKPS as they hit the road.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone next year on Aug 15 to 19, 2012. **Joe Noll** has graciously volunteered to help us out.



A hug  
is like a  
boomerang -  
you get it  
back  
right away.

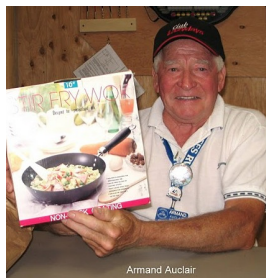
**Bil Keane**



Great Dancers



CORN HUSKERS, CAROL, JOYCE & IRENE



Armand Auclair



Great Chowder,  
Maybelle



GETTING READY FOR THE LOBSTERS

## Journey to Alaska

***John and Maureen DeRoy** were kind enough to share highlights and photos from a recent trek to Alaska. Here are a few. Ed.*

**Anchor Point** - Eagles, eagles, and more eagles. Watched the tractor bringing the boats in and out of the water on Cook's Inlet.

**Hidden Lake** - A beautiful National Park, \$5 per night. 5 1/2 mile lake, that we went kayaking on. Eagles, moose, egrets, and fishing. The rangers had put radio transmitters on trout and were tracking them.



Friendship  
is born  
at that  
moment when  
one person  
says to  
another,  
'What!  
You too?  
I thought I was  
the only one.

**C.S. Lewis**

**Allison Point, Valdez** - The end of the pipeline. Salmon hatchery, sea lions, seals, sea otters, and grizzly bears. Oh, My! We sat back and took it all in. Then went on a boat cruise to see Columbia Glacier-- whales, sea lions, puffins and more. The icebergs where such a sight.

**Homer** - Eagles on the light posts. An eagle's nest with three young ones at the stop-light. The long ride to the top of the hill, over looking the spit. Breathtaking.



**Portage Glacier** - Great view from our site. Our first wild black bear. Portage Glacier cruise. Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center, there we met Jack, the moose.

**Seward** - Ocean front site, hours watching the sea life. Alaska Sealife Center, Kenai Fjords Wildlife Cruise - whales, birds, seals and a beautiful day.

**Fairbanks** - El Dorado Gold Mine, Riverboat Discovery, University of Alaska Museum, and Chena Hot Springs .



**Anchorage** - "Mounted in Alaska" - Knights Taxidermist, the crew were talented and real. Alaska Native Heritage Center, Anchorage Museum, Alaska Zoo -We saw Snow Flake, an orphaned polar bear cub.

**Denali National Park** - Moose, caribou, and Mt. Mckinley. Covered wagon ride through the back country, then a gourmet meal.

**Hope** - "We found Hope in Alaska" A small



## Good Sam Club Names 5 Top National Parks

gold mining town on the Turnagain Arm, with a campground, bar with live music every night, a cafe and a wonderful free museum on the History of Hope. The local people were friendly and down to earth.

**Hatchet Pass** - Old gold mine at the top of the mountain. The views were great.

**Haines** - Our first encounter with mother grizzly and her three cubs, less than 6 feet from the camper. Missy, our basset hound, learned quickly. Pee and get back in the camper. John learned, open door, look, than step out.

**Skagway** - Shopping, walking and watching the cruise ships. Went to the Liarsville Gold Rush Trail Camp. Gold panning, show, and baked salmon dinner.

**Hyder** - On the way to Hyder, we saw 10 black bears along the road eating berries. Once in Hyder, we stayed at Run a Muck campground. Went to Fish Creek Wildlife Observation Site, the salmon were running. We waited 5 hours to see bears. Then all got quiet and a mother grizzly with cub came. We took pictures for 3 hours. It was a great day.

*John and Maureen DeRoy*

### Olympic National Park, Washington

Drive to the mile-high treeline and revel in panoramic views of the Olympic Mountains and the Strait of Juan de Fuca. Stroll the shoreline of Lake Crescent, gouged out by ancient glaciers, then see live glaciers still at work on the peaks. Visit the Hoh Rain Forest, and hike under its leafy canopy. Dabble a toe in the Pacific and catch a sunset at gravelly Rialto Beach. Nearly a million acres take you from beach to forest to mountain. Few parks offer such diversity.

### Yellowstone, National Park Wyoming

Yellowstone tops the world with 10,000 geysers and hot springs; that's half the world's hydrothermal features. Lakes, waterfalls, bubbling mudpots, terraces yellow with sulfur, and soul-stirring vistas of peaks and vales await your camera. See grizzlies, bison, elk, and wolves. Stay at the [Yellowstone Valley Inn and RV Park](#). Winter closes much of the park, so be aware when planning your trip.

### Yosemite National Park, California

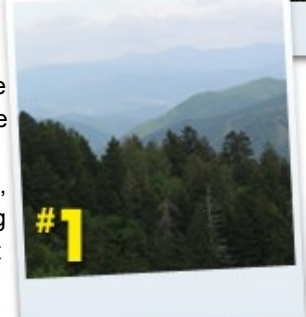
Admire America's tallest waterfall, a three-stage plunge of 2,425 feet. Ancient glaciers tore off Half Dome's other half and carved a canyon draped in waterfalls that's the centerpiece of the park. See the jaw-dropping panorama from Glacier Point, and the giant sequoias towering over Mariposa Grove; they're the world's largest living things. You'll find several campgrounds in this showpiece valley – and several visitors too, so forget privacy, reserve months ahead, and ride the free shuttles to viewpoints and attractions.

### Grand Canyon National Park, Arizona

Hard to imagine this magnificent gorge being second to anything! Deeper canyons carve Idaho and Mexico, but none rivals the hold-your-breath grandeur of mile-deep Grand Canyon. Layers of prehistory are stacked from river to rim, colorful chapters in the geologic timeline written in near-vertical walls. There are big RV parking spaces at Backcountry Information Center (Lot E); don't park at roadside unless signs allow.

### Great Smoky Mountains National Park, North Carolina and Tennessee

It's the champ, with nine million visitors a year. While many are just passing through on U.S. Route 441, those who stay awhile can drive to historic mills and settlements of old Appalachia, and enjoy 800 miles of horse and foot trails to forest waterfalls, rocky pinnacles, and ridgetop "balds" with sweeping views. Big rigs may labor a bit on Route 441's upgrades and hairpins, but don't fear the tunnels; they're 12 feet high at the walls but arch to 17 at centerline.



## Chapter 3 2012 Rally



A friend  
is one  
who knows  
you and  
loves you  
just the  
same.

**Elbert  
Hubbard**

### Northeast Chapter 3

## June 7-9, 2012 Rally

will be held at

### ***Seven Maples Campground***

*24 Longview Road, Hancock, N.H. 03449*

<http://www.sevenmaples.com/index.htm>

<http://www.sevenmaples.com/directions.htm>

We will be in Safari Field with water, electric and 30 AMP

Generators okay if absolutely necessary.

**The Escapee/Rally daily rate is \$28.05**

### Pets Welcome

(max 2 per site and proof of vaccinations required)

***IMPORTANT – Preregistration by April 1st, 2012!***

*Send your \$10 deposit to your Wagonmasters:*

*Chuck or Cricket Johnson*

*329 Route 10 Gilsum, NH*

*0344875422*

## 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***

## Iron Chef Contest Recipes

### FIRST PLACE:

#### FRENCH APPLE PIE by Marion Crocker

##### Filling

8 cups peeled and sliced Northern Spy and Macon Apples combined

2 Tbsp cornstarch

2/3 Cup sugar

¼ tsp ground ginger

1 Cup raisins and dried cranberries combined

¼ tsp ground nutmeg

1 tsp ground cinnamon

##### Glaze

½ Cup confectioner's sugar, ¼ tsp vanilla, 1 Tbsp milk

##### Crust

Pillsbury refrigerated 2 Crust Package-prepared according to package instructions.

Mix all ingredients together. Roll one portion of crust to fit into a 9" deep-dish pie place. Trim edges and add filling. Roll out second portion of crust. Cut out center with cookie cutter to vent. Center crust on top of filled pie plate. Tuck top edges against bottom edges and press against plate edge. Flute edges, brush top with milk or half and half.

Bake at 400 for 15 minutes, or until edges are brown. Cover edges with aluminum foil. Continue baking for 45 minutes at 375. If crust is getting too brown, cover entire pie with foil. Remove baked pie from oven, cool and drizzle with glaze.

### SECOND PLACE:

#### PEACH COBLER by Maybelle Auclair

2 Cups sugar

1 Cup flour

3 Cups fresh peaches

1 tsp baking powder

1 Tbsp butter

½ Cup milk

½ Cup shortening

2 Tbsp lemon juice

1 egg



1 tsp cinnamon

Place peaches in bottom of a 13 x 9 buttered baking dish and sprinkle with half of sugar. Dot with butter & cinnamon. Cream remaining sugar with shortening and egg. Next add flour, shortening & egg. Add flour, baking powder, and mix well. Add milk & lemon juice. Pour over peaches & bake at 350 for 55-60 minutes.

Serve with vanilla ice cream or whipped cream. Serves 10-12.

### HONORABLE MENTION:

#### PRALINES by Margie Parr

##### *All by Volume*

8 oz. sugar

8 oz brown sugar

4 oz. evaporated milk

8 oz. chopped pecans

Combine the first three ingredients, cook slowly over medium heat, stirring and scraping down the sides occasionally until it bubbles, then stir continuously. Use a candy thermometer, until it reaches 240 degrees, just above a soft ball on the scale.

Remove from heat and beat down the bubbles. Add pecans, beat until it thickens slightly. Quickly spoon out with a tablespoon making 2 inch pralines onto wax paper over a cold wet towel.

Yield: 24 pralines. May be prepared up to one week ahead.

#### HIDDEN DESSERT by Carol Price

1 can cherry pie filling

1 - 12oz package of Cool Whip

1 can crushed pineapple, drained

1 can sweetened condensed milk

Mix all ingredients together and refrigerate for 1 hour before serving.



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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.

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