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Signs of the Times

One of my favorite activities as we cruise the highways and byways, is to collect creative, funny, strange and otherwise notable messages from roadside signs. To drive by a sign advising that Zuzax is coming up at the next exit, is to pay more attention to signage.

Here are a few of my personal favorites, and more that fellow travelers have shared. Do you have favorites too? Email them to me and we'll share them in future newsletters.

Sherril

PS If you love the travelling life, and what Escapee doesn't, you must read William Least Heat-Moon's *Blue Highways*. I'm reading it for the second time and each page delights me with his insights on American culture and life on the road.

Favorite Names

Humansville, MO

Knob Noster, MO

Grosse Tete, LA

Deaf Smith City, TX

String
Theory

Knitting Shop,
Blue Hill ME

Hext Road (OK)

Where you curse some-
one by cell phone.

The Best of
Thymes

Gift Shop in Pella, IA

Jayne Dough

Sandwich shop in
Branson MO

**Even Moses
was
a Basket
Case**

Church Sign in Archbold OH

**Frozen Head
State Park**
TN

Here's the Scoop

Ice Cream Shop
Moscow ME

Carmen Veranda

Outdoor Café,
Bar Harbor ME

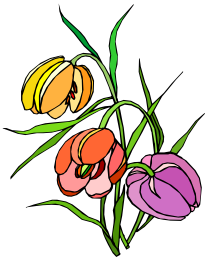
**Soul Dog
Trucking**

Somewhere on I 10

**Use Your
Outside Voice**

Billboard on I 40





Travel is fatal
to prejudice,
bigotry,
and narrow-
mindedness.

– Mark Twain

President's Message

Hi Everyone. Welcome to Spring!

It has been a mild winter, thankfully, both for us snowbirds and our members who have remained in New England.

I hope everyone is well and ready for a great rally season, beginning with the rally in June taking place in Hancock, NH. Your wagonmasters, the **Johnsons**, have some great events planned for you.

Our webmaster and VP, **Ron Scopa**, is looking for someone to take over the voice mail function. All this entails is updating the telephone message a few

times a year with events and election info. We would really appreciate someone coming forward to help out on this.

Also I would again request that those of you who are travelling, or have any RV tips or ideas on places to visit to please send an email to **Sherril Bover-Cheney** with an article or a few lines for the newsletter. A few pictures also would be appreciated.

Hope to see you in June.

SKP HUGS,
Joan

Member News & Notes

Northeast Chapter 3 June 7-9, 2012 Rally

Seven Maples Campground

24 Longview Road, Hancock, N.H. 03449 <http://www.sevenmaples.com/index.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)

Preregistration by April 1, 2012.

Use the form on page 4

**Register
NOW!**

Dear Chapter 3 Members,

Due to our ages, 83 & 86, plus a 3-way by-pass surgery, we no longer travel with the motor home although we still have it, it will be parked for the summer at the Bald Mountain Campground in Townshend, Vermont. If in the area stop and say hello. The tip on the extend a stay propane connection (in the last newsletter) is very appropriate. We used one for years.

Wayne Rowell No. 45120

Ten Commandments for Camping with Dogs

1. Make Sure Your Dog Can't Get Lost

Either train your dog to come when called or make absolutely sure that he's on a leash at all times.

2. Get All Vaccinations Up to Date

You may need to verify your dog's vaccination records. If you cross into Canada, you'll have to confirm that your dogs have had their shots.

3. Make Your Dogs Easy to Identify

Consider tattoos or microchips. At a minimum, make sure dogs wear tags that show their name, your current phone number, and the date of their last rabies vaccination.

4. Clean Up After Your Dog

If you pick up after your dog, you'll be helping dog owners everywhere.

5. Learn How to Provide First Aid to Your Dog

If a medical crisis occurs at home, you drive to your local veterinarian. But if you're in a strange town, help may take more time. Your ability to provide competent first aid, and a dog first aid kit, could save your dog's life.

6. Involve Your Dog in Everything You Do

If you really want your dogs to have a good time, include them in your activities.

7. Call the Campgrounds Before You Go

Call ahead to confirm parks' policy. Sometimes "pet-friendly" means dogs weighing under 20 pounds.

8. Plan Ahead for the Unexpected

Have a plan (for your dogs) in case of a flat tire, a serious accident, or a fire in your RV. Start with a few extra leashes, a pet carrier, and an extra fire extinguisher. Then have a fire drill to identify potential problems.

9. Learn About Your Camping Environment

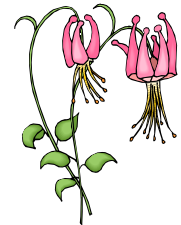
The U.S. hosts a vast assortment of dangerous wildlife, treacherous plants, unpredictable weather conditions, and demanding environmental challenges. If you don't know the area, you might inadvertently put yourself and your dog in danger.

10. Recognize and Respect the Views of Others

While some of us can't imagine traveling without dogs, others can't imagine traveling with them. If you keep your dog under control and clean up after them, you won't give others much to grumble about.



Someone in the Oklahoma DOT has a sense of humor - We found these signs on I 40 in the Sooner state.



One's destination is never a place, but a new way of seeing things.

– Henry Miller



Escapees RV Club Chapter 3,

Northeast June Rally Registration and Waiver

June 7-10, 2012 (Thursday, Friday, Saturday leaving on Sunday)

Please see "Camp Info" at

<http://www.sevenmaples.com>

Names of Attendees _____

Mailing Address _____

SKP# _____ Chapter 3 Member? _____ Email Address _____

Phone # _____ # of Pets _____ First Time at a Ch 3 Rally? _____

Emergency Contact Info: Name: _____ Phone # _____

Please complete this form and mail with \$10 deposit check # _____ to:

Cricket Johnson, 329 Route 10, Gilsum, NH, 03448-7522 603-352-3508

BY APRIL 1

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 (There may changes in schedule)

Bring any old books you have for a Book Sale

2012 Pre-Rally Get-Together June 6 : Meet in Safari Field at 5PM for Dutch Treat Dinner at the Hancock Inn (check out their website) <http://www.hancockinn.com> . Please let Cricket Johnson know at cricketfj@myfairpoint.net if you plan to attend so that reservations can be made.

June 7, THURS: 7:30 AM Coffee/Donuts, then free time. 3:30 PM Happy Hour - Wine & cheese or beer & nibbles - bring a bottle of wine to share and club will supply the cheese! 6 PM Supper on your own. 8 PM Campfire.

June 8, FRI: 7:30 AM Coffee /? Free Day for sightseeing, horseshoes, games or relaxing. 3:30 PM Happy Hour, BYOB & snack to share 6PM Finger-food potluck light supper-Sandwiches, dips, fruits, veggies, cheese, crackers, cookies, etc. There will be a sign up sheet for this on Thursday.

June 9, SAT: 7:30AM Coffee /? 9:00 AM Games, walking trails, horseshoes or free time 12 PM Lunch on your own 1:30 PM Group Game/conversation/free time 3:30PM Happy Hour BYOB & snack to share 6 PM Pizza Party on club

June 10, SUN: 7-8AM Hitch up Coffee & ?



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