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ESCAPEES NORTHEAST CHAPTER 3

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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)



IMPORTANT

Preregistration by April 1, 2012!

Use the attached form to Register!

President's Message



Tourists
don't know
where
they've been,
travelers
don't know
where
they're going.

Paul Theroux

Happy New Year everyone!

Ron and I hope you have had great holidays and are ready to plan your road trips for this new year. We are back at the Escapees Plantation in Summerdale, AL for the winter and are thrilled to meet old and new friends, many of whom are Chapter 3 members.

Welcome to new members **Ginny and Craig Decker**, who are also here at the Plantation. They have joined forces with the **Hodgkins**, the **Gagnons** and the **LaPointes** with their interest in antique tractors of which John LaPointe has quite a collection. They gather at John's barn and

work on restoration and decoration for the many parades here.

Soon it will be Mardi Gras season and parade season will be in full swing.

Don't forget to sign up for the June rally, details are elsewhere in this newsletter. It should be great fun. We look forward to seeing you there.

Also, just a reminder to submit stories, tips, and travel logs to our editor, Sherril. This is your club and your newsletter, so please let us hear from you. I'm sure many of you have a favorite pet story or photo for our pet corner.

*SKP HUGS,
Joan*

Member News & Notes

Congratulations to **Sherril and Niles Cheney** who have recently tied the knot.

Norm and Judi Gagnon have been very busy finishing their home at the Plantation complete with a storm shelter. They have used a color scheme akin to the dominoes that they are so fond of.

Joe and Linda Noll have returned home to Albany, Georgia after a great summer in Maine and six months on the road.

Don and Eileen White hope to get back to New England this summer and our rallies.

Bruce and Arlene Hanson are in Sebastian, Florida for the season.

➡ Escapees has partnered with **Alliant Credit Union** to provide a variety of banking services to Rvers all across the US. Check the Alliant ads in your Escapees Magazine or check their website: www.alliantcreditunion.org.

➡ Many of us change our email addresses for a variety of reasons. If you've made a change please be sure to let us know at Chapter 3 and at Escapees in Livingston. (Escapees does not sell its membership lists to outside sources).



Chapter 3 members at Rainbow Plantation, Summerdale AL

SKP ACRE April 17-22, 2012

Are you heading east instead of west this spring? The SKP ACRE event will take place April 17-22, 2012, in Marion, North Carolina. The third SKP ACRE event is sure to be another awesome success!

We're delighted that Mark Nemeth is able to join us again this year at SKP ACRE.



As he did last year, Mark will be bringing us the SmartWeigh program, and

two additional seminars. Those fortunate enough to have heard Mark previously know that his expertise alone is enough to make a rally worthwhile, so we are especially



grateful to him for coming again to share his knowledge.

Then of course there's the incomparable Biltmore House and Estate Tour. The cost is \$40. Find info about the tour and the whole event as well as registration info at <http://www.skpacre.com/>

Western Area Rally for Escapees April 15-19, 2012

Making travel plans for spring? Consider the first Western Area Rally for Escapees (WARE) in Lodi, CA, April 15-19, 2012. This rally is being hosted by several Escapees chapters and BOFs, primarily as a social gathering for ALL Escapees who live and/or travel in the Western U.S.

The schedule of events is fun-filled !

<https://sites.google.com/site/skppure/home/schedule-of-events>

You'll also have an opportunity to have your rig weighed, take an RV driving class, or enjoy a number of other seminars. Some highlights are:

Escapees SmartWeigh, <http://www.escapees.com/SmartWeigh/> line dancing, geocaching, crafts, tech talks, RV driving and wine tasting.

Check the website <https://sites.google.com/site/skppure/> for registration information, forms and further information. Come join the fun!

Extended Stay Propane Kit

One of the inconveniences of staying hooked up, in a RV park or campground, for more than a couple of weeks, is the prospect of running out of propane. This problem is exacerbated when the weather dictates running the furnace more, or having to do more indoor cooking than usual.

An alternative to "breaking camp" and driving the RV to the nearest propane dealer to refill the internal tank, then returning and setting up again, is to install an **extended stay propane kit** which utilizes a separate auxiliary propane tank.

For less than \$125, at Camping World and other RV related retail stores, you can buy the kit and tank and install the system in less than 30 minutes.

The size of the auxiliary tank will depend on what you can handle. Smaller tanks are easier to transport and store. The 20 lb. tank (4+ gallons) will provide at least one week of propane in most cases. Lowes has a 20 lb. tank at less than \$35.

It is much easier to disconnect the auxiliary tank, and take it to be refilled in your tow vehicle, than to disconnect the RV's power, water and sewer and drive the rig to the propane dealer.



The World is a book, and those who do not travel read only a page.

Saint Augustine



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

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, it's 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 be changes in schedule)

Bring your books 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 contact Cricket, cricketfj@myfairpoint.net if you plan to attend so reservations can be made.

June 7 Thursday: 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 Friday: 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 Saturday: 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

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



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