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ESCAPEES NORTHEAST CHAPTER 3

SPRING 2015



A Winter to Forget!!

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MORE THAN 100 INCHES OF FLAKES TO DEAL
WITH THIS PAST WINTER!

NO KIDDING, SPRING IS HERE???



30+ YEARS!

According to the 2015 calendar the Vernal Equinox occurred on March 20th! While there may not be much weather-related proof as yet, we did have a change of seasons and can think of more comfortable and pleasant weather.

It is time to think about getting the old RV ready to roll again. The Spring Rally is just around the corner. We are hoping that you are looking forward to attending and having some fun with old friends or perhaps making new ones in a relaxed, informal setting. See particulars elsewhere in this issue.

President's Message

Greetings everyone!

Welcome to Spring! Long awaited by most of our New Englanders, it will be most happily appreciated, I'm sure.

We are looking forward to the June Rally and hope to see many of you there. The Lobsterfest in August is shaping up thanks to the DeRoys and to Charlie Bennett, who will be heading up the lobster cook out and Judy Johnson who is going to take care of the pre-rally dinner arrangements. We are still looking for volunteers to head up the other events that were listed in a previous email that I sent.

Remember that officer elections will be held in August for President and Secretary. Please consider taking on one of these roles.

Happy Travels,

Joan

STILL GOING STRONG!



Vintage Airstream



35+ year old Class A motorhome

The above classic recreational vehicles have endured the test of time! The old Airstream trailer (left) was observed last year at a campground in South Alabama. The old motorhome (right) was driven into a campground in Southwest Florida this past January. They don't make them like they used to!

News and Announcements

- ◆ We were saddened to learn that longtime Escapee and Chapter 3 member, Nancy McKenna, loving wife of Fred, passed away recently. She was a grand lady and will be missed. Members wishing to send Fred and his family condolences can be sent to: Alfred McKenna, 6 Gray St., Arlington, MA 02476-6463.
- ◆ **Formation of new Xscapers branch of Escapees**
A new benefit of the Escapee RV Club was announced at this year's 55th Escapade, held in Tucson, AZ. The club will now be a total support group for **ALL RVers**: Part-timers as well as full-timers. Because Escapees was not really providing the resources needed by RVers who were not full-timing, the formation of **Xscapers** will focus on this segment. **Xscapers** will address the needs of RVers who are not retired. Members of each branch will be able to access the benefits of both Escapees and Escapers at no extra cost in membership.

GOOD NEWS!

- ◆ Next year's 56th Escapade will take place in Vermont, at the Champlain Valley Expo Center in Essex Junction, from July 24 to 29, 2016. This should enable more of our members to attend and experience an Escapade event first hand

FLORIDA'S ALUMINUM CASTLE

Nestled in a Central Florida swamp sits an aluminum structure. This "castle" structure is a creation of a man whose ancestors escaped to Poland from Tsarist Russia before the Russian revolution. From Poland, they later emigrated to England. Because of the very hard economic times in Europe, the family actually stowed away in crates in order to reach London, England. Later, the family was able to move to America via Ellis Island, N.Y.

Howard Solomon, sculptor and artist, began building, what is known today as "Solomon's Castle", in 1972. The castle stands, currently, at a height of three stories and occupies an area of 12,000 sq. ft.

The castles exterior is clad, mainly, with discarded aluminum plates that were once used for printing newspapers.

The castle's interior serves as an exhibition gallery for the hundreds of metal sculptures and art, that were not sold by Mr. Solomon. There are so many pieces in the collection that gallery viewing is actually coordinated by a tour-guide.

The unusual attraction also features a restaurant, which was constructed adjacent to the castle. The restaurant named "The Boat in the Moat", resembles an old Portugese galleon. In addition, there is plenty of outdoor seating to accommodate restaurant overflow or if outdoor dining is preferred.

Solomon's Castle is worth seeing if you are in the proximity of Ona, Florida.

R.S.



OCTAGON WILDLIFE SANCTUARY

Located in Punta Gorda, Florida there is an animal sanctuary that rescue and care for exotic wildlife that have come from abused, injured or unwanted situations. Many of these animals are many generations of being born, raised and sold in captivity. Many of these animals were someone's "pet or associated with a business. Some of these animals are of the endangered, threatened or vulnerable species. Zoos will not care for these animals because of their physical or mental state. Despite the facility's name, none of these animals were taken from the "wild", however.



Present residents of the sanctuary include: Amur Leopards; African Lions; Servals; Bengal Tigers and Ocelots to name a few.

During Octagon Wildlife's history of more than 30 years, they have rescued and cared for more than a thousand animals. Octagon's success story has benefited from generous contributors and outstanding volunteers. The sanctuary leases the land, which is privately owned, for only \$1.00 per year which is of great help. Monthly costs, however, exceed \$8,400. The food costs alone is nearly one-half of the total monthly cost. The director of the sanctuary lives on the property and volunteers her time for free. None of the volunteers receive any compensation for time spent.

To help meet the expenses, there is an admission fee. Seniors 55 and over and children over 7 are admitted for \$5. Children under 7 are admitted free.

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Spring Rally Information

As stated on the registration form on the next page, the Chapter 3 Spring Rally is scheduled to take place at the NEWFOUND RV PARK, located in Bridgewater NH. The rally will begin on Tuesday, June 9 and conclude on Friday, June 12. The financial particulars are listed on the form so it will not be necessary to mention them here.

The stated rally fee will cover complimentary dinners that will be served on three consecutive evenings at 6:00pm. The dinners will consist of: Beef stew and rolls on Tuesday, Hamburgers and baked beans on Wednesday; and Cold cuts sandwiches and potato salad on Friday. Rally attendees will provide their own liquid nourishment for each dinner. A hitch-up breakfast on Friday morning will also be included.

A rally itinerary may be seen on the Chapter 3 website. Click on the link at the bottom of the first webpage then select coming events on the menu for the next page.

Campground Info.

Newfound RV Park may be reached: **N-bnd:** From Jct. of I-93 (Exit 23) & Rte. 104, **W** 6 mi. on Rte. 104 to Rte. 3A, **N** 5 mi., **R.**

S-bnd: From Jct. of I-93 & Rte25 (Exit 26), **W** 3.9 mi. on Rte. 25 to Rte. 3A, **S** 9.2 mi., **L.**

The campground has a store, ice, firewood and laundry facilities. For more information check out their website at www.newfoundrvpark.com.
(Ref.: 2014 Woodalls Campground guide)



REGISTRATION FORM

Escapes Northeast Chapter #3

June 9 - 12, 2015 Rally

{Arrival on Tuesday June 9th - Departure on Friday June 12th}

Newfound RV Park

792 Mayhew Turnpike, (Rte. 3A)

Bridgewater, NH 03222

(603) 744-3344

These are individual sites with full hookups @ \$31.00 per/night

Please Respond by May 5th 2015

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

SKP# _____ Chapter 3 Member? Yes ___ No ___

RV Type _____ Length _____ (Feet)

Arrival date _____ Departure date _____ Total number of days _____

Number attending Rally _____ x \$10.00 per person rally fee \$ _____

One day deposit for site (\$31.00) plus rally fee (\$10.00 p/p) = \$ _____

Send rally fee and one day site deposit to: **Treasurer, Maureen DeRoy**

88 Atwood Road, Wilmot, NH 03287 Checks payable to **Northeast Chapter #3**

By your attendance at this event, you are agreeing to the following: 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 Escapes, 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, audio taped, or photographed, and granting full use without compensation.

Signed by _____

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30+ YEARS!



Application for Membership in Northeast Chapter 3

Name _____ SKP # _____

Mailing Address _____

Phone # _____ e-mail _____

To reduce operating costs we will e-mail your Newsletter to you unless you specifically request that a printed copy be mailed.
Request for mailed Newsletter

Membership is \$5 per year. New Renewal _____ yrs.

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



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