



# Nor'Easter

ESCAPEES NORTHEAST CHAPTER 3

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## Chapter 3

# SPRING RALLY 2013

## JUNE 12 -16

### Wilderness Lake Campground

150 Village Hill Road, Willington, CT  
(860) 684-6352 office (860) 982-8381 cell



**Office hours weekdays 2-5**

***Early registrations get the best sites!***

<http://www.wilderness-lake.com/>

**PLEASE NOTE: The campground does not take credit cards, only cash and personal checks.**

### Partial Schedule of Events

Wednesday, June 12 - 5:30 - Early Bird Dinner out

Thursday, June 13 - 7:30 - 9 - Continental Breakfast. 9 - 3 - Registration & Set Up. 4 - 6 - Happy Hour (BYOB). 6 - 8 - Welcome Dinner. 8 - 10 - Campfire

Friday, June 14 - 7:30 - 8:30 - Continental Breakfast. 8:30 - 4 - To be announced. 4 - 5 - Happy Hour (BYOB). 6 - 8 - Pot Luck Dinner. 8 - 10 - Campfire.

Saturday, June 15 - 7:30 - 9 - Continental Breakfast. 9 - 4 - To be announced. 4 - 6 - Happy Hour (BYOB). 6 - 8 - Barbecue. 8 - 10 - Campfire.

Sunday, June 16 - 7:30 - 8:30 - Continental Breakfast. 9 - 12 - To be announced. 12 - 1 - Break Camp

## President's Message

### TGIS (Thank God It's Spring)

The azaleas and wisteria here in Summerdale, AL are just beautiful right now. Ron and I are here at the Escapee's Rainbow Plantation before heading back to New England.

We spent most of the winter in the southwest. From Albuquerque to Tucson and then to Yuma and Quartzsite for the annual rv and gem show. Boondocking was a new experience for us but our friends, and fellow chapter 3 members, Judy and Paul Johnson, helped show us the ropes. We joined the BOF Boomers group a few miles up a dirt road in the desert overlooking the town. Quite beautiful and very different.



In the Spring,  
I have  
counted 136  
different kinds  
of weather  
inside of  
24 hours.

*Mark Twain*

Spring means change and this year has brought about a lot. Our good wishes to the **Lamberts** who have decided to come off the road for a while; our thanks to our 2013 wagonmasters, **Bruce and Arlene Hanson** and **Jon and Mary Longwood**. We are very happy to see that **Esther Tallamy** is safely with her nephew in Palm Springs after suffering damage to her home in hurricane Sandy. Our heartfelt condolences go to our secretary **Tracy and husband Russ Magee** on the tragic loss of their son.

This August will bring about elections for president and secretary. Please give some thought as to nominations for both and send them to Ron Scopa (rv.nirvana@yahoo.com).

**Sherril and Niles Cheney** are planning a permanent move to Vermont, therefore we are seeking a newsletter editor to take over from Sherril. She has done an excellent job and will happily work along with you to bring you up to speed.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the spring rally.

SKP hugs  
*Joan*

### RV Travel with a Purpose

If you are looking for a focus and a purpose while you enjoy the RV lifestyle, Care-A-Vanners, might be for you. RV Care-A-Vanners is a volunteer program for anyone who travels in a recreational vehicle, wants to build Habitat houses and have fun doing it. RV Care-A-Vanners welcomes people of all ages, from all walks of life who want to pick up a hammer and help change lives. **No experience is necessary.**

Every RV Care-A-Vanner build project is a unique and rewarding experience. There are ample opportunities to learn and plenty of meaningful work for everyone. Those who prefer non-construction activities can volunteer in the Habitat affiliate office, or act as "gofers" around the build site.

To learn more go to <http://www.habitat.org/rv>



RV Care-A-Vanner volunteers participate in projects such as:

- House construction
- Roofing
- Interior and finish work
- Renovations
- Disaster relief

## Escapee News and Notes

### It's a Small World

- **Doug and Marion Crocker** are spending their 4th winter in the desert southwest. They were recently in Palm Springs, CA to dump tanks, do laundry, charge batteries and let the mail catch up. Among the bills and "Important Tax Documents Enclosed" envelopes was a note from **Esther Tal-lamy** wishing Chapter folks a Happy Valentines Day and reporting on her new home in, you guessed it, Palm Springs. Esther is living with her nephew Alden who rescued her after Hurricane Sandy destroyed her home on Long Island. Doug reports Esther is adjusting to the California lifestyle and does not miss the Long Island winters. She is well cared for by Alden and his partner AJ, a recently retired RN. Her future plans are uncertain, Alden is tending to the disposition of the Long Island property and if Doug is any predictor of the future, Esther will become a West Coast gal. Esther can be reached at 840 E. San Lucas, CA 92264.  
The Crockers are currently in Jojoba Hills, an Escapee Park in Aguanga, CA.



- **Maybelle and Armand Auclair** spent some time in Orlando, FL and visited with Fran & Irene Lambert while there.
- **Norm and Judy Gagnon** have a new tag along camper and are headed to Disneyworld from their home at the Plantation in AL. They hope to head to New England this summer.

### SKP Spring Activities

Hi SKPs – It's time to think about spring and summer rallies. We hope as you make plans for your travels, you do consider visiting other SKP Chapters along the way. Each chapter has its own flavor and style, but all welcome guests. Check the rally calendar in each magazine, then be sure to let them know you are coming. Should you not be traveling great distance, be sure to check your chapter rally schedule. Chapter rallies are terrific for developing your RV friendships. It is what makes your SKP family special.

- If westbound, consider the WARE (Western Area Rally Escapees) in Lodi, CA – check the website to register at [www.skpwarerally@gmail.com](mailto:www.skpwarerally@gmail.com) April 14-17.
- If eastbound, check out SKP ACRE April 21-28 in Marion, NC – go to the website [www.skpacre.com](http://www.skpacre.com) to learn more and to register.
- Of course we're going to the 35<sup>th</sup> Escapade June 30-July 5 in Gillette, WY.

*Hope to see you along the way. SKP Hugs Susie & Denny Orr*

### Still Looking . . .

Chapter 3 Nor'Easter editor **Sherril Bover-Cheney** is getting ready to settle down in a house and will no longer be an active Escapee. That being the case, it's a great time for another member to enjoy the project of producing the newsletter four times per year. Please contact Sherril (Sherril.bover@att.net) or Joan Hurd (rv.nirvana@yahoo.com) if you'd like to volunteer. We will be glad to help you get started.

The first day  
of spring  
is one thing,  
and the first  
spring day  
is another.  
The difference  
between them  
is sometimes  
as great as  
a month.

*Henry Van Dyke*

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### Application for Membership in Northeast Chapter 3

Name \_\_\_\_\_ SKP # \_\_\_\_\_

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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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