



# Nor'Easter

ESCAPEES NORTHEAST CHAPTER 3

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Most of the people at the rally are shown above.  
A few were not available for the photo shoot.

## 2015 Spring Rally Group Photo

The Chapter 3 Spring Rally was held at Newfound RV Park in Bridgewater, NH from June 9th to the 12th. The campground is located near Newfound Lake, one of the many beautiful lakes of New Hampshire.

The rally setting this year was one of the better campgrounds for the spring rally in recent years. All of the attendees had easy access to the well equipped activity building where meals and social hours were spent. The campsites were level pull-throughs with full hookups that allowed permitted easy camp setup.

We had good weather and were able to spend a lot of time outdoors, including side trips and boat cruises, that some of the attendees took advantage of.

Included in the above photo are a few Escapees who, though not Chapter 3 members, registered and enjoyed the event with the rest of us,

Wagonmasters for this rally were John and Maureen DeRoy who did a splendid job making the event a unquestionable success.



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## President's Message

Dear fellow Chapter 3 members,

It has been a busy summer so far. We have been blessed with good weather (for the most part) here in New England and we wish our friends in other parts of the country the same. Our thoughts are with those who are experiencing the aftermath of any violent weather of this past spring.

The June rally was a huge success, thanks to the DeRoys and the Chapter 3 members who enjoyed their thoughtful planning.

The August rally is almost upon us and is shaping up nicely. Lots of fun is planned, be sure to bring a Ms. Brewer costume for him, and your best dessert recipe for the auction.

The rally registration follows in this newsletter and can be found on our website. [www.Escapees.com/chapter3](http://www.Escapees.com/chapter3).

The annual elections will take place at this rally and a new member, Tim Hanson, has graciously volunteered to be the nominations chairman. Please send him your name to be placed in nomination for President or Secretary.

His email address is [billbobhanson@aol.com](mailto:billbobhanson@aol.com).

It has been a pleasure being your president for these past 5 years and I look forward to welcoming the new one as of the next election. Please step up as a candidate for one of these positions.

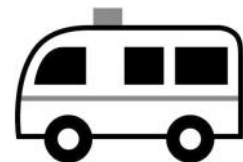
I hope to see you all in August, as well as next year at our rallies, and also at the Escapade to be held in Essex Junction, VT in July 2016.

Hugs and Have a Safe & Happy 4<sup>th</sup> and a very enjoyable summer

**Joan**



### Sightings of Interest



**Automobile owners with an undeniable sense of humor**



**Fifth Wheel with very uncommon graphics**

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## Wagon Master's Report

By Maureen DeRoy

The Spring Rally was held June 9 - 12, 2015, at Newfound RV Park, in Bridgewater, NH. There were 12 rigs and one couple who stayed at the Bridgewater Inn. The rally was made up of 24 people, of which 11 were First Timers. It was a pleasure to see Fred McKenna. This was his first trip without his wife, Nancy. As hard as it was for him - he enjoyed himself with old and new friends.

Newfound RV Park was an excellent, central campground. There was a large hall and the owner, Paul, was more than helpful making sure everyone's cable worked, picking up lost campers, going to the dumpsters or giving members rides to their camper. Along with joking with us

The days were free for the boat tours of Squam Lake, bike riding, and boating. There was a road trip to local beer breweries and a local winery. The Lupine Festival was being held, what a beautiful sight. There were plenty of local sights. And then there were those who liked to sit back and relax. Catching up with old friends and getting to know new friends.

### Meeting Minutes

Note: Because a sufficient number of Chapter 3 members attended this rally, a chapter meeting was held on Wed., June 10th at 10:00am. Chapter officers present were: Joan Hurd, president; John DeRoy, V. Pres.; and Maureen DeRoy, treasurer. Ron Scopa substituted for, and recorded the meeting minutes for the Chapter secretary, who did not attend the rally.

With Joan presiding over the meeting, Maureen read her last report, stating that the current chapter roster included a total of 60 members. There were a few others who had not yet re-enrolled. The current chapter balance was \$1,007.63. Maureen also revealed that the registration forms and general itinerary for the August rally (LobsterFest) was ready to be included in the newsletter and also available to be added on the Chapter Webpage.

Joan reiterated the need for volunteers to oversee the key events scheduled during the August rally. Joan also talked briefly about the current Escapee special renewal fee (\$29.95/yr.) and the new Xscapers branch of the club. Joan also expressed the need of a new chapter officer nominating committee before the elections which is scheduled in August at the annual meeting. A new president will be needed because Joan will be stepping down, effective as of the conclusion of the annual meeting. As mentioned before in this newsletter, Mr. Hanson will be actively seeking suitable candidates for president and also secretary.

## Hammond's Castle

Located in a quiet residential area in Gloucester, MA, adjacent to The Atlantic Ocean, lies a "medieval" castle home that was constructed in the late 1920's by John H. Hammond, scientist and inventor, whose creations were used by the military during World War II. One of his specialties was radio controlled ships and aircraft.

In 1914 he conducted radio guided experiments on a 44 foot boat that went on a guided 120 mile round-trip cruise that immediately got the interest of the U.S. Navy. Years later, German spies stole one of his inventions, a design for an unmanned flying buzz-bomb which led to the development of the infamous V-1 rocket plane/ bomb that rained havoc on England during WW II.

The castle construction began in 1926, and as a bridal present for Hammond's wife became their principal residence in 1929. While living there Hammond worked on many inventions and is credited with 437 patents. Later the castle became a museum, even while the Hammonds were still residing there.

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**Hammond's Castle** (cont.)

Among Hammond's other inventions were the synchronization of motion pictures, television related inventions and a cosmic ray detector to name a few. Hammond's wife Irene was a famous portrait painter and a avid collector of Early American antiques.

Hammond spared no expense or detail in the construction and furnishings in the castle. In the Great Hall of the castle sits an enormous pipe organ that feeds several thousand organ pipes that lie hidden from view behind one of the hall facades. For those who may be interested in visiting the castle, it is situated off of MA Rte. 127, on Hesperus Ave. in Gloucester. **Note:** Henry W. Longfellow's poem about the "Wreck of the Hesperus" is based on a ship that was wrecked on the rocks of Norman's Woe that lies just offshore, very near the castle.

R.S.

## 2015 LobsterFest

The time is fast approaching when you should be making plans to attend this year's August rally (LobsterFest)!

Chapter 3's LobsterFest is the event of the year that many Chapter 3 members and Escapees from other areas plan to be at Pumpkin Patch in Hermon, ME at that time in August to join in the fun.

In addition to the planned lobster feast, some of the highlights of this year's event will be: the return of the "Miss Brewer Contest" {details will be provided on the Chapter 3 webpage or attached to this newsletter (hard copies only)}; a dessert auction; evening entertainment; a pet parade; door prizes; etc.

The pre-rally meal (Dutch treat) on the Tuesday, will be held again at Angler's Restaurant in nearby Hampden, ME.

Included with the registration fee will be a daily continental breakfast, except one morning will feature an "Omelet in a Bag" and a pancake breakfast will be served on the last morning of the rally.

On Thursday evening the Chapter will be providing a complimentary dinner to the attendees. (bring your own drink and dinnerware) Following the meal at 7:00pm, entertainment will be provided. This year "Shades of Blue" will perform a two hour show.

A club favorite, The afternoon "Social Hour" is scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday, beginning at 4:00pm. Most likely, an unscheduled Social Hour will also occur on Friday, the free day.

On Saturday the annual feast will take place, featuring lobster, steamers, corn on the cob that will satisfy all seafood lovers. For those who would rather have something else, other than the planned menu, a grill will be provided so that they may cook their own entrée.

The day will be capped off by an ice cream social and another episode of "Here Comes the Judge".

It is suggested that you call Pumpkin Patch RV Resort as soon as possible to reserve your site, The sites that are near the activity building are in limited supply and normally are the first to go.

After reserving your campsite please make a copy of the next page, (or detach it from the hardcopy newsletter) fill it out completely and mail it to Maureen. See next page.



## Escapee's Northeast Chapter 3 Lobsterfest Rally

**August 12 - 16, 2015** at Pumpkin Patch RV Resort, 149 Billings road, Hermon, ME 04401

Please contact them at 207 848 2231 or [www.pumpkinpatchrv.com](http://www.pumpkinpatchrv.com) for reservations at your earliest convenience as spaces are limited.

Name of Attendees: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

SKP#: \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter 3 Member? \_\_\_\_\_ 1st Time at Rally? \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ # of Pets: \_\_\_\_\_ Type: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

# \_\_\_\_\_ will attend pre-rally dinner on August 11th.

Rally fee per person, excluding Lobster Fee **\$25.00** X \_\_\_\_\_ # People = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Checks are payable to: **Escapees Northeast Chapter 3**

Complete form and mail with check to **Maureen DeRoy, 88 Atwood Road, Wilmot, NH 03287-4411**

Lobster Cost will be payable at Rally when ordering.

How many lobsters per rig? \_\_\_\_\_ {We need a rough count for the best lobster price}

### 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, their volunteers, employees or agents.**

**Volunteers may be directing and assisting you in your parking area. 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 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.**

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### 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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