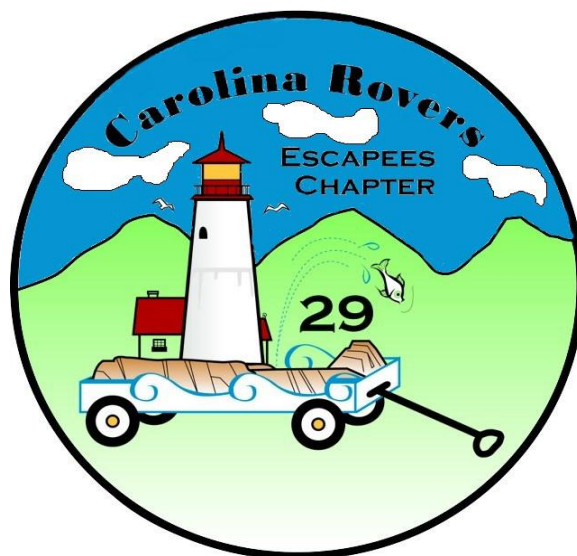




# CAROLINA ROVERS NEWSLETTER

## ESCAPEES CHAPTER 29

### NORTH AND SOUTH CAROLINA



***"TAG TAB", "Today is a Gift: Tomorrow is a Blessing."***

The Motto of the Late George D. Martin Jr., SKP 108735

## CHAPTER 29 REORGANIZATION

The *reorganization* of ESCAPEE Chapter 29 (Carolina Rovers) occurred at SKP ACRE 2011, Marion, NC, on May 1. Members joining Chapter 29 at this meeting and officers elected are:

### **2011-2012 Officers**

President..... Bob Sever  
VP..... Norman Lowrence  
Secretary..... Kaye Heins  
Treasurer..... Kathy Wheale  
Rally master..... Keith Martin  
Co-Rally master. Steve Masterson

### **Members**

Erwin Heins  
Carol Martin  
Carol Lowrence  
Martha/Robert Clark  
Nancy/Larry Hinshaw  
Joan Robertson  
Debby Sever  
Bob Cathey  
Sandra/Bruce Weeks  
Jim/Linda Jackson



Bob Sever (& Dutchess)  
Chapter 29 President 2011-2012

SKP ACRE is special to Chapter 29 because we were reorganized there, with a little nudge from Bryan Rose and some enthusiastic and anxious Escapee members. It is also exciting because it was held in **North Carolina**. SKP ACRE is growing leaps and bounds thanks to Bryan/Jane Rose. Please plan to register and attend the fourth rally on April 21 through April 29, 2013. Go to [www.skpacre.com](http://www.skpacre.com) for info. SKP ACRE is a very enjoyable event that bridges the gap between National Escapades and Chapter rallies. Unless otherwise notified, Chapter 29 spring rally will be held in conjunction with SKP ACRE.

## CHAPTER 29 Fall 2011 RALLY

Chapter 29's fall rally, Sep 22 through Sep 26, 2011 was held at the Apollo RV Park, Concord, NC, 888-450-1440. Thanks to our visiting VCR's Stan & Betty Bober for their assistance in getting the chapter off on the right foot with by-laws, etc. We had 44 attendees with 21 rigs. It rained very hard three days out of four. Chapter 29 officer's innovation and muscle power put up three canopy tents connected with PVC between each to direct rain away from tables. We had a tour of a Ford museum that included Cushman scooters and Ford parts. The tour of Charlotte Nascar race track was cancelled because of rain. Our Campground host, Fletch and Betty Little offered their equipment garage for our fantastic pot luck dinner with tons of food. We had a very successful and fun CARE auction where we raised \$1000. We had a catered BBQ dinner hosted at/by Tom Johnson dealership following a Tom Johnson technical speaker. For breakfast we had the delicious and unusual eggs in a bag. Steve Masterson put out the fire while dumping collected rain water from the shelter. During our hamburger and hot dog cook out, Keith Martin attended the grill. No amount of rain could dampen the spirits of our members.



## CHAPTER 29 SPRING 2012 RALLY

Chapter 29's 2012 SPRING rally was held in conjunction with SKP ACRE 2012, April 17-23. We had a Chapter 29 change of officers at our chapter meeting. Steve Masterson replaced Bob Sever as President. Thanks Bob for your help in the reorganization and a great first year. Thanks Steve for stepping up with your experience and enthusiasm to lead us into the future. Selene Montgomery replaced Kaye Heins as secretary. Thanks Kaye for helping get Chapter 29 going again. Thanks Selene for accepting the challenge to carry on.



Chapter 29 was in charge of the CARE auction at SKP ACRE and \$2000 was raised for CARE. The donation was credited to chapter 29. We enjoyed Biltmore tours, entertainment by the "Geritol Gypsies" an RVing group and the country music band of Terry H. McKinney. There was line dancing every day, crafts, a quilt show, seminars by Mark Nemeth and more. Mark also conducted "Smart Weigh" for members.

**2012 Officers**

President..... Steve Masterson  
VP..... Norman Lawrence  
Secretary..... Selene Montgomery  
Treasurer..... Kathy Wheale  
Rally master/Officer at Large..... Keith Martin  
Co-Rally Master..Erwin Heins



Steve Masterson  
Chapter 29 President, 2012-1014

## 52<sup>ND</sup> ESCAPADE, SEDALIA, MISSOURI

Chapter 29 had five rigs attend the Sedalia, Mo Escapade Sept 15-21, 2012. Attendees included Steve Masterson, Erwin and Kaye Heins, Bob and Debbie Sever, Keith and Carol Martin and Jim and Linda Jackson. Erwin and Kaye Heins were in charge of the Chapter Row table. It came out fantastic. Upon entering the front door you could vividly see the red, white and blue banners and flag table runner straight ahead. There was a large display of Chapter 29 member pictures of our fun times. Kaye had designed a wagon with a light house sitting in it. Surrounding it was beach "stuff", sand, thongs, shovel, shells, mountain boots, etc. We had North and South Carolina brochures and of course, candy. We had brochures for our next rally and Chapter sign-up sheets. We had a different Chapter 29 couple greet guests each day. This gave us the time for seminars, shopping and personal time. Keith Martin was appointed "Officer at large". He has worked so hard to make our rallies a success and enjoyable. Give him and Carol an extra hug when you see them. Jim Jackson was appointed Chapter 29 Newsletter Editor/Historian. The Pet Lovers BOF had a very successful pet parade. Two of our members, Bob Sever with "Dutchess" and Jim Jackson with Abigail & Mariah were featured on the "big screen" at an evening performance.





52<sup>nd</sup> Escapade, Sedelia, Mo

## CHAPTER 29, 2012 FALL RALLY

The Chapter 29, 2012 Fall Rally was held at Oak Plantation Campground, Highway 17 (Savannah Highway) Charleston, SC, on October 4-7, 2012. It is a large, nice campground, very clean restrooms and showers and the grounds are very well kept. Most sites are pull thru and can accommodate large rigs. It is an easy drive to downtown Charleston. Please note that apparently no refunds are given for **any reason**. Ensure you have your dates correct! Chapter 29 now has 49 members as of Oct 6, 2012. David and Pat Harris, SKP 111869 are our newest members to sign up at the rally.

A moment of silence was held in remembrance of George Martin and please keep Joanie in your prayers. Thanks to our visiting VCR's Tom & Marian O'Bryant. We always appreciate the knowledge, assistance and a chance for new SKP friends. We had 14 rigs with 29 members.

Member and officer business meetings were conducted. We had a hamburger & Hot dog cook out, a breakfast casserole, and a catered BBQ and fried chicken dinner. The catered food was very good and included great banana pudding.....even had lots of bananas in it. We also enjoyed a covered dish dinner. Camping world of Charleston, SC gave an "ask the tech" question and answer session. Robby and DJ did a fantastic session. Many thanks to Camping World for a great goodie bag containing many useful items. Many thanks to Dennis & Judy Prentice, Camping world Goodwill Ambassadors. The CARE auction resulted in \$451. Old friends, new friends, new members, great times and great weather were enjoyed by all. A few of us were not used to the humidity but it was worth it because of the beautiful historical city and so much to do. We enjoyed a carriage ride, tour and shopped the Market Place. It was huge. Please send a thank you email for the Camping World goodie bag to Sean.....skeib@ camping world.com. Camping world also donated an all in one printer/copier/fax/scanner to auction for care.

A suggestion by Susie Orr at ESCAPADE and also several Chapter 29 members was to have a separate spring rally other than at SKIP ACRE. It was suggested to have it just prior to or just after SKP ACRE. It could be a "wind up" or "unwind" for SKP ACRE. A suggestion was also made for a "no host rally" to relieve the pressure of planning and work required for a rally. A "no host" rally is an easy going, relaxing, make your own reservations and plans rally. Sit around a campfire and get to know your SKP friends. Happy hour, here we come!

Suggestions for a Chapter 29 Spring rally or a “no host rally”:  
River Park, off I-26 near Erwin, TN Tel 423-753-5359 Jonesboro, TN  
Wilmington NC  
Myrtle Beach, SC  
Galax, VA (Old Fiddlers Convention middle of August. Fancy Gap KOA is nearby)  
Edisto Beach SP, SC 866-345-7275  
Hunting Island SP, SC  
Flat Rock, NC  
Henderson, NC fair grounds

We would like input from our Chapter 29 members. Please email any officer with your ideas.

## GET TO KNOW YOUR OFFICERS

**Selene Montgomery**, (Hank) Secretary, 2012-2014: Spouse, Hank Montgomery, 5 children, 11 grandchildren, no pets, full time RVers, Own a stick and brick home in Fuquay Varina, NC and are preparing it for sale. Our RV is a 39 foot Fleetwood Discovery Class A. Our favorite campground is Tall Timbers KOA, Brookville, OH. Favorite non-rv spot visited, Mount Rainier, Washington. Favorite spot visited with RV, NC and GA mountains in the fall. RV personalization, sign with our names and addition of ham radios and antennas. We’ve been RV owners for 4 years, starting with a travel trailer, then a fifth wheel, now a class A. We’ve mainly traveled in the southeast, some of Texas, Illinois, and Indiana. We joined the Escapees in May of 2011 and joined Chapter 29 shortly thereafter. We are both ham radio operators and Hank also enjoys working with computers in designing websites. Selene also likes to enter giveaways online and by mail and she compiles a daily newsletter for her family containing deals, coupons, tips, etc. that she finds online.

**Kathy Wheale**, (Bob Cathey) Treasurer, 2011-2013: We are considering full-timing and we worked as camp hosts last winter at a Corps of Engineer campground close by (Greenville, SC) to see what that would be like. If we found a job at a marina where we could tie up our boat and live in the RV, we’d love that. Bob retired from Michelin N. America Headquarters last April (2012). One of his friends designed the tires for Segway and when Michelin had family day they brought one for the kids to ride. I was the only adult to stand in line and when it was my turn, I was thrilled! Bob and his buddies thought it was hilarious for an “older lady” to get so excited about riding a Segway. I got the last laugh: When we took a Segway tour of Austin, TX I was NOT the person who fell twice. I retired from my job as a sales person in the giftware industry in November 2009. I work for the Greenville (SC) County Election and Registration Department part time, for every election. Now I also teach “refresher” classes to previous poll workers, to remind them of the procedures, which change slightly every election it seems. We also own a 27 foot cruiser boat, more of a lounging-around-type boat. We use the Dodge RAM to tow the travel trailer and the boat, whichever we decide to take on a trip. The boat has been to Canada via the Erie Canal, 1000 islands, Lake Champlain, and Rideau Canal. It has also been to the southeastern parts of the U.S., so far. Now that Bob is retired, we can plan longer trips.

**Keith Martin** (Carol), Officer at Large/Wagon Master 2011-2013: Keith and Carol were high school sweethearts and married after Keith graduated from college. They have been married 53 years. Carol graduated from Cal State University, Long Beach and Keith from U.C. Davis. Carol retired early from a psychological group in Belle Mead, NJ to take care of Keith's mom. Keith retired from Campbell Soup Company after 32 years. His last position was Plant manager of a spice plant in NJ. They have three daughters, one in DE and two in NJ. They have grandsons of 8, 12 and 16 years of age and a granddaughter who is five. After retirement, Keith and Carol moved to St. James Plantation in Southport, NC, where they built their current home base. St. James is a gated community, one of only two in NC that are incorporated as a town. There are four championship golf courses with a total of 81 holes, each having a clubhouse with restaurant, exercise facilities and tennis courts. There also is a marina on the ICW and a beach club on Oak Island. Keith and Carol enjoy golf, volunteering and the many other activities in St. James as well as in nearby Wilmington, NC. They also enjoy great neighbors. They had enjoyed some tent camping and then camping in a P/U w/camper early in their married life. Children and job responsibilities limited the camping for a number of years. In 2007, they leaped into RVing by going to an RV show in Raleigh and buying a 2007 Itasca Meridian motorhome. They thoroughly enjoy the freedom to tour the country in their home on wheels. After doing a few boat cruises for a few years, they find it nice being in their "own home" each night while on the road. They have talked a little about full-timing, but would miss the many friends at St. James. They belong to three RV groups and cherish the many new friends they have met. They especially enjoy the great SKP hugs. Their only pet at present is a stuffed dog that sings "It's Only Puppy Love" and wears a T-shirt that states: "No day is so bad that a wet sloppy kiss can't fix".

**Kaye Heins** (Erwin), Secretary 2011-2012: We have three children and Erwin and I have been married for 43 years. We travel and live with 2 poodles that run our lives, so they think. In my spare time, I have been in sales and teaching. My hobbies are quilting, reading, knitting and talking! We were full time RVers for 3.5 years but had to settle due to my parent's age. Our plan is to continue to RV and make long trips. We are planning to go to as many rallies as possible since that is where we meet the most fun people. We have a condo in North Charleston, SC that we will keep. We are charter members of Chapter 29. We would like to see more people tell of their camping plans so that others might join them.

**Bob Sever** (Debby), Past president, 2011-2012: We are full time motor homers and travel most of the year. We have been doing this for four years now. We travel with our dog, Dutchess, a 10 year old Chocolate lab. Dutchess mothered 24 pups in two litters (now retired). Bob is retired from the U.S. Army and a retired U.S. Postal Worker. He was born in Clermont, FL. Bob was an Eagle Scout and is a disabled American Veteran. Debby was born in Waukegan, IL. Debby is a retired ICU nurse. We have visited 35 of the lower 48 states including Alaska. We have a 2007 Monaco Diplomat 40 foot with 4 slides. We have 3 children and 8 grandchildren all in the Columbia, SC area. We have been married 42 years. Our hobbies include grandchildren, photography, woodworking, travel, collecting quilts, cooking, fishing and golf.

**Steve Masterson** (Kathy Werth), Co-Rally master 2011-2012, President 2012-2014: Kathy and I were born and raised in upstate NY. Kathy in Western NY (Wayland) and me in Colonie, a suburb of Albany. Kathy was raised on her parent's beef cattle and potato farm and I spent most of my time on my Grandparents farm helping out and mostly staying out of trouble. Kathy moved to Florida in the early 70's. After graduating from college, I spent most of my career working in an office. Then when I retired in 2005, I felt a strong need to return to the farm or ranch. I started full time in May 2005, spent considerable time volunteering for horse rescues mucking stalls, grooming, retaining or exercising horses, mowing fields, mending fence line or stacking hay. I joined the Escapees in 2006 when I met Mel and Evelyn Noblis at a SKP HOP at the Albuquerque, NM balloon festival. They invited me into their function and everyone made me feel like family and that feeling continues as I meet new SKP's. I have two kids, a Daughter who lives in Port Saint Lucie, FL with her husband and two daughters 18 and 13. My Son lives in Morresville, NC with his wife and a son 10 and daughter 3. Kathy has three children and six Grandchildren who all live in FL. We have a 2010 Mobile suites fifth wheel that we tow with a 2010 F350 King Ranch. I started RVing in 1970 when I purchased a 1966, 22 foot, single axle Holiday Rambler. Since then I have owned 5 towables, 3 motorhomes (class C, A and diesel) and this is my first fifth wheel. My favorite campgrounds are most National Parks and all COE sites. Tom Sawyer CG in West Memphis, AR is one of my favorites. The CG is right on the Mississippi River where you can't help but sense the presence of Mark Twain and Huckleberry Finn. I love most places west of the Mississippi. San Antonio in the Spring and Fall, anywhere in Colorado, Montana, Northern Nevada and Alaska. I do a great deal of volunteer work at Horse Rescues, for the Red Cross as a Disaster Services Volunteer, Catholic Charities and Festivals. I enjoy helping others who are struggling. As for the horses, I love to muck stalls. It brings me back to my roots where it all began, on my Grandparent's farm.

**Jim Jackson,** (Linda) newsletter editor/historian: Married to Linda for 38 years, no children, pets – two rat terriers that travel with us, a black/tan German Shepard, and a black/white Manx cat. We just lost our Cocker Spaniel of 17 years. All pets are rescues. We do frequent animal rescue transports from high kill shelters (mostly Tennessee) to the North East U.S. where the spay/neuter laws are stricter and fewer pets to adopt. We have owned 2 tent trailers, 1 travel trailer, 1 class A motorhome and 5 fifth wheels. Our overall favorite is the fifth wheel. We have personalized it with picture collages, (most all our life time pets, all RV's owned, and a large one across from the "throne" of memories of the last 37 years). We have items we collected from our travels, wooden carved birds, boom-a-rangs from Australia, pewter plate with Great Seal of the Confederacy, Jackson/Wilson coat of arms, etc. We have a 5 X 7 rug we put down in the "living room" section that makes it look separate. I like vanity license plates. The truck is "JJAXON" and the RV is "RV CONDO". We own a stick and brick home in Abingdon, VA where Jim's 93 year old mom lives with us. We did want to full time but are thinking of a home base and extended RV trips. We're thinking south Texas/ Colorado/Utah/Arkansas. One may be a small home and one may be an RV lot. Jim is retired military (Navy/Air Force) and Linda is retired from ATT and a government contractor in Garland, Texas. In Texas we were active members of four camping clubs. Jim's hobbies are gardening in the summer and stained glass in the winter.



## RECIPES

**Recipes: Breakfast casserole:** Linda Jackson's version. Italian bread (day old is fine), one pound pork sausage (or ham or bacon, even seafood), six eggs, approximately ¾ cup milk, salt/pepper to taste, approximately 1 to 2 cups mild cheddar cheese. Cube bread, cook and crumble sausage, mix eggs, salt/pepper. Layer bread on bottom, cover with meat, pour eggs over bread and meat, sprinkle cheese over top. Cover with foil and refrigerate overnight. Cook 45 minutes at 350 degree oven in a 9 X 13 pan.

**Hearty dip:** Linda Jackson's version. Jimmy Dean sausage (regular or hot)/ Velveeta cheese/picante sauce, cook and crumble sausage, cut Velveeta sausage into chunks, mix in picante sauce and heat in crock pot or microwave oven. You may substitute hamburger or use salsa or Rotel tomatoes.

**Crab dip:** Carol Martin: (1)Put an appropriate amount of creamed cheese (we use low-fat) on a plate for the number of people being served, (2)cover the creamed cheese with your favorite seafood cocktail sauce, and (3) spread canned crabmeat over the top and use a pate' knife for serving. It is best spread on mild crackers. If you want, extra garnish can be added, e.g., chopped green peppers.

## SKP ACRE

2013 SKP ACRE April 21, 2013 – April 29, Tom Johnson Camping Center, Marion, NC  
**Need volunteers for :** Parking, Registration, Entertainment, Vendors, and First Aide

2014 SKP ACRE Apr 28 – May 4, 2014, Tom Johnson Camping Center, Marion, NC

SKP ACRE growth in attendance:	<u>Year</u>	<u>Rigs</u>	<u>Members attending</u>
	2010	85	156
	2011	100	180
	2012	161	261

## NEWSLETTER EDITORS COMMENTS

Thanks for the confidence. I ask for your inputs to make the newsletter interesting, informative and enjoyable. I want to Include things like recipes, member profiles, favorite campgrounds, hobbies, how you personalize your rig, children and of course, grandchildren, pets, type of rig you use and why, etc. This is your newsletter; use it as your sounding board, suggestions, praise, complaints, or your bragging place. You can sign it or keep it anonymous. The "GET TO KNOW YOUR OFFICERS" is for this first newsletter. In future newsletters, I would like to include Chapter 29 members. Please send me your profile if you would like to be included. It would also be interesting to know where you spent your fall and winter. Thanks for your help. Jim Jackson, Editor

## CHAPTER DUES

Chapter dues are currently \$5.00 annually (or \$10 for two years) and are due on Dec 31<sup>st</sup> of each year. Any new member who joined before June 30 of the calendar year will be paid through the end of that year, but will owe dues for the next year. New members who joined after July 1<sup>st</sup> are paid through the next calendar year. Checks for dues should be made out to "Escapees Chapter 29" and sent to Kathy Wheale, Treasurer, SKP Chapter 29, P.O. Box 4215, Greenville, SC 29608.

## CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP

We invite all SKP members to join The Carolina Rovers, SKP Chapter 29. If you wish to receive a membership application, send an email to Keith Martin, Officer-at-large, at [REDACTED] and he will respond to your email with an application attached.

## FINAL JOURNEY

At the Escapade opening ceremony an announcement was made that a terrible accident in Sedalia on September 11, claimed the life of Chapter 29 member George D. Martin Jr. (SKP #108735). A Sedalia, MO paper published the following as provided by the Missouri State Highway Patrol, 64-year-old George D. Martin was the driver of a Coachman RV traveling southbound on 65 when it struck a 1998 Peterbilt tractor trailer which was also southbound on 65 and was in the process of making a right turn when the crash occurred. The RV overtook and struck the Peterbilt. Martin, of Wilmington, North Carolina was pronounced dead at the scene by Pettis County Coroner Robert Smith. A passenger in the RV, (George's wife) Joan D. Martin, also of Wilmington, North Carolina reportedly suffered moderate injuries and was transported to Bothwell Regional Health Center. When Joanie was stabilized, she was flown back to Wilmington, NC. Later, at home, Joanie told Keith and Carol Martin that two of their three dogs perished in the accident and fire. A large black ribbon was placed on our banner at Chapter row and a picture of George Martin was displayed.

Happy, healthy and safe travels as you ride off into the sunset.

