



ESCAPEES - CHAPTER 29 CAROLINA ROVERS JANUARY 2015 NEWSLETTER



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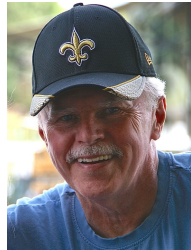
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Happy New Year y'all. We are set up in Hobe Sound, FL for the winter while we try to sell the house. It's easier to stay in the motorhome so the realtor can show the house at any time. So if you know of anyone looking for a nice beach house in Jupiter, just south of the famous Light House, send them our way.

2015 is shaping up to be another awesome season. Our Spring rally is hosted by Sue and Jack Brinker and Dave Young and Helen Thompkins on April 11 to 14, 2015 at River Plantation RV Resort in Sevierville, TN. Our chapter Spring rally will be followed by SKP ACRE (All Chapters Rally East) on April 15 to 21, 2015 also at River Plantation. Planning for SKP ACRE has consumed much of my time mostly because it's my first time as President of ACRE and it is at a new location. Kaye Heins, our Chapter VP is also the VP for SKP ACRE and she continues to be a valuable asset, always keeping me inline and on track. Our fall 2015 rally is still up in the air. Please come to the Spring rally with ideas and suggestions. Please remember my philosophy, I do not endorse the concept that if you have an idea, you own it. In my experience, when you approach things with an open mind, people will come with more ideas, which benefit the entire group. There is additional information on the rallies at the end of this newsletter.

Our 2015 travel plans were to go to Alaska but since the house has not sold and after careful consideration, we decided to wait until next year. So our 2015 travel destination will be the west coast. After SKP ACRE we will journey down to New Orleans for a week. There I can get my Cajun food fix. From New Orleans we will journey to Boerne, TX for a month. Love Texas and I have relatives their along with SKP friends and lots of horses to work with. From Texas slowly meander to southern CA where we will visit with Debbie Criswell, former President of the DOVES and Jack. Then we will work our way north. The rest of the summer is open. We have lots of SKP friends around the country and hope to visit many of them.



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For those long term planners and members who will be retired by then (Yes Craig. I'm thinking of you.), the 2016 SKP Escapade (SKP, Inc National Rally) will be held in Burlington, VT July 24 to 29, 2016 at the Champlain Valley Exposition. I have been to this location many times for rallies and it is an awesome location. Did I say that the Ben and Jerry's Factory is only 25.6 miles away? Not good for those of us counting carbs but awesome for everyone else.

So that's the latest from south Florida. Please stay safe, enjoy the rest of the winter and I hope we will see you in the Spring in Sevierville, TN.

Steve
President, Chapter 29
The Carolina Rovers

Hello everyone.

I want to take this time to congratulate Susie and Denny on their retirement as Escapee Social Directors. I know we will all miss them and wish them luck in their new adventures.

And now, I would like to introduce the new Social Directors, Mark and Dortha Hall. Some of you may know them already from their hard working efforts at the Escapade events over the past several years. They are going to be a wonderful asset



to the club and I know they will do an awesome job in helping to support the chapters.

So let's be patient, give them time to become familiar with the duties, and know that they will do a terrific job.

You can continue to send any correspondence or questions via email to



Thank you all for your support and for keeping the "social arm" of Escapees alive and well.

Safe travels to all.
Teresa Moore
COO
Escapees, Inc.

Travel Safely - Practice Safety!

Rving in one of the most adventurous and wonderful ways for us to explore this beautiful country of ours. There's plenty of open road, historic sites, amazing nature, events/celebrations, and the opportunity to meet many new friends from all walks of life. It can be a truly rewarding experience - as long as things go "right". Whether you travel several times a year or are a full timer, everyone needs to create and practice an Escape Plan should something go awry. The link below provides information from tire pressure to safety equipment to RV fire escape plans. Enjoy your travels - travel safely.

Jim Jackson
http://www.greatrvproducts.com/RV_Fire_Escape_Plan.html



Unfortunately our RV travels this year were very limited from July thru October for two reasons, one we had a HUGE AMT of Warranty work to be done on our new 2014 Fleetwood Bounder Classic, and I was diagnosed with liver and gall bladder cancer in late June. We were not able to take any trips til 14-16 November, and then we went to Beaufort, SC, with local Good Sam Club from Lexington, SC. Stayed at a nice family park, Tuck In The Wood, and enjoyed company of friends.

We have been trying to be snow birds, hard when you already live in SC. But Florida does call us every January-February.

Thanks

Dan McGowan
Secretary and Wagon Master - Carolina Road Runnin' Sams
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(Note: For more club information, event schedule details, or a membership application to the Carolina Road Runnin' Sams, please contact Dan directly.)



Don and I have “done it again”. We traded in our brand new 2014 KZ Spree and bought a 2014 KZ Durango fifth wheel. This is our third camper in a year and about three months. I think this is it. We went with camping friends Roger and Roxanne Dubrelle and spent a week in Charleston this summer. This is my old “stomping ground”...so loved it. Went to Boone Hall Plantation, Fort Sumter, and downtown Charleston along the battery. They had never been. We went back to the low country for Thanksgiving Holidays and stayed at the Live Oak State Park on Edisto Island...preferred this rather than the beach. This was a different type of camping experience. Most were true campers, not “glampers”. It was delightful being under an umbrella of liveoaks and the sites were rather spacious. Just want you to see how gorgeous this low country is. My daughter has a beach house on the island, but we chose to camp and let the rest of the family stay over at her place. Now have my Carolina Rovers name tag! Yea!

Beverly Jackson

12/6/14 - Andy and I are in south Texas. We are snuggled down in Mission, TX, waiting for March when we will head to Tucson for the Escapade. . Actually, it isn't really snuggly weather here. It is nearly 80 degrees this evening. We just came back from watching the most amazing nighttime Christmas parade in McCallen. Even the B u d w e i s e r Clydesdales were here and some of the Macy's parade balloons too. In late February we will strike out across Texas for El Paso to visit my brother and his wife for several days and wonderful margaritas. And next, on to Deming for a Rainbow park visit. In March we will head out for the Escapade in Tucson where we will man the Chapter 29 booth. If anyone is coming to the escapade, stop by the booth and see us. Hope everyone has a fabulous holiday. Luvya, Mary and Andy.



Mary Brown

12/7/14 - Just wanted to say thank you to all the Chapter 29 peeps I met in Mayberry this fall...adding you all to my list of blessings this year.... Recovery from right hip going well, physical therapy continues, looking for patience during these weeks ...spirit is ready but right leg a bit more reserved!! Moving forward each day. See you all in the spring.

Linda Stevens



12/12/14 - Hope all of you have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Kaye and I are leaving Sunday for our trip to Quartzsite and we are really looking forward to it. We are taking the southern route along the Gulf coast and through Texas, New Mexico and Arizona. How we are coming back I don't know at this time. If any of you are going there too give us a shout. We are going to be primarily with the Montana Owners group off Plomosa road in the Circle. We may be able to visit with some of the Escapees while we are there. See you in April at

ACRE.



Erwin Heins



Jim Jackson has graciously provided some very helpful sites for us! The sites preceded by ** are also available in APPS. The remainders are also in Facebook. Thanks for sharing Jim.

- ** Allstays Camp and RV
<http://www.allstays.com/apps/camprv.htm>
- ** Allstays C-RV Military
<http://www.allstays.com/apps/camprv-mil.htm>
- ** Gasbuddy <http://www.gasbuddy.com>
- ** Rest Stops <http://www.interstaterestareas.com>
- ** Google Maps <https://www.google.com/maps/@35.8084379,-80.2748685,13z>
- Living The RV Dream
<http://www.livingthervdream.com>
- Camping and RVing With Pets
<http://www.petcamping.com>
- RV Tips
<http://www.loveyourrv.com/rv-tips-and-tricks/>
- RVing on a Budget
<http://roadslesstraveled.us/rv-budget/>
- Average Joe Camping
<http://average-joe.co/tag/camping/>
- RV Park Reviews <http://www.rvparkreviews.com>
- Debi RV Cooking
<http://debisrvcooking.blogspot.com>
- RVParky
<http://www.rvparky.com>

One site that you should definitely check into is a Norcold refrigerator recall.
<http://www.norcoldrecall.com>

1/8/15 - I just recently received an email announcing a new addition to RVillage called Marketplace. RVillage allows you to post your current location so that you can find and hookup with fellow RVers at the same location. This allows you to stay connected to old friends as well as making many new ones. RVillage also has many special interest groups available. The new "Marketplace" will be a database developed by user recommendations including camping sites, restaurants, RV services, etc. The more input from RVillage users, the more useful the Marketplace will become. Here is an excerpt from the RVillage email:

"...One of the things we as RVers love to do is share with one another the great finds from our journeys. I, for one, pay very close attention to what a fellow RVer **recommends** to me whether it be a unique restaurant, knowledgeable RV repair technician, or a clean RV park. I am ALWAYS on the hunt for great services, good quality and fair prices, as well as RVer friendly attractions. Businesses are always happy when they "catch on" within a website like ours.

We all have so many needs as we travel. We want to know where a good health food market is, or a great dog groomer. And a dentist is someone we ALL will inevitably have to seek out. Tires? Yup. Auto service as well? You betcha... How many of us tow a vehicle?..."

I have listed two links below. The first is to RVillage itself. The second is to a short video in youtube explaining what the Marketplace is all about.

<http://www.rvillage.com> RVillage web site
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hITmiwyNXgc>
The Marketplace Introduction

I look forward to seeing all Escapee members in RVillage this spring!

Steve Wood



2015 Spring Rally - Chapter 29

When: April 11-14, 2015
Where: River Plantation RV Resort
1004 Parkway
Sevierville, TN



Rally Masters: Sue & Jack Brinker
Dave Young & Helen Thompkins

Fee: Camping \$30.50 FHU
Rally - TBD

Reservations: <http://rvoutdoors.com/river-plantation/> 800-758-5267
Identify yourself as a SKP Chapter 29 member and if you're attending the chapter rally and SKP ACRE let them know so you won't have to move your site between events.

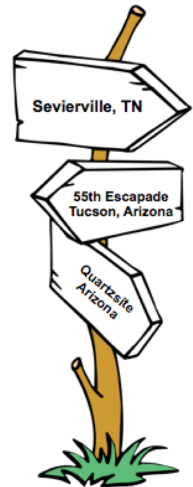
2015 SKP ACRE

When: April 15-21, 2015
Where: River Plantation RV Resort
1004 Parkway
Sevierville, TN

<http://rvoutdoors.com/river-plantation/>
<http://www.skpacre.com>

President Steve Masterson
Fee: Camping \$30.50 FHU
Rally - \$50.00 per person

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55th ESCAPADE 2015

When: March 8-13, 2015
Where: Pima County Fairgrounds, Tucson, AZ
<http://www.escapees.com/escapade>

Detailed information may be found in the January/February 2015 issue of ESCAPEES magazine or at the web link above.

*Thank you and remember, please send all future submissions, travel news, photo opts, and suggestions for the newsletter to me at [REDACTED]. The deadline for our April issue will be **April 22, 2015**.*

*Dianne Wood
Newsletter Editor*