



ESCAPEES - CHAPTER 29 CAROLINA ROVERS JULY 2016 NEWSLETTER



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Why is Chapter 29 successful?

This is the easiest President's Article that I have written. The answer is easy. It's because of our members.

The End

Steve Masterson
President

PS – Just kiddin. Ok, y'all knew that I could not end it there but the simple truth of the matter is, **it is because of our members**. If you have heard me say it once you have heard me say it a thousand times to people who ask about our chapter or the Escapees, I always say, "please join us for a rally or two or three or four before deciding to join the Escapees or our chapter". Why? Because I am 100% positive in knowing that once they spend a day, a weekend or a week or more with us that they will join. One example of that is from the 2016 SKP ACRE (All Chapters Rally East). We had about 6 inquires from people wanting to know if they could attend without being members of the Escapees and some did not have an RV yet. I said, "**absolutely**", membership was not a prerequisite to attending. In the end, all who were not Escapees joined and several joined chapters. The same applies to Chapter 29. Let me site two examples.

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President's Message

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While at a SKP ACRE in Marion, NC, Jim Jackson was working on the parking crew when a lovely couple walked up to see what was going on. They had just purchased their first RV when they saw all the people across the street. Jim told them about the event and invited them to join us. They said they didn't have a car and the lovely lady was having some knee pain. In true Escapee form, there was another couple having repairs done and they offered to drive the "Newbies" back and forth. Fast forward, the couple was Dianne and Steve Wood and Dianne is now Chapter 29 Vice President, News Letter Editor and Webmaster and she recently took on Communications for SKP ACRE. Yep, they love us so much that last year they traded their Class C for a 40' Class A Diesel Pusher and Steve is on the fast track to being our "Chapter Techy" by default, because as we know, things break on RVs, not by choice. One other example is Linda Stevens. She is a single person who owns a 40' Class A Diesel Pusher. This is the first RV that she has driven and is doing an awesome job. Before becoming a member of Chapter 29, she had lots of questions about her RV and the RV lifestyle. She attended one of our rallies in western NC as a "walk-in", without her motorhome. After meeting us she too became a member and continues to be very active and yes, we all continue to help her with RV questions cause that's who we are. I could go on about every member of our chapter. We are successful because we love RVing, we are an inclusive organization, we have awesome caring people and oh ya, we know how to eat. LOL Look for the next issue when I will share some stories shared around the campfire. Who will be the lead character? Who makes us laugh?

Message from Your Editor

Thank you to everyone for all of the articles and pictures you sent for inclusion in this issue of the Newsletter. I'm overwhelmed by the participation in our newsletter and thank everyone for their patience as I request more pictures to go with articles and request help with articles such as "Who We Are". Your input has been invaluable.

Our next newsletter will be published in October. All submissions for the October Newsletter should be received by me no later than **September 23**.

We look forward to seeing you at the Fall Rally in Charleston, SC October 6-9.

Safe Travels to All
Dianne Wood
VP & Newsletter Editor



Minutes of Escapees Chapter 29 Carolina Rovers
2016 Spring Rally, May 6, 2016
River Vista RV Resort, Dillard, GA 30537

President Steve Masterson called the meeting to order and welcomed all members.

President's report - Steve reported that we are doing well as a chapter, we now have 46 rigs. Steve also gave a brief history of chapter 29.

Vice President's report - Dianne reported that we recently had one of the largest newsletters with articles and new pictures and thanked everyone for their participation. The next newsletter will be published in July, probably after Escapade. Our mass mailing includes 557 names. The website will contain upcoming events, the newsletter, and by-laws.

Secretary's report - Marie read the minutes from the last meeting (October 2, 2015). Motion was made, seconded, and carried to accept the minutes as read.

Treasurer's report - Terri reported we have \$1311.00 in the checking account. We have collected money for the rally fees and due and have not paid out money for this rally yet. Terri reminded everyone to make checks payable to "Terri Wirtz" not Chapter 29 or Escapees. The chapter must maintain \$500.00 in the account to avoid bank fees, \$110 is from future dues leaving us with about \$700 discretionary funds. The officers recommended that we use that money to pay for the next two rallies to allow more chapter members to take advantage of rallies. In the past our accounting year has been from April to April but to comply with the annual report of the Social Network this will be changed to January to January. We need two members to review the Treasurer's procedures at this rally. Bruce Long and Dave Young volunteered. People who have not paid for 2016 will be removed from the list of active members. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to accept the Treasurer's report.

Officer at Large report - Patches and T-shirts are for sale. New members should have pictures taken for chapter directory.

Old Business - Escapees Inc. has a non-profit status. Chapters may ask for donations - for example from Camping World to provide a meal at a rally. Liability Insurance will be carried by the social network. If Escapees Inc. wants to charge chapter we will revisit the arrangement. Changes have been made in scheduling SKP ACRE and WARE and coordinating them with ESCAPADE. Steve encouraged everyone to attend ESCAPADE in Vermont and expressed concerns if it is not well attended it may affect future ESCAPADEs in the east. There will be 2 regional rallies per year ACRE (East) and WARE (West), 2 Chapter rallies per year. The Xscapers also have Social Gatherings. A brief mention was made for new members about CARE. This is under SKP Inc. and is a place "adult day care" and a majority of the people live in Livingston TX in their rigs.

New Business - 1. The covered dish supper is tonight. If you have a chapter t-shirt please wear it for a Chapter picture. The Kentucky Derby will be televised at 6:34 and you are encouraged to wear your hats.

2. Chapter 29 Fall 2016 rally will be held at Oak Plantation in Charleston, SC. Brochures were give out. Dianne Wood reviewed policies needed to find a campground for rallies and a spreadsheet will be made of campgrounds noting if they would meet our needs for holding a rally. Steve Wood, Dianne Wood, Norman Lowrance and Carol Lowrance will be rally masters.

3. The Chapter 29 Spring 2017 rally will be held at Zooland Family Campground in Asheboro, NC. Craig Rickenbach, Marie Rickenbach and Terri Wirtz will be rally masters.

4. There are currently 3 possible locations being investigated for the Chapter 29 Fall 2017 rally.

5. During ESCAPADE Steve and Dianne will take the lead in setting up our table at ROW. We do not currently have a signup sheet and no plans to staff the table.

6. SKP ACRE 2017 and 2018 will be held at River Plantation in Sevierville, TN. It will be held in May both years to avoid conflicts with the car show.

7. Elections for Chapter 29 were held. Steve Masterson was nominated for president and Marie Rickenbach for Secretary. Both were unopposed. Motion was made, seconded, and carried for Steve and Marie to continue in offices.

8. Bob and Sheri Ward's Black lab Raven will be appearing on America's Funniest Videos on May 8.

9. There is a member's only portion of the Chapter 29 website.

Conclusion - A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion was carried and meeting adjourned.

Treasurer's Report

The following is the treasurer's report that was presented during our Spring Rally in Dillard, GA.

ESCAPEES Chapter 29		Feb 15 2016	
ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT		Terri Wirtz	
April 24, 2015 - May 7, 2016			
		Debit	Credit
		Balance	
Beginning Balance			\$ 1,142.23
Spring 2016 Rally			\$ -
Fall 2015 Rally		\$ (349.59)	\$ 329.00
Membership dues collected by year			
2015			\$ 15.00
2016			\$ 90.00
2017			\$ 25.00
2018			\$ 15.00
2019			\$ 5.00
Membership Dues Collected 2015-2019			\$ 150.00
T-shirts, patches		\$ -	\$ 41.50
Miscellaneous expenses*		\$ -	\$ -
Credit/Debit T		\$ (349.59)	\$ 520.50
Ending Balance			\$ 1,313.14

New Members

We welcome new members to Chapter 29 who joined during the Spring Rally in Dillard, GA.



**Elizabeth (Lee) Stewart
Virginia**



**Michael & Lorraine Tasto
North Carolina**



**Don & Maxine Smart
North Carolina**



**Ed & Ann Gallant
North Carolina**

New Members (continued)



**Mark & Peggy Lee Hubble
Virginia**



**Ken & Dolores Gove
Michigan**



**Rob & Kate Lang
South Carolina**



Pictures to be Made Soon

**Donald & Joy Posey
North Carolina**

**Charlie & Jenny
Morrison**

Who We Are

.....In the beginning, there was nothing but a few rag tag folks wandering aimlessly with no direction, and no meaning in life.So God said to this group of folks, let's rejuvenate our old SKP chapter and form a group that will RV together, be life-long friends, and have fun. Go throughout the land and multiply into a great RV nation.So God said to Bob Seaver lead my people to the promised land (Carolinas) and make a great nation and a name for yourselves. Embrace each other in all things, teaching each other about life on the road, remembering to be kind and supportive of each other, and spreading the word about RV life to other chapters.....

Ok - so that's a little dramatic, so here's the real story.

It all began at SKP ACRE in spring of 2011. Several couples gathered to rejuvenate Chapter 29. Officers were elected, bylaws were written, a new chapter name was chosen, and we were off and running. Although the first rally was a learning experience and held during a week of heavy rains in Concord, NC, everyone had a great time and our traditions were born.

As of 2016, we have 49 members. We are from multiple states including North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Virginia, Texas Michigan, Alabama, California, and West Virginia. Although considered "Carolina" Rovers we welcome anyone from any location to become part of our family.

Each year we have a Spring Rally approximately April/May time frame and a Fall Rally around September/October. Rally locations are suggested by any member and approved by our chapter officers. Additionally, any members can suggest a "convergence" which is an informal get together at a campground of their choosing for the purpose of socializing, fun, and food!

We are not just a RV camping group, but a group of friends which make up our Chapter "Family".

First Officers

Bob Seaver - President

Norm Lowrance - VP

Kaye H - Secretary (because she had a pad of paper) 😊

Kathy Wheale - Treasurer

Who We Are *(Continued)*

First Rally Stories

It rained all weekend at the first rally. Canopies were erected between two Motorhomes (I think Bob's and Keith's). A full time, single woman attended the rally with tear drop trailer aka no toilet and the campground did not have a rest room or bath house. Joan Robertson, a single woman in a class A Motorhome, offered to share her facilities. I was able to get Tom Johnson to sponsor a BBQ dinner in their showroom and provide a master tech for a Q & A. (Submitted by Steve Masterson)

As Bob S. was departing, we were hollering for him to stop. His flag pole was still attached to his rear ladder, probably 20' up and heading directly for some electrical wires. This was not funny but we were about to be treated to a fireworks display. (Submitted by Norman Lowrance)

You all are our extended family.

Brian Rose, head of ACRES at that time, had as a goal getting Chapter 29 up and running again. He announced a meeting and about 16 couples showed up. Also the President of the Georgia Chapter came. His goal was to get us all to join the failing GA Chapter. I think none of us wanted to be taken into a group that was already on its last legs.

Bob and Debbie Seaver and I had talked about the meeting from the time it was announced. Bob had agreed to run for President if I nominated him. As Steve said I was appointed Secretary because I showed up to the meeting with a pad of paper and a pen.

The Lowrances, the Heins, the Martins, the Seavers, the Jacksons, maybe the Montgomerys, Kathy Wheale and her husband Bob Cathey were there. I cannot remember if Bruce and Connie were part of the first group, but they came shortly after if they weren't. I know they were at the first rally. Joe and Terri joined at the next ACRES. Other people came but I don't remember their names..... some from Virginia, Georgia and North Carolina. The South Carolina contingent has always been very small.

The first rally could have been a big disaster. The campground was actually one road that backed up to a ditch. We had no shelter, no bath house, and we were parked on the side of a road. Why were we there? Because Steve said he would Rally-master if we let him choose a campground that was close to his family. Many lessons were learned that first rally. We were amazed at the number of rigs we had at the first rally and how much people offered to help.

It didn't just rain that weekend it poured. We still cooked out the first night. The night of the obligatory covered dish it was raining so hard you could hardly see across the road. Bob, Norman and Steve talked the campground owner into letting us use his garage. We had to clean the garage before we could use it. It rained sooo hard at first that we could not even hear in that garage.

Who We Are (Continued)

Erwin and I had a portable fireplace at the first rally. We had an impromptu gathering under our awning around the fire one night. We must have had 20 people crammed in there telling camping disaster stories and recommending campsites. We had dogs (Cody, Dutchess, Butch and Buffy), people, motorized scooters, etc. Great fun and we all got to know each other.

We rewrote the bylaws to the chapter, set up an auction for the next rally and raised over \$1000 for CARE and were awarded a patch. We did this a number of times. We had a member build us a small light house on a wagon for our logo. We ordered patches, hats and t-shirts.

(Submitted by Kaye Heins)



Bob Cathey and Kathy Wheale



Kathy Wheale

Bob Cathey



Steve Masterson
&
Kathy Werth



Larry and Nancy Hinshaw

TRAVELER'S CORNER

What I Did on My 2015 Fall Solo Trip

By Linda Stevens #114064

Adventures and misadventures ... fondly called "my growth experiences!"

OK all you "seasoned RVers" - strain those memory banks back to those first trips taken....

Mine was from Horse Shoe, NC, to Albuquerque, NM. 1355 miles for the hot air balloon fiesta "#1 Bucket List". Then on to Shawnee, OK, for 572 more miles to RVW convention. Amazing to see so many women solo or with partners in this wonderful life style. Affirming, empowering, to feel I can do this... Even solo you are never alone. What a wonderful community of friends. My very first outing (2014) was with an RVW caravan of 11 RV's traveling up the East Coast. I was the newest of Newbees that trip - I knew almost nothing of RV living. Hit the road in my 2000 Dutch Star and 2 kitties, Emma & Rascal. The Caravan leader picked the stops along the way and organized the group. A great way to begin with company at each stop to pal with. Two of these ladies met me in Albuquerque to travel to Shawnee.

This solo, spread her wings again, never afraid to ask questions, making lists, checking them 2-3 times - armed with routes, reservations, GPS, and a phone that rings! Out to hit the open road - look out world here we come. Even before I left - days before I had "RV issues"... Surely nothing else could happen - I can hear you all laughing.

Each morning and night I said words of gratitude for the courage to conquer whatever came my way. There was not a bump in the road through Little Rock the RV did not hit - Emma complained, me too. I learned you can not set up the car/toad the night before "to be organized" - it drains your battery!

I learned that at 26 PSI you have a valve stem problem. YIKES. And waiting for road service is better in a grocery store parking lot than along the side of the road. A/C on, picnic lunch with the kitties, while we waited. Lemonade from lemons. Hard to find "air" for huge tires.

I picked Pat up from Albuquerque airport so we could experience the Balloon Fiesta together at 5am for morning flight to evening glows and fireworks. They were everywhere - Every shape, size, color ballon imaginable - an area 3 football fields long - amazing is an understatement. Lots of pictures.

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What I Did on My 2015 Fall Solo Trip (continued)

By Linda Stevens #114064

We did tram rides to the Albuquerque mountain top, cultural centers to learn about Indians, pueblo ruins, petroglyphs, and yes - a few more trips to Camping World \$\$\$\$. We ate wonderful Mexican foods. Thanks to my hosts at El Rancho - got us to the local "hole in the wall" the ones locals know about - authentic - not chain restaurant foods.

Now my 3 weeks in Albuquerque, Santa Fe, and surrounding areas I saw a lot of flat ground and many shades of brown - from the ground to the houses contrasted by the red rocks and beautiful road trips into their mountains.

My last memory of the area was being hit by a 42' RV - Rocked my World! Yes, indeed, he was backing into his site and peeled my car rear bumper off like a banana peel - hanging there by a few clips on the right side. My New CAR!

Now on the bright side - if I had backed into my site as I did the day before - he would have hit the towing system and that would have ended my journey to Shawnee and then home. Another 2nd bright moment - I was hit by a guy who built hot rods as a hobby - so while his wife and I had gin & tonics in his RV - he put the car bumper back on so it was "drivable to OK" and back home to NC to be repaired. Took him 3 hours and some improvising. Nice folks, but I do not recommend this as a way to meet new people!

So that is what I did on my summer vacation 2015. More Lemonade / lots of Gin!

Happy Trails, Linda Stevens



TRAVELER'S CORNER

Southern Adventures by Dianne Wood #113382

Steve and I bought our first RV, a Class C, in 2014 and joined Chapter 29 almost immediately. We have since traded up to a 2004 Holiday Rambler Class A. Up until now, with the exception of attending Escapade in Goshen, IN, most of our trips have been very short and within 4-5 hours of our home in North Carolina.

Well, we finally decided to do an extended trip from Lexington, NC (home) to the Spring Rally in Dillard, GA, and then on to points south, traveling through Georgia, Mississippi, Louisiana, Alabama, Florida, South Carolina and back home.

After the Spring Rally (which by the way was awesome this year), we headed to Louisiana from Dillard and stayed in a Walmart parking lot in Meridian, Mississippi. It was a great trip....Steve got us through Atlanta with no problems with traffic at all and then I drove for a couple of hours....finally getting used to driving the "beast" and not as paranoid as I was at first. HAHA I also learned that the horn on a 40 footer is "really" loud and gets people's attention really quickly if they try to cut us off in traffic. Somehow I don't think people understand that you can't stop a 40 foot RV with a tow as quickly as you do a car. We did have some close calls. However, if it weren't for bad luck Steve & I wouldn't have any luck at all. When I hooked up the car Sunday I left the ignition switch on part way and killed the battery in the Flex. We wouldn't have known it except that we needed to get into the car Monday morning and the auto unlock key wouldn't work...and neither did anything else. Well, of all the stupid things, not thinking, I put the car in Park and now we can't even tow it because we can't get it in neutral. We called Good Sam and got it jumped off, put it in Neutral and continued down the road towing the dead car. About 2 hours into the trip we stopped for gas and what "looked" like a road exiting the gas station back on to the main road was a dead end...and you guessed it...we had to unhook the car so Steve could do some really professional maneuvering to get us out of there. Some really nice folks jumped it off so I could get it started (and kept it running). From that point I decided to just drive the car and followed him for the next 2 1/2 hours to Fort Polk, LA. What we didn't know was that by totally killing the battery, we lost the climate control mode (computer needed to be reset). Well as much as you've traveled you probably know there is NOTHING between Mississippi and Louisiana - and I do mean NOTHING. So I drove 465 (4 windows down and 65 mph and followed Steve. At least that recharged the battery. We went to the local Ford dealer just outside of Fort Polk to have the computer reset because on top of loosing the climate control module it was pumping out heat - as if we needed that in Louisiana in May! They couldn't have a mechanic look at it for a week so we drove around until we left Fort Polk with all the windows down and the heater working beautifully! - 85 degree with 90% humidity - you gotta love it. We did, however, enjoy the company of Steve's grandson and family. We stayed at Alligator Lake RV Campground and although it is very small it was very pretty, quiet, and the lake is beautiful. Needless to say, we didn't question the sign that said "No Swimming" - after all.....Alligator Lake must have been named that for a reason.

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Southern Adventures (continued)

by Dianne Wood #113382

Next, we were on to Baton Rouge where we stayed in the parking lot of an RV Holiday Rambler service center - oh - did I mention that we almost got locked out of the RV - AGAIN because the door lock was jamming!! They were wonderful and got us on the road quickly. While there, we also had another Ford dealer reset our car computer and thank goodness for air conditioning. Our next stop was at the Escapees Rainbow Park in Summerdale, AL for almost three weeks - toured the area including Mobile, AL and Pensacola, FL and were fortunate while there to visit and go to dinner with our TechnoRV friends Eric and Tammy. Our next "learning experience" was that you CANNOT drive your tow vehicle through a car wash with tire minders on it. A car wash will rip off the tire minder AND the tire valve stem. Good Sam stepped in again, sent us a great guy from a nearby service center, temporarily fixed our tire, and then completely repaired the valve stem back at his shop. The good thing about the Escapees Rainbow Park was that all of the permanent residents got together at one home and had a pot luck for July 4....and yes, there are other good cooks out there in addition to those we have in Chapter 29!

We took our time traveling through the panhandle of Florida and eventually to Oak Plantation in Charleston, SC where we met up with Norman and Carol Lowrance and planned our Fall Rally. They introduced us to the Angel Tree, and if you don't know what that is, you'll have to come to the Fall Rally to find out. We had a great time and look forward to returning there in October and seeing all you folks for the Fall Rally.

After almost 6 weeks on the road we returned home (there's no place like home LOL) to begin planning our next adventure.....which just happens to be this week to Escapade.

We were able to see a lot of country we'd never seen before and met a lot of really wonderful people along the way. It's true what I've heard that RVers are some of the greatest folks you'll ever meet.

We look forward to our next adventure and can only hope we can do at least ONE trip without RV or car problems - but as Linda Stevens said in her article - I can hear you guys laughing.

Safe Travels
Steve and Dianne Wood



Southern Adventures (continued)

by Dianne Wood #113382



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2016 SPRING RALLY DILLARD, GA

The Spring Rally this year was held at River Vista, Dillard, GA. The campground was beautiful and the area afforded us with plenty to do. I'd like to thank the Rally Masters John & Susan Martin and Jim & Linda Jackson for the great job they did in putting the rally together. Also thanks go out to Steve Masterson and Kathy Werth for providing the turkey for the pot luck dinner - best turkey ever!



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2016 SPRING RALLY (continued) DILLARD, GA



DILLARD OR BUST!

2016 SPRING RALLY (continued)
DILLARD, GA



Getting a group picture is sort of like herding cats!



But we finally got a great shot!

Foxfire - Dillard Georgia

by Dave Young #58204



Wheel Potter at Foxfire: Makes various mugs and other things from local clay.



Live entertainment in area where they had Boy Scouts selling Burgers, Hot dogs, coleslaw, sodas, water, and very dry corn bread as a fund raiser for their troop.



Dave and Helen Young standing outside one of the three churches



Lady making dolls out of corn husks



Barbara Homer coming out of the craft house.



Dye'd corn husks used to make doll dresses.

Mobile Applications

Mobile applications can be extremely useful while on the road. Whether you are looking for a place to stay, somewhere to dump your tanks, or just a great place to eat, you can bet "there's an app for that!"

Here at Escapees we are always trying to make your life on the road easier, so we've decided to compile a list of some of our favorite "must have" apps that we feel specifically meet the needs of RVers. Enjoy and happy travels!

Google Maps- Free



The free Google maps application is almost a no-brainer to have handy on your phone. It can replace your paper map altogether while helping you find destinations and businesses along the way, and provides directions, all with the ease of turn-by-turn navigation.

Available for [iPhone](#) and [Android](#) devices.

Allstays- \$9.99



Allstays massive directory holds more than 28,000 campgrounds. You can easily find what you are looking for by filtering amenities and by type of park, i.e. private, national or state park, BLM land. Once you have found a campground, you can view their website, phone number, and directions. One of the best things about this app is that you can use it with or without Internet!

Available for [iPhone](#) and [Android](#) devices.

Mobile Applications (continued)

Waze- Free



Waze is the world's largest community-based traffic and navigation app. Join other drivers in your area who share real-time traffic and road info, saving everyone time and gas money on their daily commute. This app can help you avoid traffic by being alerted of upcoming road hazards, traffic jams or accidents that are all shared by other drivers. You can also view notes from the report such as how long others have been waiting, how fast the traffic is moving and what the exact situation is.

Available for [iPhone](#) and [Android](#) devices.

GasBuddy- Free



GasBuddy lets you search for gas prices by city, state, zip code, with listings for all cities in the USA and Canada. The prices are updated in real-time and show the time it was located, allowing you to fill up on the cheapest gas near you with ease.

Available for [iPhone](#) and [Android](#) devices.

Sanidumps- \$2.99



The Sanidumps app has the largest up-to-date RV dump station listings found anywhere. Quickly identify locations for emptying the gray- and black-water holding tanks in your trailer, camper, or motorhome.

Available for [iPhone](#) and [Android](#) devices.

Yelp- Free



Need to find a shop that sells RV parts? Not sure where to eat for dinner? The Yelp app is a great way to find businesses and restaurants near you. You can read and write reviews, get directions, and even view menus and photos!

Available for [iPhone](#) and [Android](#) devices.

Mobile Applications (continued)

WeatherBug- Free



The WeatherBug app makes it easy to view the forecast up to 10 days in advance, which may be very helpful when planning ahead for your next destination. View interactive weather maps, live weather cams, and also view severe weather alerts in areas you might be traveling to.

Available for [iPhone](#) and [Android](#) devices.

iExit- \$2.99



iExit helps you find the best exit ahead on the highway for all your travel needs. The app automatically locates you on a highway and lets you look hundreds of miles ahead to discover spots at upcoming exits. It can be quite frustrating depending on utilizing highway signs to find your next stop so this will help you save time by planning ahead, whether it's finding somewhere for gas, food or even free Wi-Fi!

Available for [iPhone](#) and [Android](#) devices.

Key Ring- Free



One of the great things about RVing is that you find new things in every town, which could potentially lead to several loyalty cards to different stores (especially grocery stores) in order to receive discounts. Those pesky cards can fill up your wallet quickly, and this handy app helps you avoid an overstuffed wallet. On top of storing all of your cards in one place, it has coupons for over 15,000 retailers that you can redeem right from your phone.

Available for [iPhone](#) and [Android](#) devices.

Trip Journal- Free



This application lets you keep a virtual journal of your travels and share them with your friends and family. You can pinpoint your travels on a map, log your thoughts, and add photos and videos along your way.

Available for [iPhone](#) and [Android](#) devices.

Mobile Applications (continued)

Wi-Fi Finder- Free



Having trouble with your MiFi card or finding that the Internet in your campground is unreliable? With over 550,000 locations in 144 countries worldwide, this app can help you find free or paid Wi-Fi locations around you. This app works both online and offline and gives you hotspot details, location, and also gives you directions using GPS.

Available for [iPhone](#) and [Android](#) devices.

State Lines- \$4.99



Every state is different, and State Lines helps you quickly locate the highly variable laws and regulations. State Lines tracks over 55 pieces of travel-relevant information for each of the 50 states, including towing & RV specific laws, phone & texting bans, gas/diesel taxes, default speed limits, seat belt & child safety seat regulations, alcohol sales & taxes, rest area overnight parking laws, and much more.

Available for [iPhone](#) and [Android](#) devices.

SatFinder- Free



SatFinder will easily help you set up your satellite dish each time you move to a new location. It finds your location based on GPS and displays results both as numeric data and graphically on Google maps.

This particular free satellite finder app is currently only available for [Android](#) devices.

Untappd- Free



This is a great resource for any beer lover! Discover new locations along your travels by utilizing the app to find nearby popular bars and beers. Sometimes it can be hard to find or decide on which local brewery to visit, and this app makes it easy by showing ratings of bars around you and what's being poured there. You can also share what you're drinking and where with other beer lovers around the world!

Available for [iPhone](#) and [Android](#) devices.

Mobile Applications (continued)

While Escapees RV Club currently does not have a mobile application, we do have a mobile-friendly website that features a park locator. This tool makes it easy to find discount parks near you and navigate to them, all with the ease of turn-by-turn navigation. We are also in the process of launching our new Mapping Tool tool that will also help you find things to do, boondocking locations, jobs, commercial members and much more!

Do you have a favorite app that you don't see listed here? Send it to us at submit@escapees.com so we can share it with others!

A blue banner with a white and red border. On the left, the text "ESCAPEES: HOME" is written in white and red. Below it, white text reads: "ESCAPEES: HOME provides you with the ability to use a particular state as your physical residence. NOW offering three physical residence options for customers, Texas, Florida and South Dakota." To the right of this text is a white map outline of the United States, with Texas, Florida, and South Dakota highlighted in blue. Below the map is a small red and white RV icon with the text "ESCAPEES Multi Services" on it. At the bottom right of the banner, the text "CLICK TO LEARN MORE!" is written in red.

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Helpful Link From One Of Our Own

Hello SKP friends/family, I ran **Factory Tours USA** site and thought it may be of interest to you. Hope you are all enjoyi

<http://factorytoursusa.com/>

Jim Jackson
SKP#16911

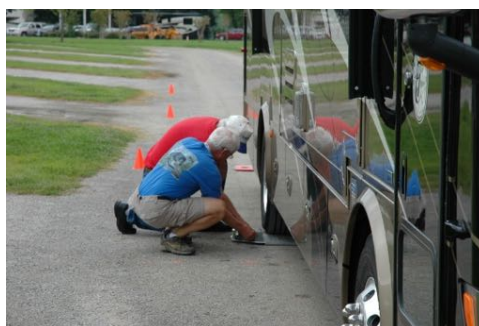
Escapees SmartWeigh on the Road

In April, SmartWeigh weighing teams hit the road to spread the word about RV weight safety. Weighmasters provided weight and tire safety seminars and wheel-by-wheel weighing at several rallies across the country: Weighing was offered at the Texas RV Rally in Canton, TX, and at SKP ACRE in Sevierville, TN.

The Canton rally was an informal gathering of Tiffin owners, and weighmaster Mark Nemeth weighed 50 coaches at the rally. Mark says, "These Tiffin owners are great! They know a lot about their coaches, and they really understand the importance of weight management and tire care. They know that owning a big coach with a lot of carrying capacity doesn't exempt you from the need to know what you weigh and how that weight is distributed."

SKP ACRE is a yearly gathering of Eastern Escapees chapters for fun and education. Weighmasters Jim and Lisa Koca not only provided weight management seminars and four-corner weighing at the rally; they also held the inaugural session of our new Boot Camp Express program. This one-day training course offers some key seminars from our RVers' Boot Camp program, and is offered at rallies and events where a full three-day Boot Camp isn't feasible. Jim says, "Lisa and I had a great time seeing everyone at SKP ACRE. SmartWeigh was able to assist the attendees in proper weight management and tire safety during weighing."

The SmartWeigh team will be at the 56th Escapade in Vermont. Be sure to come by our booth and bring your tire pressure gauges; we can test them for you! You can also sign up for RV weighing, which will be available on departure days for all Escapade attendees.



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Upcoming Events

2016 Fall Rally - Chapter 29

When: October 6 - 9, 2016, with early arrivals October 3.

Where: Oak Plantation Campground
3540 Savannah Hwy
Charleston (Johns Island), SC 29455



Co-Rally Masters: Steve & Dianne Wood
Norman & Carol Lowrance

Rates: We will be parked all together on rows NN, OO, PP, and QQ at a rate of \$45.56 per night (with a \$40.00 non-refundable deposit). There will be no rally fee for the Fall Rally.

Reservations: Please call the campground directly for reservations and identify yourself as a member of Escapees Chapter #29. After you register, please send the Co-Rally Masters an email to let us know you plan to attend.

oakplantationcampground.com

1-843-766-5936

Toll-free: 1-866-658-2500

2017 Spring Rally - Chapter 29

When: April 20 - 23, 2017; Rates apply to early arrivals and extended stays.

Where: Zooland Family Campground
3671 Pisgah Covered Bridge Rd.
Asheboro, NC 27205



Co-Rally Masters: Craig & Marie Rickenbach
Terri Wirtz

Rates: \$31.05 / night (10% off rack rate)
25 sites have been reserved all together w/FHU

Reservations:

- Individuals are responsible for their own reservations and identify yourself as a member of Escapees Carolina Rovers.
- Unreserved sites will be released two weeks prior to rally.
- Site numbers will not be assigned until arrival.
- After you register, please send the Co-Rally Masters an email to let us know you plan to attend.
- <http://www.zoolandfc.com>

336-381-3422

Upcoming Events

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56th Escapade - Essex Junction, VT

When: July 24-29, 2016
Where: Essex Junction, VT

Reservations/
Fee: Please register on-line via escapees.com, select Escapade in the Menu for information, then select Escapade Registration for on-line registration.

Register Early! The Champlain Valley Expo Center hosts the 56th Escapade; full-hook-up sites (30-amp electrical, water, and sewer) are very limited and 30-amp electrical service sites will go FAST, so make your reservation early to ensure your choice of amenity is available. Please visit registration information for details and pricing for the 56th Escapade.

Plan to join us for RV educational Seminars, RVers Boot Camp, SmartWeigh, entertainment, RV vendors, and much much more. Remember to get all of your updates on escapees.com.



Thank you and remember, please send all future submissions, travel news, member highlights, photo opts, and suggestions for the newsletter to me at [REDACTED]. The deadline for our April issue will be July 1.

Dianne Wood
V.P. & Newsletter Editor

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2014 Itasca Meridian 42E

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- Outside Refrigerator/Freezer
- 100 Gallon Fuel Tank
- Residential Full Size Refrigerator w/ French Doors
- 1.5 Bath (Master Bath w/ Full Size Stand Up Shower)

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Contact Information:



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