



**ESCAPEES - CHAPTER 29
 CAROLINA ROVERS
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 NEWSLETTER**



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Hi everyone! Currently we are in Heber City, Utah in the middle of our summer travels. So far so good. We left the Chapter 29 Spring Rally at Zooland Family Campground and started heading west, first to ACRE (All Chapters Rally East) then north to Elkhart, IN to have a new sofa installed. From there we headed to Dodge City, KA where we met up with John and Janie Sloan and we decompressed from ACRE. Then to Santa Fe NM, Williams AZ, the Grand Canyon, Moab UT and now Heber City UT. We have been talking with several Chapter 29 members who are also out west. Bruce and Connie Long are in Alaska enjoying the Last Frontier. John and Susan Martin left NC and are on the road heading west. Later this summer Craig and Marie Rickenbach will also head this way. In our chapter we have a wealth of knowledge should anyone be thinking about heading west.

Membership - According to Terri's (Chapter 29 Treasurer) last list we have 52 paid members. We continue to be a very active, healthy Chapter with great members and volunteer officers. Our fall rally is in Charleston, SC and our 2018 spring rally is in Dillard, GA. More information is posted in this newsletter.

Facebook Groups – Many, if not most of our chapter 29 members are also on Facebook. That's how many of us keep in touch. If you were to search the groups and type "RV" you would get 100 groups ranging from 15 members to 70,000 members in a group. I am a member of several groups from the generic like "50 and over RV'ers" to product specific like "Tiffin Motorhome Owners". I encourage you to explore the groups and see if any are of interest to you. For me, they are very informative.

We hope to see y'all in Charleston.

Steve Masterson,
 President

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***Minutes of Escapees Chapter29 Carolina Rovers
2017 Spring Rally, April 21, 2017
Zooland Family Campground, Asheboro, NC27205***

President Steve Masterson called the meeting to order at 9 a.m. and welcomed all members, especially our new members. Steve clarified for old and new members that SKP Inc. is a for profit organization and the chapters are non-profit. Xscapers (mostly younger Escapees) currently has about 4,000 members. They have no agenda but have convergences rather than rallies. Steve also said that Chapter 29 needs to do a financial review.

Secretary Marie Rickenbach read the minutes from the last general meeting May 6, 2016 at River Vista RV Resort in Dillard GA. Motion was made, seconded and carried to accept the minutes as read.

Treasurer Terri Wirtz gave the Treasurer's report. At the conclusion of the Spring 2016 Rally there was \$1587.20 in our bank account. \$21.40 was spent for the fall 2016 rally that was canceled. Chapter 29 received a check for \$500.00 from Camping World to pay for our catered dinner. The dinner was slightly less than \$500.00 and the remainder of the money was applied to the catered breakfast. \$265.00 was collected since last May for dues, \$95.00 of which is 2018-2020 dues. The chapter paid out \$128.71 for miscellaneous expenses including supplies and Escapade ROW. There is a balance of \$2202.09 in the account but expenses for the Spring 2017 Rally have not been deducted yet. Terry also reminded members to make checks payable to Terri Wirtz not Chapter 29 or Carolina Rovers and why this is necessary.

Vice President Dianne Wood informed the chapter that there were 552 Escapees on our mass mailing list. Newsletter is sent to members first and distributed to others later. Dianne reminded everyone that personal information is not available to non-members. The next newsletter should be published the first or second week of July and Dianne encouraged everyone to send articles and pictures to be included in the next newsletter.

President Steve Masterson reminded everyone that Chapter 29 had 45 member rigs prior to the beginning of the Spring Rally and the chapter is doing well. Steve announced that ACRE would be following the Chapter 29 Rally, April 26-May 2, 2017 at River Plantation RV Resort in Sevierville, TN. There are approximately 80 rigs (160 people) registered for ACRE. The vendor will be donating door prizes and SKY-Med will be paying for our catered breakfast. ACRE 2018 has scheduled a 3 day Escapee Boot Camp.

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Rallies – Fall 2017 will be held at Oak Plantation RV Park in Charleston SC. We have not confirmed this with the campground yet so watch for more information.

Spring 2017 will be held at River Vista RV Resort in Dillard, GA, date to be determined.

Fall 2017 will be held at Palmetto Cove, Cleveland, SC

2018 Escapade will be held in Sedalia MO. May 27 – June 1, 2018

Old Business – None

New Business – Election of the offices of Vice President and Treasurer will be held. Dianne Wood was nominated for Vice President and Terri Wirtz for Treasurer. There were no additional nominations and nominations were closed and Dianne and Terry were elected to continue in their respective offices.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to adjourn the meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

Marie Rickenbach

ADDENDUM TO MINUTES

At the conclusion of dinner April 21 President Steve Masterson called for everyone's attention and a short meeting was held for the purpose of redoing the election of Vice President. Nomination was made and seconded for Steve Gerner to be Vice President. A vocal election followed and Steve Gerner is our new VP. Congratulations Steve.

It was announced that Dave and Helen Young and Don and Beverly Jackson would be the rally masters for Fall of 2017 and Steve and Mariann Gerner and Bruce and Connie Long would be rally masters for the Spring 2018 Chapter 29 Rallies.

Spring Rally Election Congratulations

We would like to congratulate Steve Gerner for being elected as our new Vice-President for Chapter 29, Carolina Rovers. We welcome him as a new member of our staff and are certain he'll be a great addition.

In addition, Terri Wirtz, was re-elected as our Treasurer, and as history has proven, will continue to do a great job at keeping all of the numbers straight.

Thanks to both Steve and Terri for their willingness to join the staff and keep Chapter 29 going.!!!



Steve Gerner, Vice President
SKP #94654



Terri Wirtz, Treasurer
SKP #93910

New Chapter 29 Members

We would like to welcome all of our new members to Chapter 29. We were all amazed that we were fortunate to add so many wonderful new people to our “family” and are sure they will make many contributions and memories with us.



David and Dale Addington



Roger and Gwen Boyles



Randy & Shirley Cash



David & Marcia Childers



Brad & Mary Ann Davidson



Steven & Lena Meeks

New Chapter 29 Members



Wendy Mitchell



Steve and Priscilla Phillips



Bob and Holly Redden



Tom & Patti Redden



Stanley & Joyce Romano



Mike & Ann Sankewitsch

New Chapter 29 Members



John & Jane Sloane



Rick & Carla White

Those Not Pictured:

Judith B. Bachelder

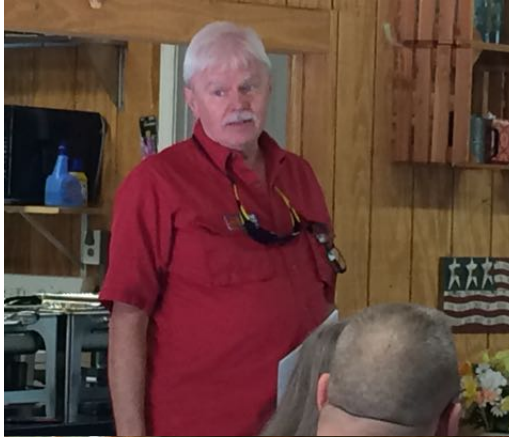
Quentin & Elaine Small

John & Wanda Redden

Darry & Joyce Wildasin



2017 Spring Rally Zooland, Asheboro, NC



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**2017 Spring Rally
Zooland, Asheboro, NC**



2017 Spring Rally Zooland, Asheboro, NC



2017 SKP ACRE River Plantation, Sevierville, TN



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2017 SKP ACRE
River Plantation, Sevierville, TN



RV Stuff

By: Steve Masterson #95338

Depending on how long you have been RVing, you have most likely experienced some issues. This summer we encountered a few that we would like to share with you.

How to handle rude neighbors?

For the first time in 47 years of RVing, we had a rude neighbor. We were in a high end, gated RV Resort for a month and one of our neighbors was set up for the long term. Clutter all over, an unregistered fifth wheel, 3 cars, lawn furniture, coolers, concrete lawn figures and a motorcycle. There were 3 adults in the RV. Yep. Got the picture? I would always say, "Good Morning" or "Hello" to one occupant and never get a reply. He would never make eye contact. From my training and experience he demonstrated many traits associated with trouble. Typically I would simply approach them and voice my concern. In this cause I did not feel that it would be a safe option. So I approached the park manager to see if we could move. Being over the 4th of July, that was not an option. So we decided to hunker down for the remainder of our stay. So far so good and we are not sure if the Park Manager spoke with them or not.

Extreme Heat!!!

Two years ago we were in Boulder City, NV for a month in June. Yep, that will never happen again. The typical daytime temps were 114 and the evening low in the 80s. Most RVs AC are not designed to handle this kind of temps. So, I went to the local ACE Hardware and found a MacGyver. I bought a 5' role of aluminum flexible insulation, similar to what you use for the windshield of a car. I also bought 2 water mister kits. Water misters are used at places like Disney World to keep people cool while in line. I cut up the insulation to fit the front windows that were not tinted. Then I ran the 2 mister kits around each AC unit on the roof. I fixed the nozzles to spray down around the compressor fins. Combined, this helped to keep us cool. When we got ready to leave, I trashed the mister kits but thought that the insulation would come in handy sometime down the road. Fast forward, we got to use the insulation again this year when the temps got to 101 in Moab and we were facing west for the afternoon hottest temps. LOL I know, I know, I know. Always try to position the motorhome to face north or east but never south or west. See, I'm still learning.

RV Stuff (continued)

Water Quality?!?!?!?

For those who have traveled extensively, one of the most annoying things is the difference in the quality of the water from campground to campground. While in Yuma, AZ and Boerne, TX, the iron content was off the chart and required changing the sediment filter twice a week. Other campgrounds had high sulfur, aka, stinky water. When we were in Heber City, UT the water was extremely

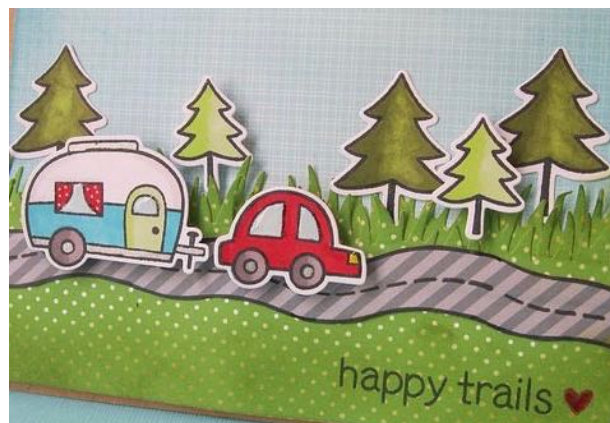
So what will high iron water do to your RV? The water will leave a red stain under every faucet.

So what will high sulfur water do to your RV? It will smell like rotten eggs.

So what will hard water do to your RV? Hard water will prematurely clog up your water lines, faucets and ice maker if you have one. If you wash your car or RV it will leave spots that are extremely difficult to remove.

Remedies?!?!?!? If you go online and search RV Water Treatment Systems you will get over 1,000,000 results. Over the years I talked to lots of RVers about their solutions and I continue to learn of ways to purify water. Today we have a whole RV Reverse Osmosis Water System in the motorhome that fills the on board water tank. Then we draw our water from the tank via the pump. One downside is that we have to replace the water pump approximately every 2 years. This year while walking around the campground in Heber City, I noticed that several RVs had a water softener tank. So I asked them about the system, the pros and cons. Yep, I added a water softener to the system. Is it expensive? The initial cost is high but maintenance is low. Do the benefits outweigh the cost? Yes. The water in our motorhome is always the same regardless of where we are in the country, aka, Happy Campers.

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..And Now a Word from our New VP

Greetings to all Chapter 29 members

Some of you may not know who I am as yet. I was elected as vice president of the chapter during the Spring Rally this year. My wife, Mariann, and I live in Evans, GA and joined Chapter 29 when the Georgia Chapter 16 was disbanded. We look forward to meeting all of you.

When we left the Spring Rally in Asheboro, Mariann and I traveled through West Virginia and into Pennsylvania where we spent a week visiting relatives and old friends. From there we passed through Ohio on our way to Williamstown, Kentucky. Williamstown, Kentucky is the home of the "Ark Adventure". This ark is built to biblical proportions and thus it is huge! It's hard to believe that a ship this size built entirely of wood could have been built back in those days. The "Creation Museum", also nearby, is another wonderful place to visit. Both places can be visited in two days but four days might be required during busy times. They are a great destination to put on one's bucket list.

Since breaking our travel trailer out of it's winter sleep in March we have managed to get away for at least a week each month. Thus far we've spent 45 days in our home on wheels this year. At times, we miss being full-timers and when we do get away we aren't always ready to come back home.

We hope that everyone is having great travels this year and we look forward to seeing everyone at the Fall Rally in Charleston. If you haven't committed to attending the Fall Rally yet please consider doing so. We always have a great time, and as we all know; "the more, the merrier"

Steve Gerner #94654
Vice-President



"Ark Adventure"



Editor's Note

I don't know about you guys but I thoroughly enjoyed the 2017 Spring Rally Zooland in Asheboro, NC - RAIN AND ALL. LOL. Of course, you know that it's not a Chapter 29 Rally without a little rain.

When we disconnected on the last day we were soaked to the bone before we even left. So we changed clothes, dumped the wet ones in the sink, and off we went to Sevierville, TN for SKP ACRE 2017. Along the way, we were provided the "opportunity" to stop along 40 West due to a wreck for a couple of hours, and, you guessed it, it was raining when we got to Sevierville. We connected, again in the rain, changed into yet another set of dry clothes (meaning more wet clothes in the sink) and settled in for a great rally.

Things were going great! The agenda for ACRE was full of activities, good food, and good (and new) friends. We were even fortunate enough to enlist the families on the left and right of us to join Chapter 29. You just have to LOVE us I guess! There was a lot of sightseeing and a wonderful dinner at The Old Mill restaurant. There's one thing for sure, you can NOT loose any weight while at a rally - there was just too much good food.

All went well.....at least until we decided it was time to dump the black tank and that's when the s*** hit the fan - literally. Steve pulled the black tank handle, we heard a whooshing sound, silence, and then the end of our dump hose came loose due to the back pressure. I grabbed it in mid air, forced it back to the dump site and stood there dripping while the neighbors and Steve had a good laugh. Thank goodness no one had a camera! Turns out, the campground maintenance crew discovered a blocked sewer line from our dump station to their main sewer pump (good reason for not putting "junk" in your black tank that should never be there in the first place). Anyway, after the blockage was fixed, and the tank dumped, I took yet another shower, placed my "soiled" clothes in a plastic trash bags and stowed away in our storage area until I could get home. The only thing good out of this whole thing was that Steve and I both got to go to WalMart and buy new shoes! Bleach took care of everything else when we got home.

All in all, the weather was great and we had a wonderful time. For those of you who may not know, SKP ACRE has been postponed for 2018 to give the staff an opportunity to re-group and re-energize. We are all looking forward to it again in 2019. Until then, we hope everyone is enjoying traveling and doing so safely.

Dianne Wood
Newsletter Editor



Traveler's Corner

By Keith and Carol Martin #97531

We moved to JayMar in Hendersonville, NC, on Wednesday. This is a nice, clean park with nice facilities. After talking with Linda, the owner/manager, I find that this park would not work out for a full Chapter 29 rally. She could only accommodate about 20 rigs max. as they have a lot of full-timers that stay with them for extended periods. A good part of the park is made up of park-models. There are only 12 pull-through sites, the rest being back-ins. The clubroom is very large and has a nice kitchen. However, the coffee-makers, pots & pans and utensils are owned by the owners' association and not available for use by others.

However, this is an excellent site for a "gathering". There is a lot to do in the area. The NC State Theatre has a nice theatre in Flat Rock and also one in Hendersonville. We have been there a several times before when in the area. We are going to see "Smokey Joes' Café" this afternoon at the Flat Rock theatre. It is only a 15 mile drive to Chimney Rock, Chimney Rock State Park and Lake Lure. We had lunch yesterday at a picturesque restaurant/bar at the end of an offshoot of Lake Lure and had a great BBQ Pulled-Pork sandwich (see attached photo). We had dinner last night at Binion's Roadhouse in Hendersonville. Very good food and service and GREAT steaks. We brought home enough steak, baked potato and salad to have for dinner tonight. We head for home tomorrow. It has been good being out in the RV again after a year's hiatus, and it was especially great seeing our SKP family again...those hugs are great.

Hugs to everyone,

Keith



Traveler's Corner

By Connie & Bruce Long

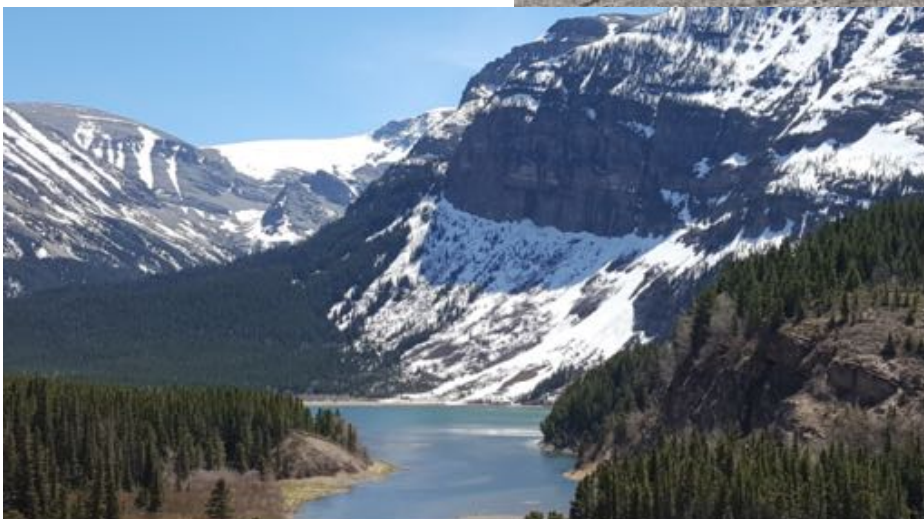
Alaska - Here We come!

Well we made it across the border into CN without needing bail money and no major breakdowns yet...

We haven't killed each other yet, although Connie keeps talking to the truckers every time we stop for fuel, and we stop a lot. Probably looking for a way out!



Glacier National Park



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Traveler's Corner

By Connie & Bruce Long (continued)



Custer State Park, SD



Columbia Ice Field, AB, CN

We're looking forward to many more pictures as Bruce and Connie get deeper and deeper into Canada.

Traveler's Corner

By Connie & Bruce Long (continued)

Denali National Park



Traveler's Corner

By Ron Johnson #104509

I achieved a significant personal milestone when I arrived in Montana on June 16. I have now spent one night or more in each of the 50 U.S. States and 11 of Canada's 13 Provinces.

After a maintenance related delay of five days in Virginia I arrived at Cedar Pass Campground in the South Dakota Badlands National Park one day later than scheduled.

Badlands of South Dakota

The campground has 50 amps electric, no water or sewer. During my five day stay here I hiked a number of park trails; the most memorable being Saddle Pass Trail because of the steep, strenuous climb. I turned back about mid-way up the 1500 foot trail.



**Badlands National Park –
Saddle Pass Trail**

**Badlands National Park –
Yellow Mounds Overlook**



Traveler's Corner

By Ron Johnson #104509 (continued)

Other areas of interest: Minuteman Missile National Historic Site, Wall Drug Store.

Custard State Park, SD

There are around 13 campgrounds, seven which are RV friendly. Each of the seven RV campgrounds has electric hookups but no water or sewer.

There are a number of scenic drives including Iron Man Road, and Wildlife Loop to name just two.

Wildlife is abundant. Wild turkeys roamed around the campground, as did one bison. I also photographed pronghorn, prairie dogs, and two ferrets.

Of course one cannot miss visiting Mount Rushmore and Crazy Horse Memorial while in the area.



**Mount Rushmore
National Monument**

**Crazy Horse National
Monument**



Traveler's Corner

By Ron Johnson #104509 (continued)

Other areas of interest: *Wind Cave National Park, Jewel Cave, The Mammoth Site, Needles Highway, fishing.*

Devils Tower National Monument, WY

The Devils Tower site is considered sacred to the Northern Plains Indians and other tribes.

The Circle of Smoke sculpture honors the American people as a gesture of world peace by sculptor Junkyu Muto.



Circle of Smoke sculpture with Devils Tower in background

Theodore Roosevelt National Park Medora, North Dakota

Three units that comprise Theodore Roosevelt National Park are the North and South, and the Elk Horn Ranch Unit. I stayed at Cottonwood campground in the South unit which has no hookups but is big rig friendly.



Theodore Roosevelt NP-Feral Horses

Traveler's Corner

By Ron Johnson #104509 (continued)

Little Big Horn National Monument

This area memorializes and preserves the site of the June 25 and 26, 1876, Battle of the Little Bighorn. It also serves as a memorial to those who fought in the battle: George Armstrong Custer's 7th Cavalry of 263 soldiers and attached personnel of the U.S. Army who died fighting a combined Lakota-Northern Cheyenne and Arapaho force of several thousand.



**Little Big Horn
National Monument
National Cemetery**

Yellowstone National Park West Yellowstone, Montana

Yellowstone National Park is huge! Besides visiting the various geyser basins and taking the obligatory pictures of Old Faithful I also drove the park loop road starting at the park's west entrance. The southern loop which encompasses the Lower, Midway, and Upper Geyser Basins, including Old Faithful was about 125 miles and took about 5 hours to drive. The northern loop, again starting at the west entrance, was about 120 miles and took about 4.5 hours.



Midway Geyser Basin Area

Traveler's Corner

By Ron Johnson #104509 (continued)



Yellowstone NP –
Bison on Grand Loop Road

Yellowstone NP – Map



Vendors's Travel Corner

By: Eric Johnson, TechnoRV

Hi SKPACRE,

This is Eric and Tami from TechnoRV. As you know, we were not able to make the SKP ACRE rally this year. What you may not know is that we have been out west since January working and enjoying the sites. We have had some great experiences at many National Parks including Saguaro, Grand Canyon, Olympic, Mount Ranier, Bryce, Canyonlands, Arches, and Zion, but what we wanted to share with you is our experience at Glacier National Park and Yellowstone National Park. While all of the parks are spectacular in their own way, Glacier and Yellowstone were the ones we were most excited about, and they did not disappoint. We started out in Glacier NP and we had the added bonus of flying our son in to Montana to hang out with us for the week at Glacier. The Going to the Sun Road was not open all the way through when we were there as there was still a lot of snow early May. We stayed at the West Glacier KOA at the west entrance of the park. The park was very nice and we had a site that adjoined to a large yard so we could spread out a bit. On the first day at Glacier, we went to Lake McDonald and got the special treat of a calm day; the reflection on the lake was stunning! Every other day we were there it was windy and the reflection was gone, so we felt fortunate to get to see it when it was reflecting. The Going to the Sun road was open all the way to the Avalanche Lodge stop. You could ride an additional 10 miles by bike to what they call the Loop, which we did. Now don't start thinking we are athletes, we did have our electric bikes which made the 10 miles up hill a delight. We walked a few trails, but not too many. The park rangers were in full force warning everyone about grizzly bears. There were signs everywhere that basically stated that a bear can attack for no reason at all and they encouraged you to have bear spray with you at all times. We did take a day and took the drive around the park to St. Mary's lake and we were able to take some more stunning pictures. Overall, we rate Glacier a 10 for just the visual presence of the park. When we look back on our pictures, it is mind blowing that we were able to experience that kind of beauty.

Once we left Glacier we went straight to Yellowstone. This was Tami's top location to visit as she use to be a earth science teacher. I knew I was in for a educational experience, and was up for the challenge. Let me just say, Yellowstone is wild! I told Tami I couldn't believe they let people in that place. There were wild animals walking on the road, the ground was randomly exploding, and there are ponds that will apparently disintegrate the human body if you fell into it.

Vendors's Travel Corner

By: Eric Johnson, TechnoRV

Nevertheless, the experience was mind blowing. While we felt Glacier had better views, Yellowstone had the better experiences as far as a dynamic environment. We saw so many bison walking by the road, elk being lazy by a lake, and even a grizzly bear across a river tending to her 2 cubs. Then there is the geological experiences of the geysers, hot springs, boiling mud, and more. We of course saw Old Faithful, but then were fortunate to see many other geysers go off that are not as predictable. I felt like the geyser whisperer; as soon as we would walk up, they would go off. This happened on three separate occasions where people had waited for hours, and we just walked up and there she blows. It was awesome. My favorite area to visit was the Mammoth Hot Springs. This was something like you will not see anywhere else in the world. The colors and formations were spectacular. Tami preferred the Geyser Basins where we had spectacular sunset views.

Our next stops are Crater Lake NP and the Redwood NP in California before we head east for a few RV shows.

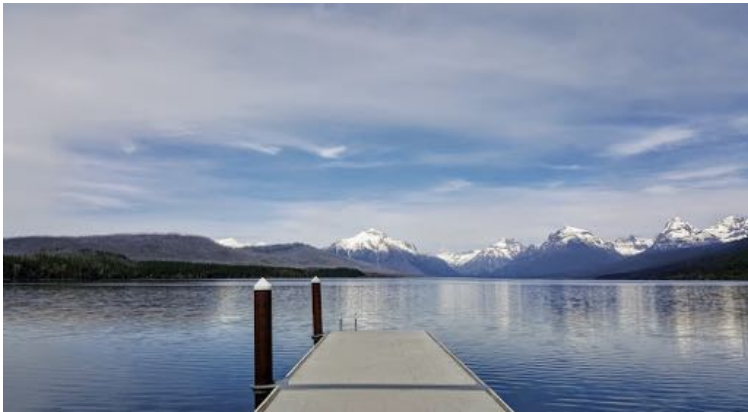
We feel very fortunate to have a relationship with this Escapees chapter. This group was our first RV chapter rally that we had ever attended, and we cannot wait to see you all down the road!

Eric Johnson



Vendors's Corner

By: Eric Johnson, TechnoRV



You can just “hear” the silence just looking at these beautiful pictures.

Vendors's Corner

By: Eric Johnson, TechnoRV



There were many many more beautiful pictures but unfortunately I couldn't include them all.

Thank you to Tami and Eric for sharing their experiences with us!

A Life Well Lived

We are deeply saddened to report the passing of our beloved co-founder, Kay Peterson, aged 90. She and her late husband, Joe Peterson, founded the club in 1978, and continued to serve Escapees members until 1990 when leadership of the club was passed to their daughter, Cathie Carr, and her husband Bud. From writing and publishing the club's early newsletters, in the 1970s and 80s, to advising the current board of directors in her later years, Kay maintained a strong connection to the club and its members.



The Carr family described Kay perfectly. "While this news is deeply saddening, we must all remember that Kay lived one of the fullest lives any ninety-year-old could ever hope for. She accomplished every goal she set for herself, and her every dream has been realized."

In addition to her work with Escapees, Kay was an accomplished writer, producing reference books and pamphlets for RVers. She also wrote several novels loosely based on her experiences traveling around the world. Her book *Chasing Rainbows*, an anthology of short stories inspired by people she met while traveling, is a favorite among RVers thanks to her wry sense of humor and candid way of writing.

Joe and Kay were inducted into the MH/RV Hall of Fame in 2001, in recognition of their support of the RVing community. They were honored again in 2010, when *RV Business* magazine included them in the 100 most influential people in the RV industry for their work in RV advocacy, support services and fostering a sense of community among RVers.

Their work has touched the lives of thousands of RVers. As long-time Escapees member Karen Cannon shared, "many people's lives have changed because of what she and Joe started. We will always be grateful for them both!"

The family has asked for privacy at this time. Cards and other sentiments may be sent to the Carr family via Escapees headquarters at 100 Rainbow Drive, Livingston, TX 77351. Memorial service arrangements will be announced at a later date.





New Articles Available!

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Through December 2017, members can take advantage of an incredible **35% manufacturer discount** on their best-in-class [Dynamo inflatable stand-up paddleboard](#) and their Dynamo shoes ([Mens](#) & [Womens](#)).

If you have questions, or want to take advantage of this offer, email the official licensee at customerservice@surf9.com and mention Escapees, as well as the items you would like to purchase. This offer is good through December 2017. *Surf9 is an official licensee of Body Glove*

To learn more about other discounts and how to take advantage of them, visit www.escapees.com. Once you have logged in, visit the “Coupons & Discounts” tab under “My Benefits.”

Upcoming Events

2017 Fall Rally - Chapter 29



- When:** Thursday, September 28 -
Sunday, October 1
- Where:** Oak Plantation Campground
3540 Savannah Hwy
Charleston (Johns Island), SC 29455
- Rally Hosts:** Dave and Helen Young. [REDACTED]
Don and Beverly Jackson
[REDACTED]
- Rates:** \$47.59 per night includes tax (with a \$40.00 non-refundable deposit). We will be parked together. If you arrive before our staff after the rally, Oak Plantation will honor the rally rate for your entire stay. The regular rate is \$52.88
- Rally Fees:** There will be no rally fee for Chapter 29 members;
There will be a \$5.00 fee per person for visitors.
- 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

Upcoming Events



2018 Spring Rally - Chapter 29

When: April 19 - 22, 2018

Where: River Vista, Dillard, GA

Rally Hosts: Steve and Mariann Gerner
Bruce and Connie Long

All detailed information will be forthcoming as we get closer to the date.

2018 Fall Rally - Chapter 29



When: 10/4-5-6, 2018

Where: Palmetto Cove

**Co-Rally
Masters:** TBD

All detailed information will be forthcoming as we get closer to the date.