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Presidents Message

Hi everyone. After the fall rally in Charleston we headed home to Stuart, FL. Rain, rain, rain and more rain. Does it sound familiar? The state is so saturated but the forecast is for sunshine.

2017 Fall Rally – A special thank you to Helen and Dave Young and Beverly and Don Jackson for being awesome Rally Hosts. We had a good turn out and everyone appeared to enjoy their time in the Low Country. Our chapter does a great job of soliciting free stuff and Camping World is one of our favorite partners. For this rally they brought some sweets for our dinner on Saturday.

2017 – 2018 Winter Season – Some members of Chapter 29 head to Florida during the winter. So if you are heading south there are a few Escapee functions to consider. Chapter 57, the Florida Sun Gators hold their fall rally in November. This year it will be from November 8 – 12 at Harbor Lakes Campground in Port Charlotte, FL. They also have 2 lunch meetings per month starting in November. One is held on the first Thursday of the month at the Golden Corral in Clermont, FL at 11:00am. The second one is held on the last Thursday of the month at the Golden Corral in Lake Placid, FL at 11:30am. Yep, the Golden Corral. We didn't want to confuse anyone starting with me. I coordinate the luncheon in Lake Placid so please email, txt or call me if you plan on attending.

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Presidents Message

2018 Spring Rally – Our rally is scheduled for April 19 – 22 at River Vista RV Resort in Dillard, GA. Mariann and Steve Gerner and Connie and Bruce Long have volunteered to be Rally Hosts. More information will be coming out soon.

2018 Chapter 29 Officer Elections – At each spring rally we elect 2 officers. In 2018 President and Secretary are up for election. If you are interested in either position, please let our VP, Steve Gerner, know. Steve can be reached via email at



2018 ACRE (All Chapters Rally East) – The ACRE Steering Committee decided to not hold a rally in 2018 and spend that time to reorganize, search for a new location and look for new people to work on the committee.

2018 Fall Rally – Our rally is schedule for October 4 – 7 at Palmetto Cove RV Park in Cleveland, SC. Priscilla and Steve Phillips have volunteered to be Rally Hosts. We need another member or couple to work with Priscilla and Steve on the rally.

Future Rallies – Given our history of scheduling rallies on the east coast in the fall has caused us some problems with hurricane season, the officers will work to make sure we schedule fall rallies in the center or western part of our region.

That's it for now. Enjoy the holidays and we hope to see you in the spring.

Hugs,
Steve

Editor's Note

I wanted to personally thank everyone for all of the emails, text messages, and cards in support of me and my family in the death of my Mother. Although it was a tough period in my life, your support was very much appreciated and made me realize what a great “family” we have in Chapter 29. Steve and I, unfortunately, were not able to attend the Fall Rally but are definitely looking forward to seeing everyone at the 2018 Spring Rally. in Dillard, Georgia. This a beautiful area and the campground is fantastic. We encourage each of you to mark your calendars and plan on joining us for fun, food, socializing, and all around good time. See the last page of the newsletter for details.

Travel Safely,
Dianne Wood
Newsletter Editor and Web Site Manager

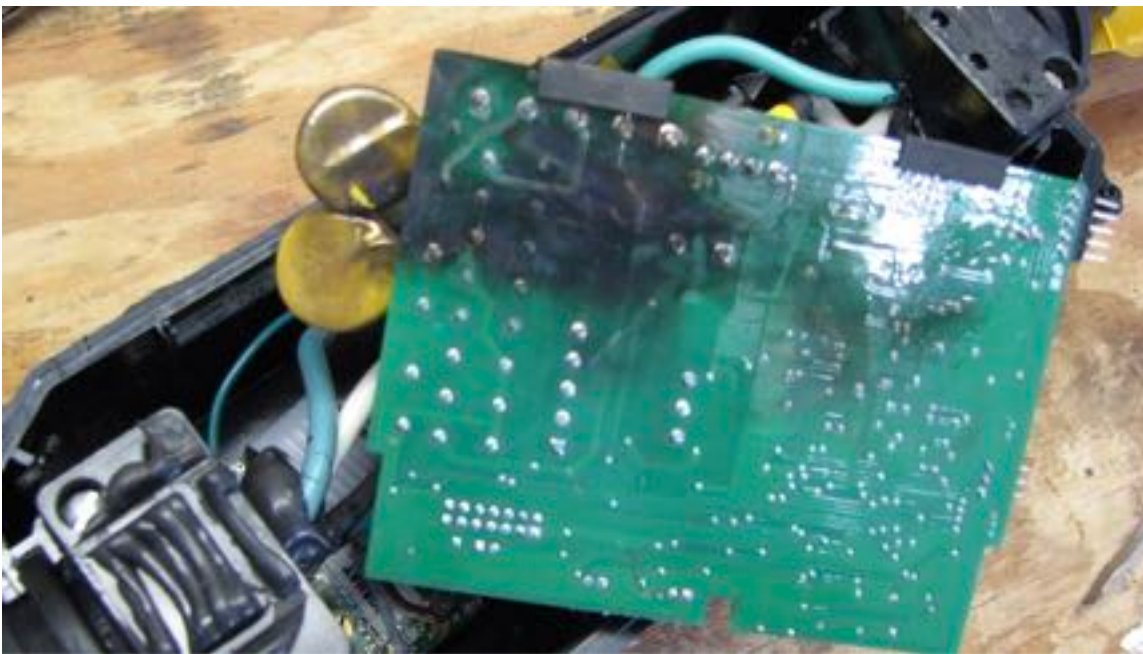


..And Now a Word from our VP

Greetings to all the "Rovers"

Mariann and I have not had a lot of travels this summer but several of them are memorable, and not all for happy reasons.

This seems to be the summer of power outages which always occurred on the hottest days. In early June while camped at the Naval Weapons Station in Charleston a garbage truck backed into a power pole knocking it down at 3 in the afternoon on a 90+ degree day. In July while camped at the "Scenic Mountain RV Resort" in Milledgeville, GA we experienced a lightning strike which came way too close to us. Thankfully the power surge guard we use gave up it's life while saving everything in the trailer. The lightning destroyed two power transformers in the campground which took 11 hours to replace.



This is what the circuitry in the surge guard looked like after it saved all of our

In August we camped at the "Watsadler Corp of Engineers Park" near Hartwell, GA where we enjoyed approximately 90 seconds of total eclipse, an awe inspiring event to say the least.

..And Now a Word from our New VP


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September found us encamped once again at the Naval Weapons Station in Charleston prior to the fall rally. While there we visited with friends and relatives while celebrating a 70th birthday. From there we attended the fall rally at Oak Plantation.

This year the hurricanes stayed away so we were able to enjoy the rally. A good time was had by all, including the meal at the Creekside Kitchen & Brew House. A job well done goes out to Dave & Helen Young and Don & Beverly Jackson, our hosts.

As Mariann and I prepare to bed our trailer down for the winter I'd like to encourage everyone to make plans to attend the Spring rally in Dillard. You'll need warmer clothing than what was needed at the fall rally!

The positions for chapter president and secretary will be up for election at the rally in Dillard. I will be accepting nominations for these positions throughout the coming months. Please email nominations to me at 

Steve (& Mariann) Gerner
#94654



Welcome to Our New Members !!!



Andrew Foster



Quentin and Elaine Small

2017 Fall Rally

Oak Plantation, Charleston, SC



2017 Fall Rally

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The Sights and Sounds of Charleston

Traveler's Corner

By Steve Masterson & Kathy Werth

These are pictures I “stole” with Steve’s permission that were taken during their trip to Yellowstone during July. When we get a chance to get back on the road, we’ll have plenty of “Western Travelers Experts” to give us advice. Enjoy the pictures.



Traveler's Corner

By Steve Masterson & Kathy Werth



Does this make you wonder if Steve took this picture after climbing the tree to get away from the buffalo? HAHA!

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Traveler's Corner

National Parks Trip Part Two 2017 By Ron Johnson #104509

Glacier National Park

Of the national parks I have visited over the years, Glacier National Park is perhaps the most stunning. There is so much to do here, especially for those who like to hike.

Going-to-the-Sun Road is 50 miles of narrow, winding road with steep drop-offs. The road crosses the Continental Divide at Logan Pass. During the drive I saw a bit of everything; glaciers, valleys, cascading waterfalls, and towering mountains. I also sighted wildlife on the trip across the Sun Road!

Glacier National Park – Going-to-the-Sun Road



My plans to hike the Hidden Lake Trail, behind the Logan Pass visitor's center did not pan out because the trail was snow covered.

Glacier National Park – Hidden Lake Trail



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National Parks Trip Part Two 2017

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Glacier National Park – Mountain Goat



Salt Creek Rec Area-Port Angeles, Washington

Salt Creek Recreation Area is a county park located about 15 miles west of Port Angeles, Washington. The park was previously Camp Hayden, used during World War II as a harbor defense base. There are still several structures left from the fort, including two concrete bunkers which housed 16" guns and several other structures.

The park is located on a bluff above the Strait of Juan de Fuca and offers views of the Strait of Juan de Fuca, Crescent Bay, and Vancouver Island, British Columbia.

Salt Creek Rec Area-Bunker



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Salt Creek Rec Area- Crescent Bay



Olympic National Park

Black Tail Deer – Hurricane Ridge



Traveler's Corner

**National Parks Trip Part Two 2017
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Crater Lake National Park



Abilene, Kansas

Abilene, Kansas was a stop on my return trip east, so I made a point of visiting the Eisenhower Library and Museum. I had no idea the Greyhound Racing Museum was across the street so I also visited there.

Eisenhower Library -Abilene Kansas



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Greyhound Racing Museum – One of two 4-legged greeters



Odessa, Missouri

Steve and Marianne Gerner introduced me to the **Country Gardens RV Park and Country Store** in Odessa on our return trip from Moab, Utah in 2014. The country store has over 160 flavors of gourmet cheese and free samples.

Cherokee, NC

I arrived in Cherokee, NC specifically to view the solar eclipse of August 22, 2017. Cherokee was in the path of totality.



On August 28, 2017, the price of the America the Beautiful – The National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Senior Pass will increase from \$10 to \$80. This increase is a result of the [Centennial Legislation P.L. 114-289](#) passed by the US Congress on December 16, 2016 and is the first increase since 1994.

The lifetime Senior Passes provide access to more than 2,000 recreation sites managed by six federal agencies:

- National Park Service
- US Fish & Wildlife Service
- Bureau of Land Management
- Bureau of Reclamation
- US Forest Service
- US Army Corps of Engineers

The passes cover entrance and standard amenity (day-use) recreation fees and provide discounts on some expanded amenity recreation fees. For more details about the pass, visit [Changes to the Senior Pass](#).

To purchase this pass any federal recreation site, including national parks, that charges an entrance or standard amenity (day-use) fee. You can also purchase online or through the mail from USGS; an additional \$10 processing fee will be added to the price. [Visit the USGS store](#).

New Courses Released for RVOU

As promised, we are adding new content regularly to the RVers Online University. We have recently added brand new classes to our repertoire of Operation/Maintenance/Safety (O/M/S) courses, as well as new electives.

If you're like us, you already know that you can never be too safe while driving an RV down the road. So, to help everyone out, we have added, "Driving Your RV" to the O/M/S courses.

Our new electives are useful, too! You now have access to "Domicile," led by K. Susie Adams of Loring and Associates. Susie is well-versed in domicile law and answers many commonly asked questions in this elective course. It covers how to choose the location of your domicile, the importance of establishing a domicile and how to do it correctly and legally.

The other courses you will have access to for a full 90 days are:

- RV Basic Systems
- RV Systems Part 1
- RV Systems Part 2
- Hitch Up
- Weight Management
- Tire Safety
- Personal Safety
- RV Driving-
- Fire/Life Safety

- Propane Safety
- Towable RVs
- Motorhome Towing
- Water, Water Everywhere
- 12-volt Side of Life
- Easy on the Asphalt
- Choosing Your Perfect RV

New Courses Released for RVOU (continued)

Also, an incredibly useful feature of RVOU is having direct access to our instructors. This means you can even contact instructors, like Susie Adams, with follow-up questions after you've completed your course!

In addition to "Domicile," you will see other electives which focus on RV safety and maintenance, including "Gas vs. Diesel," "Towing behind Motorhomes" and "Tires, Rims and Bearings."

We are offering this abundance of knowledge and information at an incredible rate of \$79!

Bring a Friend!

Are you the kind who likes to pass notes in class? You can send this email to fellow RVers and encourage them to register. That way, you can swap notes, discuss lessons and share the RVOU experience. Learning is always more fun with friends!

Still Not Convinced?

Check out these reviews to see what other RVers think about RVOU:

"The new program brings the Escapees' acclaimed RVers' Boot Camp online with lessons on topics ranging from driving safety to RV maintenance, with new lessons and topics added regularly. I'm impressed with everything I've seen so far, and I think you will be, too." Gypsy Journal [Read more](#)

"This is such a great deal. New RVers have it a lot easier than we did thanks to RVOU!" -Rene, Live.Work.Dream. [Read More](#)

"So far I've only completed one section, but I LOVE the material. It's presented well and I especially like the downloadable PDFs that go with it. I look forward to completing it all." -Chris, RVOU student

Oh, and One More Thing

Did we mention that successfully completing RVOU can save you money? If your RV is insured through Bancorp South, you are eligible for savings on your RV policy! Upon completion of the O/M/S learning path, you'll receive a certificate verifying you have completed your RV education. Take this certificate to [Bancorp South](#) for a discount on your RV insurance!

Escapees Healthcare Solutions

Escapees RV Club recently partnered with Independent Truckers Group (ITG) to bring Escapees members more options for RVer-friendly healthcare coverage. This new program, Escapees Healthcare Solutions, is available only to Escapees RV Club members.

Escapees Healthcare Solutions (EHS) includes options such as WellMEC, an Affordable Care Act-compliant plan that provides preventive care, vaccinations and wellness services. It also offers Healthcare Assist, a fixed indemnity plan that provides immediate, first-dollar coverage for most medical expenses. These are not major medical plans.

In addition to general medical coverage, EHS also offers dental coverage, with no age limits and no waiting period for preventive or basic care. The vision plan offered by EHC also includes no waiting period and is guaranteed issue for those 18 and older. MyHealthPass is also part of EHC, and serves as an affordable alternative to costly urgent care and ER visits for nonemergency medical care.

This may not be the best solution for all RVers, but it is a good option to consider given the ever-changing healthcare market. To bring RVers more healthcare options, Escapees RV Club has partnered with RVer Insurance Exchange to offer a wide range of options.

For more information on Escapees Healthcare Solutions, visit <https://escapees.com/support/healthcare>.



Quartzsite Happy Hour 2018

January 17, 2018

1:00 – 3:00 PM

Join us in Quartzsite, AZ for the 12th annual Escapees Happy Hour. Mark your calendar now and help us get the word out! Don't miss out on an opportunity to see old friends or make a new one.

This event is one day only– so don't miss out! Bring your lawn chair and a snack to share.

Location: Plomosa Road, MM3. Look for the Escapees signs!

Park with us or hang out for the day.

See you there!



Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company Extends Discount to Escapees Members



On the heels of announcing our new healthcare coverage offerings, Escapees RV Club is eager to share another new benefit for members- tire discounts. **In cooperation with Goodyear, Escapees members can now save on tires purchased through [goodyear.com](https://www.goodyear.com).**

With more than 4,000 authorized installers located across the country, Goodyear makes it simple for members to take advantage of this discount. The order process takes a few minutes and saves members an

We are excited about this new savings for all our members. Unlike some of the other programs we offer, this savings is included in the cost of an Escapees membership. In a single transaction, a member can recoup their annual dues and then some.

What we love most about this is that, because it is good on all tires, including automobile and trailers, it applies to all of our members, even those who may not RV yet, or who have had to give up their RV travels.



To read more about this discount, visit <https://www.escapees.com/benefits/coupons-discounts>.

58th Escapade Sedalia, MO

May 27 - June 1, 2018

Registration begins after Labor Day weekend!



All aboard for the 58th Escapade! Plan now to join your SKP friends in America's heartland, Sedalia, Missouri, as we celebrate 40 years of the Escapees RV Club! The charming railroad town of Sedalia and the Missouri State Fair are ready to welcome Escapees into their community with their warm, friendly hospitality.

The Missouri State Fairgrounds boasts nearly 1,000 full-hookup, 30-amp sites, as well as boondocking options. Don't delay; register early to reserve yours!

As always, Escapade promises an exciting line-up of educational seminars, exciting nightly entertainment, socials, children's activities, crafts, the Escapade market and much more. Whether this will be your first Escapade or you're a seasoned full-timer, there's something to keep you busy from morning until night. Escapade is a five-day educational event, yet many folks come for the fun and fellowship they discover while spending time with like-minded RVers who share the love of the lifestyle. Meet old friends and foster new friendships as you connect with the Escapees community. Escapees love sharing their experiences and there's no better way to learn and expand your knowledge than spending time with your peers.

While there, plan to spend some time in Sedalia and get to know its history and charm. Early-arrival and extended-stay parking options are available. Ask for details when you call to register.

The Escapees RV Club will begin taking registrations for the 58th Escapade after the Labor Day weekend. Visit the Escapees website for more information or to register online at [58th Escapade](#), or call Registration at 888-757-2582.

Upcoming Events

2018 Spring Rally - Chapter 29



When: April 19 - 22, 2018

Where: River Vista, Dillard, GA

Rally Hosts: Steve and Mariann Gerner [cameo2003 at gmail.com](mailto:cameo2003@gmail.com)
Bruce and Connie Long [cb4808long at gmail.com](mailto:cb4808long@gmail.com)

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

2018 Fall Rally - Chapter 29

When: October 4-7, 2018



Where: Palmmetto Cove, Cleveland, SC

Rally Hosts Steve and Priscilla Phillips
[priscilla.phillips at charter.net](mailto:priscilla.phillips@charter.net)

We need another member or couple to work with Priscilla and Steve on the rally. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Steve Gerner, our Vice President at [cameo2003 at gmail.com](mailto:cameo2003@gmail.com). All detailed information will be forthcoming as we get closer to the date.