



ESCAPEES - CHAPTER 29 CAROLINA ROVERS January 2020 NEWSLETTER



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Well, here we are a month into 2020 already. I imagine some are glad to see 2019 is in the rearview mirror. I for one am glad it as well as 2018 and 2017 are behind us. Finally, after all this time I am healthy again and really looking forward to 2020 camping. Marie and I are starting the year off with a bang with a month of camping at Huntington Beach State Park.

I am very excited as plans are being made for Chapter 29's Spring Rally. Today Marie and I met with Allie, one of the new managers of HIDEAWAY RV RESORT. That's right Hideaway. Cypress campground has a new owner and a new name. I know that has caused some confusion for some Escapees trying to make reservations for our rally and I hope to clarify some of those issues.

The previous owners had let the facilities run down over the past two or three years and honestly after one visit I questioned if this was the type of campground where Chapter 29 wanted to have a rally. After today's visit I am convinced it is the type of campground where we want to hold a rally. The new owner closed the campground last fall and is working on extensive renovations. While there is still work to be done before the campground's March 1 reopening it was 1,000 percent cleaner than when we saw it last October.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (Continued)

The new managers, Allie and Beau are excited to have our chapter rally and have expressed commitment to make our rally a success. I have received some e-mails and phone calls regarding difficulty making reservations. This was due to the campground being closed. If you call HIDEAWAY Monday – Friday between 9 and 5 they will be able to take your reservation. Be sure to tell them you are with Escapees Chapter 29, Carolina Rovers. This will insure you will be assigned a campsite within the area reserved for us and insure you get the rally rate.

We are trying something new this spring. Some members have expressed the desire for Chapter 29 to have longer rallies. (Remember the survey we did last year?) While we still want to accommodate those members, who can only come for a short time, we understand that other members wish to spend more time with the chapter. Therefore, between Monday, April 13 and Thursday we are having a Convergence at HIDEAWAY. The campground has agreed to extend the same rate for the days before the rally. Marie and I have made our reservations beginning Monday, April 13. There will be no agenda and no meetings. It will simply be a time for us to enjoy one another's company and investigate the numerous activities and incredible restaurants in the Myrtle Beach Area either alone or with other Escapees. The "official" rally will still be Thursday, April 16 to 19. Yes, there will be a chapter meeting and some planned meals and perhaps activities during this time. We are working hard at this time on an agenda for the rally and will share it in an e-mail before the rally. For anyone wishing to stay a few days after the end of the rally, the campground has also agreed to extend our rally rate for a few days after the rally.

Just as a preview one of the changes being made to the campground is a brand-new dog walk. I know some of our four-legged members will enjoy that! Other changes will be new fire pits so we can have campfires by the intercoastal waterway, and there will be kayaks and paddle boats for rent. The campground has lifejackets for those wishing to rent their boats. If anyone is a fisherman or fisherwomen among us there will be access from the campground for fishing.

We are looking forward to seeing many of you at the Rally in April. Please make your reservations and be sure to tell the campground you are with Escapees Chapter 29, Carolina Rovers. After you make your reservation with the campground be sure to contact the hosts, Duncan & Linda Wilkes. This is necessary for the hosts to plan food and activities. We want everyone included in all of our activities.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (Continued)

At the Spring Rally, we will hold elections for new Officers in the position of President and Secretary. We also need to elect a new Treasurer to give Terri a well-earned rest. IF anyone is interested in one of these three positions (President, Secretary or Treasurer) please contact Mike Tasto at [REDACTED].

Don't forget to make your reservations for Spring Rally at Hideaway RV Resort, Myrtle Beach, SC.

Hideaway RV Resort
5790 Dick Pond Road
Myrtle Beach, SC 29588
843-444-2119 (9 to 5, Monday thru Friday)
(Please leave a message if no answer, they will call you back)
HideAwayRVResort.com

Notify Hosts after Making Your Reservations:

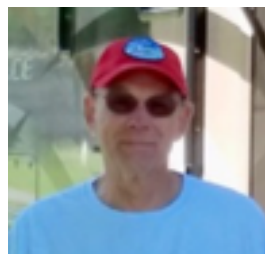
Duncan & Linda Wilkes



Craig & Marie Rickenbach



Craig Rickenbach, President
SKP# 72083



Spring Rally 2020

Elections to be held for President, Secretary, & Treasurer

If you are interested in Running for either of the positions,
please Notify Mike Tasto at 



Convergence 2020

Huntington Beach State Park
Murrells Inlet, SC

Marie & Craig Rickenbach will be in HBSP from January 13
thu February 15 Site 123

Annual Dues

Editor's Note: The following was a email sent out in January by our Treasurer, Terri Wirtz. If you owe dues or if you're not sure, please contact her at [REDACTED] I took the liberty of revising the email to reflect the name and phone number change of our Spring Rally campground.



Hi everyone,

Your favorite annual reminder here. I'm sending this email to remind you that you have not yet paid for your membership in Escapees Chapter 29 Carolina Rovers for 2020. Some of you did not send dues for 2019 but we did not hear from you that you were not interested in continuing membership so we are giving you another chance. Please send the \$5 per rig per year with a check made out to "Terri Wirtz" and mail to 1244 Woodland Church Rd, Wake Forest NC 27587.

If you are indeed not interested in continuing your membership, we would greatly appreciate hearing from you so we can delete you from our photo directory and from the website. If you want to continue to get the emailed quarterly newsletter, do let us know that too. You can always find it on the website (<https://carolinarovers29.weebly.com/>) if you prefer not to have it in your email box.

For those of you who still like being part of our fun RVing group, don't forget that the 2020 Spring Rally will be at Hideaway RV Resort in Myrtle Beach, SC April 16-19. Please make your camping reservation directly with the campground 843-444-2119 and then notify the Rally hosts, Duncan and Linda Wilkes [REDACTED] of your intended participation. Looking forward to seeing all of you there.

Hugs and wishes for a safe and healthy New Year.
Terri Wirtz, Treasurer

New Members

We would like to Welcome our new members who joined us since our 2019 Fall Rally.
We look forward to seeing them at our future rallies!!!



David & Caryl Dyer
SKP# 156192



Bob and Linda Seaver
SKP#106149



Larry & nellie Jackson
SKP# 151884

The following have joined but we have no pictures to date.

J. Russell & Dianna Cartwright
SKP# 157646

Jack & Sue Trimmier
SKP# 80874

MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Merry Christmas.

I know we missed sending cards and letters last Christmas, but we are back! There are lots of words that come to mind when we say Christmas including; Children, Santa, gifts, giving, family, friends, decoration, decorating and food (can't forget the food!). Maybe I have been watching too many Hallmark movies but three words that also come to mind are Celebration, Reflection and Hope.

The whole reason for celebration is the birth of Jesus, without this there would be no Christmas. We all also have personal celebrations and among our reasons to celebrate this year was that after a year and a half of leg pain, difficulty walking, several rounds of physical therapy and three surgeries (one on his neck and two on his lower back) Craig finally has relief. Our second celebration is the addition of our fifth grandchild on June 5, Maxwell Sterling Rickenbach, Max is the fourth child of William and Danese.

Christmas is a wonderful time to reflect on the many blessings that God has given us. Craig and I can also reflect on the activities we have been able to enjoy despite his problems. While we still were not able to make our long trip with the RV out west, we have still managed to use the camper for more local trips. We began the year with spending 28 nights at Huntington Beach State Park in SC. In April we attended the Carolina Rovers Chapter 29 Spring Rally in Four Oaks, NC. Also in April we reconnected with friends Jim and Linda Jacob when they visited us in Rock Hill. Late April, early May we attended Escapees ACRE (All Chapters Rally East) in Pine Mountain, Georgia. Then in late May and early June we spent 14 nights at Douglas Dam near Sevierville TN with our friends Jim and Linda Jackson.

MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM OUR PRESIDENT (CONTINUED)

We then had this long break that most people consider camping season. Craig's back surgery was June 18. The recovery was longer than any of his other surgeries but the results were better. By the end of August, we were able to make a trip in the car to Ohio and Virginia. Finnnnnnally the first weekend in October the doctor said Craig could take the camper and we attended Carolina Rovers Chapter 29 Fall Rally in Asheville NC. Since then we spent 10 nights at Myrtle Beach State Park and visited the Georgetown Wooden Boat Show. We spent 6 nights at Kings Mountain State Park which is one of our favorite nearby get aways.

We had our Thanksgiving dinner with the family the Saturday before Thanksgiving. Both boys and their wives, all five grandchildren and Danese's parents joined us for dinner. It is such a good day when all of us can get together. On Thanksgiving Day we drove the car to Virginia and had dinner with Jim and Linda Jackson. We spent a few days with them and then drove to Gatlinburg and Sevierville for a few days. We are home now as we prepare for Christmas.

Lastly the word Hope. Isn't it wonderful that after Christmas we look forward with great hope for the new year? So, to all of our family and friends we wish you a Merry Christmas and, New Year filled with Hope for all good Things

Craig and Marie Rickenbach



**MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM
OUR PRESIDENT (CONTINUED)**



TRAVELER'S CORNER
Summer Trip 2019
By Ron Johnson SKP#104509

Cherry Creek State Park

The dog park in Cherry Creek State Park in Aurora, Colorado is 100 acres with a river running through! The distance from the entrance to the river is about ¾ mile by my estimate. Dogs can become lost because the park is bounded by wetlands and unleashed dogs can get outside the confines of the dog park via the river. Dalton is water adverse but he had the time of his life in the dog park.

Dalton in the River



Dead Horse Point State Park - Moab, Utah

Dead Horse Point State Park is about 2,000 feet above the Colorado River providing spectacular views of the goosenecks. If you are planning a trip to the park's campground you must fill your fresh water tank before arriving as water is unavailable in the park. There are also no showers or cell service. The closest services are in Moab, about 35 miles away.

Dead Horse Point State Park-View of Colorado River



Dead Horse Point State Park - View of Goosenecks



TRAVELER'S CORNER
Summer Trip 2019
By Ron Johnson SKP#104509 (continued)

Fremont Indian State Park-Utah

The photo of the Indian blanket was taken from a distance about ¼ of a mile using a 200 mm lens, but you can see the blanket on the large rock face center frame. To the right of it on another face is a second smaller blanket.

The Legend of the Indian Blanket: Many years ago a group of Indians passed through Clear Creek Canyon on the way to their winter camping area. While in the canyon the new baby of a young Indian girl died and was buried near the site of the blanket pictograph. During the winter the mother could not get the thought of her baby being alone in the winter cold out of her mind. The next spring she made preparations and returned to Clear Creek Canyon and painted the blanket for her lost baby to use in the future cold winters to keep away the cold. (The source of the story is residents of the towns near the park, not the Paiute.)

The blanket's approximate size is 16 feet long and 4 feet high. An analysis of the paint indicates that the paint was non-organic and is similar to minerals in outcrops near the blanket. The paint was dated as being more than 250 years old. (Freemont State Park Trail Guide)

The Indian Blanket Pictograph



Forrest Gump Point – Medicine Hat, Utah

The location on route US-163 in Utah, between Medicine Hat and the Monument Valley, became famous as the spot where Forrest Gump ended his cross country running in the movie of the same name.

Forrest Gump Point US-163 MM 13 Looking West



TRAVELER'S CORNER
Summer Trip 2019
By Ron Johnson SKP#104509 (continued)

Kodachrome Basin State Park – Cannonville, Utah

A National Geographic Society expedition in 1948 named the area Kodachrome after the popular color film because of the colors and beauty found here. The park is remote and there are no services. FHU sites are available.

**View of Campground from
Angel's Palace Trail**



Angel's Palace Trail



Grand Staircase Escalante National Monument

Grand Staircase Escalante is the country's largest national monument with miles of untouched beautiful scenery. The national monument is comprised of three units: Grand Staircase, Kaiparowits, and Escalante Canyon.

Cottonwood Canyon Road – Grand Staircase Unit



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Summer Trip 2019
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The Cockscomb-Grand Staircase Unit



Cottonwood Canyon Road runs through rugged and remote areas of the Colorado plateau from Cannonville, Utah to near Lake Powell in Arizona. The route is 46 miles long one-way, is graded dirt and gravel and is wash-boarded. It is impassable when wet. The drive can take two to three hours, depending on the number of stops during the trip. Due to the remoteness there are no cell services.

Ron Johnson
SKP#104509



TRAVELER'S CORNER
Nashville The Music City - 2019
By Terri Wirtz SKP#93910

Last October after the SKP29 rally in Asheville, I headed over to Nashville TN for a week with a couple of my sisters. We decided late in September to make this trip so, when I started looking for a campground for my fifth wheel and my sister's trailer, there was not a lot to choose from. We ended up getting reservations at I-24 Campground in Smyrna, a Good Sam park, about a half hour south of Nashville. My other sister made her own reservations for a tent site. (Story about that later)

I decided to stop at Floating Mills Corps of Engineers campground, Silver Point, TN for one night. I did not make a reservation since it was Sunday night and I wasn't expecting it to be crowded. However, when I arrived, there were only two sites left, and only one big enough for my 30 ft fifth wheel and truck without detaching. It was a great site, paved, easily backed into, and with a view of the lake. Another camper told me that Alan Jackson, one of my favorite country singers, had a house on the hill overlooking the lake. I just wish he had decided to come out on his porch and sing us a song that evening.

The next day I arrived at I-24 Campground in Smyrna, south of Nashville. A fairly large place, it was crowded with long-term campers and overnighters. I had an end site (site 94) with the one next to me facing the opposite direction. Sites were minimal in length and at one point, I had to move my truck, parked crosswise on my site, so that the big motorhome next door could pull out. I had new neighbors almost every day. I had full hookup, no cable, and supposedly WiFi for \$35 per night, weekly rate including tax. The WiFi only worked near the office area and the antenna channels were inconsistent, especially at night. TV antenna service was also inconsistent.

Monday afternoon, my sister Lauren arrived from Iowa with her Gulf Stream Vintage trailer and 2 cats. Her site was just a short walk down the street from mine. We found a nearby library where we could get really good WiFi so spent part of Tuesday there, researching area attractions. The library is fairly new and has a delightful miniature mountain scene at the entrance.

We drove in to Nashville and tried to find a cheap parking space for my big truck. We finally found a small empty lot with a pay kiosk on 3rd Avenue several blocks up the long hill from Broadway St. Plenty of room to spin the truck around and park. We walked down the hill to the music and food venues.

Our first stop was the Visitors' Center at the Bridgestone Arena on Broadway and 5th Ave where we signed up for a downtown walking tour the next morning. Then we walked and gawked at all the music places, looking for a place to eat supper. Lauren said she was sorry she did not have her ear protection because all the bands playing were in open windows right next to the sidewalks and it was VERY LOUD.

We grabbed sandwiches at Jack's BBQ counter restaurant on the upstairs deck, then continued our walk past Jason Aldine's and Kid Rock's music/food places among others. We passed Ryman's Theatre where Bill Monroe first introduced Bluegrass music in 1945. Then we trudged back up the hill to the parking lot where my truck was still the only vehicle there.

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Tuesday morning, we parked at the same lot which was still unoccupied. From the Visitors' Center, we started our walking tour, an excellent way to get the low-down on history, architecture, and current events. The only building we entered was the Wildhorse Saloon with its upside-down horses on the ceiling. As our guide said, who wants to look up from their table to see the underside of a horse. There is line dancing in the afternoon but we never got back there to do any.

For lunch, we drove to the nearby Farmer's Market where the Food Court has booth restaurants with various ethnic foods. Then we walked around part of Bicentennial Park where there are huge granite blocks, each engraved with highlights of Tennessee history. At the WWII Memorial has a rolling globe on a thin veneer of water, honoring all Tennesseans who served.

Our sister Bernie arrived Wednesday evening with her dog Ollie. She was told the tent area was closed as of October 1 but she was not told that when she made her reservation in September. The grassy tent area is next to the office and restrooms/showers with trees, fire pits, and picnic tables. Tenters park in a nearby gravel area on the other side of a rail fence. It was dark by then but we were able to get her tent pitched by the exterior lights on the building.

The next morning, we parked at the Library Parking Garage, to save the walk up and down the hill. It was still a hill, but much shorter distance (2 blocks) from Broadway. All day charge was \$14. We found a Trolley Tours kiosk a block away and bought our all day, hop on-off tickets for \$43.65. The tickets included free entrance to George Jones and Madame Tussauds museums. We then walked down to Broadway and caught one of the first buses around town.

Our first hop-off stop was at the Marathon Motor Works complex which includes Antique Archaeology, the store owned by Mike Wolfe and made famous on "American Pickers" TV show. There is machinery in the halls from when it was a gasoline engine factory and later manufacturer of early automobiles. Also, a distillery and a winery plus several little shops.

The trolley ride includes all major places of interest including Vanderbilt University, the Sarah Cannon Cancer Center (the real name of Minnie Pearl who was treated there and became the hospital's spokeswoman) and Music Row (16th Street) where all the Music Studios were. Our second stop was the Parthenon, the only remaining building from the 1897 Centennial and International Exposition.

We had lunch at Jimmy Buffett's Margaritaville restaurant with a relatively quiet guitarist playing and spent a good hour at George Jones Museum, immersing ourselves in the life of the Texas-born country singer of the 1960s.

On Friday, we drove out to Hermitage to see the home of Andrew Jackson, seventh President elected in 1828. We went through the museum of artifacts and history of the man, the General, and the President, including Rachel Jackson's wedding dress, and then had a guided tour of the house, before wandering the grounds with several slave cabins.

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The house was originally built in 1821 as a Federal-style mansion with a symmetrical center hall. In 1834 it was devastated by fire and architecturally remodeled in a more fashionable Greek-revival style with 2-story Corinthian columns in the front and a cantilevered, elliptical staircase in the center hall. Tours are \$22 or \$19 (age 62+). No photography allowed in the house.

After a light lunch in the cafeteria adjoining the museum, we drove back to Nashville to see Madame Tussaud's Museum, with its life-size figurines of the famous and greats of the Nashville Music scene, from Ella Fitzgerald to Taylor Swift and Janis Joplin, Bruce Springsteen to Kid Rock, George Strait, and Luke Bryan to Reba McEntyre.

We went to the Bavarian Bierhaus for supper but the noise level was unreal and the band had not even come on the stage. Bernie and I each had a beer and Laureen had a hot chocolate. We drove around in the rain until we found a nice Italian place, then back to the campground. We were really glad we had already taken down Bernie's tent and moved her and Ollie into my fifth wheel. After breakfast at IHOP in Smyrna, Bernie and Ollie left for home in NC on a sunshiny morning.

Laureen and I spent most of Saturday afternoon at the library, catching up on email and researching a campground for Sunday night in NC.

On Sunday we walked around the capitol building which is open for touring only during the week. There is a really cool monument to music on the capitol grounds. Then down the hill to the Farmer's Market again for lunch and back to Smyrna to enjoy an open house at the city's fire station with free literature and hot dogs.

We both dumped our tanks that evening and Monday morning we headed to NC, where we stayed one night at Tom Johnson/Camping World rally grounds in Marion. Full hookup for \$30 (Good Sam 10% and \$3 fee). We had made reservations the day before and Laureen had confirmed that they had charged her credit card. But at the reservation desk, they could find no reservations in the campground. So, they just sent us to the open rally fields with almost no other campers there.

Laureen was having problems getting her furnace to turn on so after we registered, she asked if there was anyone available to look at her furnace switch. The service dept woman was able to fix it quickly at no charge.

The sign for the camping area on US 70 coming from the west off I-40 is not obvious. I was in the lead and passed it, turning into the Camping world store area. After getting directions, I called Laureen and gave her clues to turn on the correct road.

The next morning, we walked over to the campground registration building to have breakfast at their small café. Then headed out to my place in Wake Forest, where Laureen camped in my front yard for another 10 days. (water and electric hookups only).

Terri Wirtz - SKP #93910



TRAVELER'S CORNER
Nashville The Music City - 2019 (continued)
By Terri Wirtz SKP#93910

Photos from Nashville Trip



Floating Mill COE Campground, TN



I-24 Campground, Smyrna TN (Good Sam)



Smyrna Library display



Downtown Nashville AT&T building (aka Batman)



Riverfront Park



Nashville Music City Star Train Station

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Nashville The Music City - 2019 (continued)
By Terri Wirtz SKP#93910



Wildhorse Saloon



Bicentennial Park



Marathon Motor Works



The Parthenon

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The Hermitage



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Nashville The Music City - 2019 (continued)
By Terri Wirtz SKP#93910



SPECIAL INTEREST
Shared By Steve Wood SKP#113382

I Am Your Flag

I was born on June 14, 1777.

I am more than just cloth shaped into a design.

I am the refuge of the World's oppressed people.

I am the silent sentinel of Freedom.

I am the emblem of the greatest sovereign nation on earth.

I am the inspiration for which American Patriots gave their lives and fortunes.

I have led your sons into battle from Valley Forge to the bloody swamps of Viet Nam.

I walk in silence with each of your Honored Dead, to their final resting place beneath the silent White Crosses, row upon row.

I have flown through Peace and War, Strife, and Prosperity, and amidst it all I have been respected.

My Red Stripes...symbolize the blood spilled in defense of this glorious nation.

My White Stripes...signify the burning tears shed by Americans who lost their sons.

My Blue Field...is indicative of God's heaven under which I fly.

My Stars...clustered together, unite 50 states as one, for God and Country.

"Old Glory" is my nickname, and proudly wave on high.

Honor me, respect me, defend me with your lives and your fortunes.

Never let my enemies tear me down from my lofty position, lest I never return.

Keep alight the fires of patriotism, strike earnestly for the spirit of democracy.

Worship Eternal God and keep his commandments, and I shall remain the bulwark of peace and freedom for all mankind.

I Am Your Flag

DO YOU REMEMBER WHEN ?????
Shared By Steve Wood SKP#113382

Comments made in the year 1957

- "I'll tell you one thing, if things keep going the way they are, it's going to be impossible to buy a week's groceries for \$20."
- "I'm afraid to send my kids to the movies any more. Ever since they let Clark Gable get by with saying 'damn' in 'Gone With The Wind,' it seems every new movie has either "hell" or "damn" in it.
- "Have you seen the new cars coming out next year? It won't be long before \$5000 will only buy a used one."
- "If cigarettes keep going up in price, I'm going to quit. A quarter a pack is ridiculous."
- "Did you hear the post office is thinking about charging a dime just to mail a letter?"
- "If they raise the minimum wage to \$1, nobody will be able to hire outside help at the store."
- "When I first started driving, who would have thought gas would someday cost 29 cents a gallon. Guess we'd be better off leaving the car in the garage."
- "Kids today are impossible. Those ducktail haircuts make it impossible to stay groomed. Next thing you know, boys will be wearing their hair as long as the girls."
- "If they think I'll pay 50 cents for a hair cut, forget it."
- "I read the other day where some scientist thinks it's possible to put a man on the moon by the end of the of the century. They even have some fellows they call astronauts preparing for it down in Texas."
- "Did you see where some baseball player just signed a contract for \$75,000 a year just to play ball? It wouldn't surprise me if someday they'll be making more than the president."
- "I never thought I'd see the day all our kitchen appliances would be electric. They are even making electric typewriters now."
- "It's too bad things are so tough nowadays. I see where a few married women are having to work to make ends meet."
- "It won't be long before young couples are going to have to hire someone to watch their kids so they can both work."
- "Marriage doesn't mean a thing any more; those Hollywood stars seem to be getting divorced at the drop of a hat."
- "I'm just afraid the Volkswagen car is going to open the door to a whole lot of foreign business."
- "Thank goodness I won't live to see the day when the Government takes half our income in taxes. I sometimes wonder if we are electing the best people to congress."
- "The drive-in restaurant is convenient in nice weather, but I seriously doubt they will ever catch on."
- "There is no sense going to Lincoln or Omaha anymore for a weekend. It costs nearly \$15 a night to stay in a hotel."
- "No one can afford to be sick any more; \$35 a day in the hospital is too rich for my blood."

RV Service Listings

We are providing chapter members with a list of RV service centers / businesses that we have used that we would recommend. Below is the list we collected so far. If anyone wishes to add to this list, please send to me and I'll repost in the January Newsletter. Please include the vendor's name, address, phone number, and email and website if available. Member contributor's names are in { } in case you need more information. This list will also be posted to our web site.

Note: This list was not sanctioned by Escapees, Inc. or Chapter 29, but merely provided for the assistance of our members while traveling.

- AZ *Unlimited Collision & RV, 8112 North 75th Ave., Peoria, AZ 85345* {Raymond Nuzzolo}
623-979-7565 www.unlimitedcollisionaz.com Attn: Matt Gorges
- FL *Randy's Mobile RV Service, Inc., Howey in The Hills, FL 34737* {Raymond Nuzzolo}
352-324-0288 407-497-7266 (Cell) Attn: Randy
- GA *Maxie Price RV - 4601 Atlanta Hwy, Loganville, GA 30052* {Don Jackson}
770-554-2000 maxiepricerv.com
- NC *Bob's RV Repair , 5929 Old Greenlee Rd., Marion, NC* {Jan Austan}
828-724-4522 or 828-460-7352
bobsrvbodyshop.com
- NC *Shaw RV , 1650 US HWY 1, Youngsville, NC 27596*
919-556-6553 shawrvnc.com
- NC *GGT RV (Golden Gait Trailers), 5051 Davidson Hwy, Concord, NC* {Steve Wood}
28027 704-743-5280 goldengait.com
- NC *Country Roads RV Center- 2609 Enterprise Rd, Lexington, NC 27295* {Steve Wood}
336-775-2100 CountryRoadsRVCenter.com
(Does not service motorhomes (engines) - 5th wheels, travel trailers, and house portion of motorhomes only)
- NC *RV & Camper Refrigeration, Inc., 5808 Stockbridge Drive*
Monroe, NC 28110 704-821-9119
www.rvcrcarolina.com www.coolyourcmper.com
Attn: Sam Obermiller
- NC *Truck Fleet Painting (for body work), 5301 Stowe Lane,* {Steve Wood}
Charlotte, NC 28262 704-455-5315 truckfleetpainting.com
- NC *Snider Fleet Solutions (tire service), 300 E. Meadowview Rd.,* {Steve Wood}
Greensboro, NC 27406 336-275-7188
(Note: this is a national company and more locations can be found by visiting sniderfleet.com)

RV Service Listings (continued)

- NC Love's Tire Service, 1217 Trollingwood Hawfields Rd., Mebane, NC 27302. 919-563-1814. www.loves.com/locations/667 (Raymond Nuzzolo)
- NC Country Camping Corner, 101 Oak Grove Rd., Kings Mountain, NC 28086 704-734-0595 www.countrycorner.com {Craig Rickenbach}
- NC Hollygrove Sales - Complete RV Service and Repair Center. {Steve Wood}
610 Old Hargrave Rd, Lexington, NC 27295
336-491-0876. ncrvrepair@yahoo.co



Cautionary Tales

Cautionary Tales includes reports on issues that we as RVers need to be aware of on the road or through RV internet sites. As an RV family, it is our responsibility to pass on information to each other and help us all stay safe on the road. As we publish these in the newsletter, they will also be posted on our web site for future reference.

If you have a submission for Cautionary Tales for our next Newsletter, please send them directly to me. 

Thank You
Dianne Wood
#113382

Classifieds

**FOR SALE: 2019 Coachmen Leprechaun 319MB
\$73,500. Only 3850 miles.**

Features:

F450 Ford Chassis
2 Slides
Full Body Paint
30 Amp Electric
Fully Automatic Hydraulic leveling system
Onan Generator 4000
Standard Heavy Duty 2" Receiver
Dometic 21' Power Patio Awning
Privacy windshield cover
Outside Entertainment Center TV/Radio
Outside table / sink
Refrigerator in back outside storage area
Dometic water heater
Thetford Fresh Water Flush Toilet
Atwood Furnace (LP)
Electric air conditioning / heat pump
Bed over cab / ladder / privacy curtain
Fireplace for ambiance and heat
2 Theatre Seats w/center console and cup holders
Swivel Seats (Driver and Passenger)
Furrion LED HD TV in living area (retractable)
USB/Multi Outlet Charging Stations
True Induction double burner stove
High Pointe Microwave / Convection Oven
Dometic Refrigerator (Electric / LP)
Single stainless steel kitchen sink
Booth Dinette (converts to bed)
Queen Bed in Bedroom

CONTACT: Steve & Dianne Wood SKP#113382
(336) 250-2222



Many more pictures available on request.



319MB FLOORPLAN
Premier - Ford 450



SPECIFICATIONS

Wheelbase:	227"	GVWR:	14000 lb.
GCWR:	20000 lb.	GVWR Rear:	9000 lb.
GAWB Front:	3000 lb.	Fuel Capacity:	35 gal.
Exterior Length:	32' 11"	Subtotal Weight:	12' 10"
Exterior Width:	100"	Fresh Water:	50 gal.
Gray Water:	32 gal.	Black Water:	20 gal.
Awning Size:	21'		



Carolina Rovers - Upcoming Events

2020 Spring Rally - Chapter 29



When: April 16 - 19, 2020

Where: Hideaway RV Resort
- - (Formerly: Cypress Camping Resort) - -
5790 Dick Pond Road
Myrtle Beach, SC 29588

Rally Hosts: Duncan & Linda Wilkes (redacted), Hosts
Craig & Marie Rickenbach (redacted),
Co-Hosts

Rally Fee: TBD

Campground Fee: \$52.00 less 10%; plus tax.

Name of Group Carolina Rovers, Escapees Chapter 29
When Making
Reservation:

Phone: 843-444-2119
HideawayRVResort.com

CONVERGENCE

We will be having a Convergence from Monday - Thursday (until rally registration) for anyone who would like to join us early. There will be no agenda, "planned" activities, or fees during the Convergence. Come socialize, kick back, and have fun. There is not a weekly campground rate but the rally rate will be honored.

Disclaimer - Although not expected, campground rates are subject to change.

Carolina Rovers - Upcoming Events

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2020 Fall Rally - Chapter 29



When: October 1 - 4, 2020

Where: Cross Winds Family Campground
160 Campground Ln.
Linwood, NC 27299

Rally Hosts: Steve & Dianne Wood [REDACTED], Hosts
Mark & Darcy Norton [REDACTED]
(Co-Hosts)
Charlie & Jenny Morrison [REDACTED]
(CoHosts)

Rally Fee: TBD

Campground Fee: \$40.00 for 30 amp; \$45 for 50 amp.;
early/late rate, per night

**Name of Group
When Making
Reservation:** Carolina Rovers, Escapees Chapter 29

Phone: 336-853-4567
www.crosswindsfamilycampground.com

Disclaimer - Although not expected, campground rates are subject to change.

A New Escapees Chapter Georgia #16 - Georgia Azaleas

Good news! We have a new Escapees Chapter - Georgia #16 - Georgia Azaleas. The following was a Greetings message written by Steve Masterson - who has also joined Chapter #16.

GREETINGS FROM STEVE MASTERSON

Hi everyone. Congratulations on reorganizing Chapter 16. It is an exciting time for the Chapter and it sounds like y'all are off to an excellent start. Kathy and I have been members of the Escapees RV Club since 2006 and have really enjoyed meeting new people and sharing the RV Lifestyle. We are lifetime members of the Escapees RV Club and members of several Chapters including 29 The Carolina Rovers, 57 Florida Gators, 42 Ken-Tenn and now 16 Georgia Azaleas. We live in Stuart, FL so the motorhome spends most

of the winter in the garage, resting. LOL We stay at our home in Florida for the winter and travel most of the summer. We try to attend the Spring rallies for the chapters we belong to before heading west for the summer. We spend about 2 months at Hart Ranch in Rapid City, SD and 1 month in Cody, WY. The remainder of the time is spent meandering anywhere west of the Mississippi. Meandering is my favorite word when talking about the RV Lifestyle.

I want to thank everyone involved in reorganizing the chapter. I played an



active role in reorganizing Chapter 29, The Carolina Rovers in 2011 and know what it takes to reorganize a chapter. The leadership of Chapter 16 are off to a great start and I look forward to attending many rallies down the road.

Congratulations,

SKP Hugs

Steve Masterson

CHAPTER 16 IS OFF TO A GREAT START! February 6-9, 2020 - First Get Together Planned

Our 1st get together of the year is scheduled for February 6-9, 2020 at the KOA Brickyard RV park in Americus, GA. We have 7 rigs (13 people) that currently plan to attend at the time of this newsletter publishing. We're

looking forward to coming together and making new friends in the process. The following people will be attending and we hope more will join our group as time draws nearer:

Joe & Joy Maltese
Kaye & Greg Minchew
Charles King
Paul & Tracy Knot
Bruce & Janice Partin
Larry & Mimi McClure
Dennis & Janie McCarley

A New Escapees Chapter Georgia #16 - Georgia Azaleas



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*******SAVE THE DATE*****
April 30-May 3, 2020
GEORGIA AZALEAS ANNUAL RALLY & MEETING**

Savannah South KOA has graciously allocated 15 FHU sites for our annual rally. They recommend we make reservations as early as this month (January) so they can better accommodate our group. Everyone is responsible to make their own camping reservations by telephone the campground so you can advise them you are with our wagonmaster—Zack Webb and

part of the Georgia Azaleas Rally. We ask that everyone to email us at 2jmaltes@att.net and let us know the following information for rally planning purposes:

1. Names of those attending
2. Your email address
3. Cell phone number
4. Type and length of rig

Also, we will need volunteers to help with planning the rally and with various tasks during the event. There is no registration fee for this rally at this time. However, we may take up a collection at some of our group meals to cover our expenses if needed.

There will be a FUNd raiser for a charitable organization at this event. Hope everyone can attend. It's going to be fun!

If you would like more information on this new chapter, please contact Joe Maltese at 