



ESCAPEES - CHAPTER 29 CAROLINA ROVERS JANUARY 2021 NEWSLETTER



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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I hope the new year has found everyone well and virus free. 2020 was a very strange year and now that it is over, I am looking forward to the 2021 camping season. Some of us are winter camping at Myrtle Beach State Park. Camping is really one of the safest activities since basically you are social distancing in your camper. People around you are on just a Hi, Good morning basis. I really do hope the world situation gets better and we can all do some serious camping and can enjoy our Rallies. Info for Myrtle Beach State Park is below.

I have no scheduled surgeries so far in 2021 and I hope to keep it that way. Marie and I decided that a big out west trip would still not be a good idea this year due to unknowns of the virus. We really do not want to travel that far and not see all the things we plan. Too many attractions may still be closed or limiting attendance or needing special tickets or waiting in long lines. We do have trips planned for Myrtle Beach, Spring & Fall Rallies, ACRE and Douglas Dam in Sevierville, Tenn. The plan is to fill in between months with more local trips. If conditions improve, we may go to San Antonio and Dallas Texas or Pennsylvania and Ohio.

It is with a heavy heart that Chapter 1 in California has been disbanded. Earlier the MidAtlantic and New York chapters also disbanded. All of these chapter experienced the same problems of lack of attendance and lack of volunteers for officers and hosts.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (Cont'd)

I heard California had 4 rigs attend their last rally and 3 of them were officers. Chapter 29 is still fortunate to have good attendance at rallies, but we are lacking volunteers for new officers. I repeat the following from our last Newsletter. "Due to the Spring Rally 2020 being cancelled because of the virus, election of officers is out of cycle. Per our Standing Rules which state "In order to provide continuity, terms of office of the elected officers will be staggered by having the president and secretary elected in even numbered years, and the vice president and treasurer in the odd-numbered years". We are without a Secretary and need someone to volunteer for a one-year term. I will volunteer to continue as President for the one-year term. We will hold elections during the Spring Rally 2021 for Vice President and Treasurer. Then in Spring Rally 2022 we will vote on full-term President and Secretary. This should put Chapter 29 back in sync with our two-year term cycle. The Chapter depends on volunteers for Officers and Rally Hosts. Without volunteers Chapter 29 will be forced to disbanded. I do not want to see this happen but may have no other choice. The jobs are not hard, nor do they take much time, and they give one an opportunity to get to know chapter members better".

There are several of us from Chapter 29 that will be at Myrtle Beach State Park, SC, between January 11 - February 16, 2021. All are welcome to join us and we would look forward to seeing you there. We will call it a Convergence (defined an informal social gathering of members with no agenda - simply good fun). You must make reservations on-line at www.SouthCarolinaParks.com. If you plan to join us, please let the Wood's (336-250-2100) or the Rickenbach's (803-372-2998) know of your dates and campsite number so we can look for you.

We also need a member rig to volunteer as a Host for the Fall Rally 2021 at Pine Ridge Campground, Roebuck, SC. We always try to pair you up with an experienced member as guide and trainer. Campground is just below Spartanburg, SC off I-26. Dates for the Fall Rally are September 30 thru October 3. Several of us have already made reservation from September 27 leaving on October 4.

Hugs,

Craig Rickenbach, President

Craig Rickenbach,
President #72083



TRAVELER'S CORNER

By Arnold & Bobbi Jo O'Neal #145261

After winning a difficult election for Charleston County Coroner on November 3rd, Arnold and I decided to take off on a much needed vacation in order to relax and regroup. The year had been challenging as we sold our business, Simply Your Spa, which we had had for 13 years and Arnold was partnered with a new seeing eye dog from Southeastern Guide Dogs in Palmetto, FL, with a yellow lab named Lee. Arnold spent three weeks this fall in FL training with Lee. When they got home I put them both on the campaign trail. These, along with COVID and a highly contested election made for a very challenging year.

We took off from Charleston, SC where we live and our first stop was the Carolina Rose Campground in Salisbury, NC. This stop was close to Arnold's parents so we were able to visit and camp at the same time. This campground was very hilly but had great accommodations along with a fun petting zoo. We left there and headed to the Smoky Mountains. We stayed at the River Plantation RV Resort in Sevierville, TN. This is an amazing resort with tons of amenities and so close to all of the sights in Pigeon Forge to include the singing chickens restaurant, Frizzels, and wonderful shops. One of our favorites was visiting the local broom shops as Arnold has started making his own brooms. We will bring some next time we are able to get together with everyone. After a few days we departed for the Grand Ole RV Resort in Nashville, TN where they offer live music every night. We used to live in Nashville so had a great time seeing old friends and visiting some of our favorite spots to include Percy Priest Lake, Dave Ramsey's headquarters to watch the show being filmed and Fox's Grocery in Bending Chestnut, TN where we enjoyed a RC Cola and a moon pie. We left our RV in Nashville and then drove to Johnston, IA to enjoy Thanksgiving with my sister and her family where we were blessed with a light layer of snow. We made a trip to Adair, LA to visit other family members and on the way home witnessed a gorgeous sunset over the farm country with the windmills in the background. After a fun time Black Friday shopping with nieces and nephews we headed back to Nashville to pick up our RV and headed home. This was the only time we were able to use our rig this year and look forward to more travels in 2021!

Arnold & Bobbie Jo O'Neal
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TRAVELER'S CORNER (cont'd)
By Arnold & Bobbi Jo O'Neal #145261



Carolina Rose Campground



Sevierville, TN - River Plantation



Sevierville, TN - Broom Shop

TRAVELER'S CORNER *(cont'd)*

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Fox's Grocery - Nashville TN



Percy Priest Lake - Nashville, TN



Dave Ramsey Studios
Nashville, TN



Sunset over Adair IA



Lee on the Campaign Trail

TRAVELER'S CORNER

By Jimmie Crawford #110674

I did a late summer trip up through Michigan and down to Hot Springs Arkansas, I'm now in Austin Texas headed to the Big Bend,TX area for February.

Editor's Note: Jimmie gave us permission to post his website for you to view pictures - <https://rollmeaway.com>. Also there is a tiny YouTube icon at the bottom of every page that will take you to Jimmie's channel with video from the trip. Although I have included several pictures here, I can't do justice to the many beautiful pictures on his web.



South Haven, Michigan



Lower Tahquamenon Falls,
Paradise, Michigan



St. Joseph, Michigan

TRAVELER'S CORNER *(cont'd)*

By Jimmie Crawford #110674



Mackinac Bridge seen from Mackinaw City, Michigan

Manistee, Michigan



Old Mackinac Point Lighthouse, Mackinaw City, Michigan



Jimmie Crawford
SKP #110674

TRAVELER'S CORNER

By Mac & Renae Shea #78019

We stayed on our pasture for most of the year due to Covid. We ventured out in November to the big town of Ray City, Ga. just north of Valdosta for a Nomads mission project. There were only 4 of us working at Camp Tygart but we got a lot done & enjoyed the beauty and the critters.

Prayers for a happy & healthy new year for everyone.



Mac & Renae Shea
SKP #78019

TRAVELER'S CORNER

By Terri Wirtz #93910

Editor's Note:

As you may remember, Terri provided us with her Midwest Summer Trip 2020 in our October issue. There were so many pictures I wanted to include but decided to carry them over to this newsletter. I hope you enjoy!



A few of the murals in Ashland WI

TRAVELER'S CORNER *(cont'd)*

By Terri Wirtz #93910



Iron County WI beach, harbor, and marina



Floating Mill COE RV park, Silver Point TN



Terri Wirtz
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TRAVELER'S CORNER

By Ron Johnson #104509

There are some challenges to driving the back roads of America but the trip can be enjoyable and usually relaxing. You can view scenery that is unspoiled and seldom seen from the interstate.

The following photographs depict a sampling of some of the small towns through which I have passed.

A number of the pictures were taken with my dash camera which distorts the periphery of the pictures.



Cozad, Nebraska

Sumas, Washington



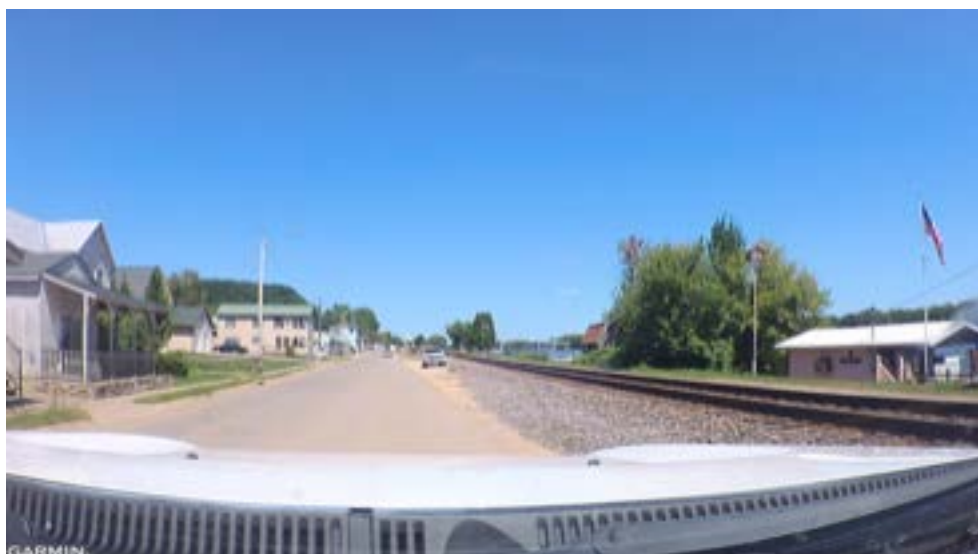
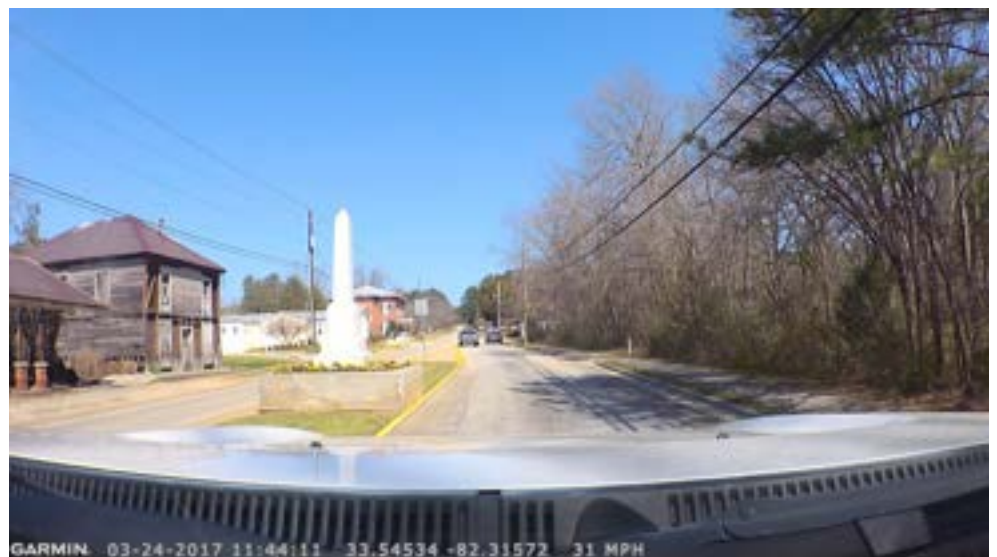
TRAVELER'S CORNER *(cont'd)*

By Ron Johnson #104509



Bryce Canyon City, Utah

Appling, Georgia



Iowa Side of Mississippi River

TRAVELER'S CORNER *(cont'd)*

By Ron Johnson #104509



Historic Saint Marys, Georgia

Editor's Note:

Ron sent me this update with his newsletter article. We're glad to hear he's doing much better

...."My health has improved to such an extent that Dalton and I are again walking on average 5 miles a day. For several months it was all I could do to get 2 miles a day. I truly believe the cooler temperatures have contributed to my recovery.

I had a heart cath procedure the Tuesday before Thanksgiving and no blockages were found, only a couple of areas of plaque buildup, so that was good news

Ron Johnson...."

Ron Johnson
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TRAVELER'S CORNER

By Barbara Jensen #147839

We discovered Texas!

Oh, we always knew it was there, but this year really discovered it. Texas is a microcosm of the United States. It has barren deserts, drifting sand dunes, lush grass-covered hills, scenic mountains, cypress-filled swamps and breezy seashore. It has a history of struggle for independence outside that of the US. It has a few large cities with industry and urban highways and many small towns and villages with quaint courthouse squares and neighborhood museums.

We were heading back from discovering Death Valley and experiencing several Escapees parks east from there, and happened onto Monahans Sandhills State Park in the Permian Basin of west Texas. This is not the beautiful scenic area of Texas, but the center of sucking oil up out of the earth with lots of jack pumps and oil rigs scattered over the land. What this place does have is huge drifting sand dunes and terrific sunsets. We only spent three days here, but decided it was a great place to return. We also saw our first Roadrunner here.

Traveling east, we stopped at South Llano River State Park near Junction, Texas. Junction is just that – the point at which the desert and dry of west Texas meets the rolling hills and lush green of The Hill Country. We found live armadillo here, and some great views over the Llano River. A short drive took us up to Fort Mason. We'd never heard of it and doubt a lot of other people nowadays know of it. The fort was established in 1851, used on and off until 1871. During its years of service, officers worked side by side and became friends, yet in the 1860s six of these men became generals for the Union Army and ten of them became generals for the Confederacy (including Robert E. Lee), and moved on to fight against each other in the Civil War. Quite a lot of history in a small fort with just a few buildings and nothing advertising its importance.

After Junction, we spent a week at Potters Creek Corps of Engineers campground on Canyon Lake. Our spot was right on the lake, and with our picture window in the back, looked out over wonderful views. This is in the heart of the Hill Country, just a short drive from the towns originally settled by the Germans who recognized much of their homeland in the hills and trees found here. Towns like Fredericksburg, New Braunfels and Gruene (pronounced Green) still today embrace their heritage and history. Of course, we also had to stop by Luckenbach Texas and listen to some fellows jamming in the general store. We also visited Jacob's Well Natural Area in Wimberley, a sink hole and opening for an underwater cave system. While at Potters Creek we went to San Antonio to see The Riverwalk, some of the missions and especially The Alamo. We were surprised that The Alamo is such a small mission, very humble for the huge historic happenings here. While here we heard the battle cry known in all history classes, "Remember the Alamo!" which was usually followed here by "Remember Goliad!" We'd never heard of Goliad, wondered what that was and why. We found out later.

TRAVELER'S CORNER *(cont'd)*

By Barbara Jensen #147839

After the Hill Country we headed south and spent a few days at Choke Canyon State Park near Three Rivers Texas. Here we met Crested Caracara birds, green jays and javelina. The people parked across from us insisted the sunflower seeds they spread on the ground were for the birds, but of course the javelina didn't get that message. I thought it was rather foolish because these are not tame animals and there was a bird blind right nearby where they could have left the seeds.

At this point I needed the beach, so we went to Mustang Island State Park on the Gulf of Mexico. I'm originally from north Florida, so my remembrance of the Gulf is sparkly white sands and clear blue water. That's not what's here; but it is, after all, The Beach. Smells like the beach, feels like the beach, but the sand is beige and the water is not clear. And the mosquitoes! Brisk windy days do not faze them, they are voracious. Mustang Island is near Padre Island National Seashore, Corpus Christi, Galveston and other beachy areas which we visited over the next few days.

Leaving our RV in its space we took the ferry over from Galveston to Bolivar Peninsula to check that area out as a potential stopover. We spent the afternoon at Bolivar, then drove back for the ferry to head home. The attendant at the ferry asked to see in the bed of our pickup and when he noticed the gas can, informed us that we couldn't take the ferry. When we explained we'd come across on the ferry that morning, his response was that the guy in Galveston wasn't doing his duty. So, we had to drive back up Bolivar Peninsula and around, through Houston in 5 o'clock traffic, and then down to Mustang Island. Added a couple hours to our trip. What a mess! And all because I had neglected to read all the information about DOT ferries in Texas. It's okay to have a gas can in the bed of your truck at the ferry at Port Aransas. It's okay to have a gas can in an open boat on a trailer at the ferry at Galveston. It is not okay to have a gas can packed firmly in your truck at the ferry at Galveston. No idea why, but next time I'm reading all the fine print.

On we went in our exploration of the history of Texas – what, exactly, was Goliad and why should we remember it? Turns out Goliad is a delightful small town in east central Texas southeast of San Antonio, with a gruesome history. There is a lovely mission and fort there built in the 1700s named Presidio La Bahia which for a while was named Fort Defiance. Texas had been settled by many people from Virginia and other US states as well as many Mexicans – they all became known as Texians and by the 1830s were rebelling against Mexico and its leader, Santa Anna. In March 1836 Colonel Fannin led a contingent of men in battle against overwhelming numbers of Mexicans. They were convinced to surrender under the assumption that they'd be treated as prisoners of war. Santa Anna considered them to be traitors and demanded that they be shot. The head of the Mexican forces there tried to avoid this order, but his subordinate carried the order out. About 450 men were walked down the road in three columns from Fort Defiance between two rows of Mexican soldiers and shot point blank. Most survivors were clubbed

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and knifed to death. 28 men feigned death and escaped. The bodies of the murdered men were piled and burned and their remains left in the open. It wasn't until after Santa Anna was captured at the Battle of San Jacinto on April 21, 1836 that the bodies were buried at what is now the Fannin Memorial Monument.

Presidio La Bahia is now owned by the Catholic Diocese and is open as a museum. The Fannin Memorial Monument is located nearby.

Today the town of Goliad is lovely, with its old buildings, a museum typical of small towns in Texas holding the relics and memories of the ancestors of the local people, with stories just waiting to be told. In the courthouse square is the Hanging Tree, used often from the 1840s to the 1870s with as many as five people dangling from its limbs at any one time.

Next up, Rocky Creek Corps of Engineers park on Lake Somerville, yet another gorgeous Corps park on a lake with sweeping views and lots of wildlife. We spent two weeks at this park in two different spaces and loved it. While here we checked out Washington on the Brazos, where the Texas Declaration of Independence from Mexico was drawn up and signed. The town is gone now, but there is a museum, a building reconstructed where the events leading to this momentous action are described, and paths down what had been the streets of the town when it existed. Etched glass panels along the paths show the streets as they were. Another historically interesting town nearby is Independence Texas, founded in 1835. Sam Houston and family lived there in the 1850s and it is the original site of Baylor University with some buildings and facades still there. The town has maintained many of its old buildings and homes and invited us to wander through discovering the history there. We also visited Brenham, another charming small town with a fun downtown and the home of Blue Bell Ice Cream.

After Brenham we went to the Escapees Rainbow's End park near Livingston. This is the headquarters location for the Escapees club and has a lot to offer. While here we drove over to Nacogdoches, another quaint little town with an old history and a cool downtown square. We also visited the Caddo Indian Mounds nearby. Although these mounds are not impressive, they are related to the Caddo mounds in eastern Oklahoma and speak of a relationship with other Indian mounds as far away as Illinois to the north and Central America to the south. Crossing the mounds is El Camino Real, part of the 2500-mile route from Mexico City to Natchitoches, Louisiana, a route originally an Indian trail then developed by the Spanish in the 1600s, used extensively until the 1800s.

Our final stop in our exploration of Texas was Gonzales, considered to be the Birthplace of Texas Independence. Here is yet another enjoyable small town with friendly outgoing people and a lot of history. Gonzales was the first American settlement west of the Colorado River (the one in Texas), established in 1825. In 1831 the Mexican government

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gave them a small cannon (really small!) for protection against Indian attacks. In 1835 when the Texian settlers and the Mexican authorities began having disputes, Mexico sent more than 100 men to retrieve the cannon. The 18 men in Gonzales, joined by men from the surrounding ranches, refused to return the cannon, and their ladies sewed a flag with a picture of the cannon and the phrase "Come and Take It" in challenge and the flag flew when the first shots of Texas independence were fired here in October 1835. The Texians won this battle and began their fight against Mexico.

Gonzales was also the only town to send men to aid at the battle of the Alamo, and after the loss there, General Sam Houston gathered Texians under the Sam Houston Oak east of town and ordered Gonzales burned to prevent Mexico from seizing it. By the 1840s the town was rebuilt and today has many of the houses and buildings from that time. There are five museums in Gonzales, one showing the old jail with its gallows upstairs among the cells (can you imagine being jailed there, watching others getting hung?), another with the original Come and Take It cannon, and others showcasing the original 1840s homes.

While visiting the Gonzales area we stayed at Lake Wood Recreation Area, owned by the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority (GBRA). This also has an interesting if more recent history. Back in the 1930s several hydroelectric dams were built along the Guadalupe and Blanco Rivers. They provided minimal amounts of electricity and were not well maintained. The dams did, however, create nice lakes, along the edges of which people built fancy homes. In 1963 management of the dams was taken up by the GBRA. Since that time there have been several flood events along the rivers, collapsing first one dam and then another. In 2016 the Lake Wood dam failed, draining the lake. Today there is still a spillway and a levee along the downstream side of the lake with abandoned docks reaching out for water that is no longer there. GBRA is being sued by homeowners at some of the other lakes for refusing to rebuild the other dams. At this small former lake very few houses were built up so it is an ideal location for a park. Only 16 full hookup spaces, with a large pecan grove, woods loaded with deer and turkey, a couple of owls, coyotes and bobcats along with the resident squirrels and warblers. Fishing is pretty good, and the Come and Take It paddling trail starts here and drifts down to Gonzales about 7 miles away.

We really do enjoy Texas, there is so much to offer here in history, scenery, fantastic food, strange and different animals. The people here are proud of their independent spirit and history, their melding of Anglo-American and Mexican-American cultures into one that is uniquely Texan. It's the only place I've found where even the stores brag about Texas. In the grocery one can buy aluminum foil stamped "Texas Tough" and the fast food place has "Texas Sized" burgers. And of course Whataburger – it's what a burger should be. Texas is a place we'll revisit at every opportunity

Editor's Note: The following 6 pages are pictures of places written about in this article. I have tried to label them so that they follow the narrative.

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TRAVELER'S CORNER *(cont'd)*

By Barbara Jensen #147839



Monahans Sandhills



Junction



TRAVELER'S CORNER (cont'd)

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Potters Creek

TRAVELER'S CORNER *(cont'd)*

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Choke Canyon



Mustang Island



Goliad (Fannin Memorial)

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Rocky Creek



Washington on the Brazos



Sam Houston's home in Independence



Livingston

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Gonzales



TRAVELER'S CORNER *(cont'd)*

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Wood Lake

A WINTER FRIEND

This article is so befitting for all of us... take time to ponder... the last statement cannot be refuted:-

AND THEN IT IS WINTER

You know time has a way of moving quickly and catching you unaware of the passing years. It seems like yesterday that I was young, just married, and embarking on my new life with my mate. Yet in a way, it seems like eons ago, and I wonder where all those years went.

I know that I lived them all. I have glimpses of how it was back then and of all my hopes and dreams. But, here it is... the winter of my life, and it catches me by surprise... How did I get here so fast? Where did the years go and where did my youth go? I remember well seeing older people through the years and thinking that those "older people" were years away from me and that winter was so far off that I could not fathom it or imagine fully what it would be like.

But, here it is...my friends are retired and getting grey... they move slower and I see an older person in myself now. Some are in better and some worse shape than me... but, I see the great change... Not like the ones that I remember who were young and vibrant...but, like me, their age is beginning to show and we are now those older folks that we used to see and never thought we'd be.

Each day now, I find that just getting a shower is a real target for the day! And taking a nap is not a treat anymore... it's mandatory! Cause if I don't on my own free will... I just fall asleep where I sit!

And so... now I enter this new season of my life unprepared for all the aches and pains and the loss of strength and ability to go and do things that I wish I had done but never did!! But, at least I know, that though the winter has come, and I'm not sure how long it will last... this I know, that when it's over on this earth... it's over. A new adventure will begin!

Yes, I have regrets. There are things I wish I hadn't done... things I should have done, but indeed, there are also many things I'm happy to have done. It's all in a lifetime.

So, if you're not in your winter yet... let me remind you, that it will be here faster than you think. So, whatever you would like to accomplish in your life, please do it quickly! Don't put things off too long!! Life goes by quickly. So, do what you can TODAY, as you can never be sure whether this is your winter or not!

You have no promise that you will see all the seasons of your life... so, LIVE FOR TODAY and say all the things that you want your loved ones to remember.. and hope that they appreciate and love you for all the things that you have done for them in all the years past!!

A WINTER FRIEND (cont'd)

"Life" is a GIFT to you. The way you live your life is your gift to those who come after. Make it a fantastic one.

Remember: "It is Health that is real Wealth and not pieces of gold and silver."

- Your kids are becoming you.....but your grandchildren are perfect!
- Going out is good.. coming home is even better!
- You forget names... but it's OK, because other people forgot they even knew you!!!
- You realize you're never going to be really good at anything.... especially golf.
- The things you used to care to do, you no longer care to do, but you really do care that you don't care to do them anymore.
- You sleep better on a lounge chair with the TV blaring than in bed. It's called "pre-sleep."
- You miss the days when everything worked with just an "ON" and "OFF" switch..
- You tend to use more 4 letter words ... "what?"..."when?"...???
- Now that you can afford expensive jewelry, it's not safe to wear it anywhere.
- You notice everything they sell in stores is "sleeveless?!"
- What used to be freckles are now liver spots.
- Everybody whispers.
- You have 3 sizes of clothes in your closet.... 2 of which you will never wear.

But "Old" is good in some things: Old Songs, Old movies ... and best of all, our dear ...OLD FRIENDS!!

Stay well, "OLD FRIEND!"

Author Unknown
Submitted By Steve Wood #113382



WINTER RVING

Well here we go again on a new adventure. We've never tried RVing in the cold months of Winter but we're going to give it a try. We've made reservations at a site to stay a month - well "maybe" a month.....all depends on how cold and unprepared we are.

First of all, we're RVing at the beach so things to consider is whether or not there will be anything open. No restaurants open? - then what kind and how much food to take. Let's see, bread, peanut butter, hot dogs, coffee, crackers, cookies.....did I mention coffee? What about hot chocolate?

Second, what to do for entertainment if nothing is open. Books - at my age and with my eye sight I can't read. TV - only if you brought lots of prerecorded DVDs, have a satellite dish, or a really good hot spot with lots of gigs of streaming ability. Hey - what about campfires? Sure - where's the wood? You have to buy it from store because bringing it in from another state may give them the Borabora Beetle or some such thing and we'd be responsible for eradicating the forests in South Carolina. It's HOW MUCH per bundle???? Can a campfire product enough heat to keep us from freezing at 19 degrees?

I've packed winter coats, ear muffs, gloves and thick socks for walking on the beach. I also included ear phones to play Pandora while walking.....do they fit under the ear muffs?

We could always go fishing on the pier.....or is that going to be considered ice fishing....which I'm not in to.

Clothes - socks, coats, sweaters, long johns, gloves...did I mention socks?

Now for the important things, do we have enough TP? If not, how far away are the public bathrooms? Ever tried sitting on down in an un-heated bath house? Will anyone hear you if you scream for help?

Do we wrap our sewer and water hoses with heat tape or just forget about it and get used to the pink antifreeze in the sinks?

Of course, this is why we have an RV with lots of bells and whistles.....but did anyone think about having to spend a MONTH in an 8 x 38 foot enclosure with the SAME PERSON?

WHOA is me. We're going to give it a try and thank the good Lord we'll have seasoned winter-camping friends with us to bail us out when all seems lost. Stay turned for a report on how we did, or didn't do. Should be very interesting.

Happy Winter camping to all!!!!!!

Steve & Dianne Wood
#113382



And Just Remember.....

1. When one door closes and another door opens, you are probably in prison.
2. To me, "drink responsibly" means don't spill it.
3. Age 60 might be the new 40, but 9:00 pm is the new midnight.
4. It's the start of a brand new day, and I'm off like a herd of turtles.
5. The older I get, the earlier it gets late.
6. When I say, "The other day," I could be referring to any time between yesterday and 15 years ago.
7. I remember being able to get up without making sound effects.
8. I had my patience tested. I'm negative.
9. Remember, if you lose a sock in the dryer, it comes back as a Tupperware lid that doesn't fit any of your containers.
10. If you're sitting in public and a stranger takes the seat next to you, just stare straight ahead and say, "Did you bring the money?"
11. When you ask me what I am doing today, and I say "nothing," it does not mean I am free. It means I am doing nothing.
12. I finally got eight hours of sleep. It took me three days, but whatever.
13. I run like the winded.
14. I hate when a couple argues in public, and I missed the beginning and don't know whose side I'm on.
15. When someone asks what I did over the weekend, I squint and ask, "Why, what did you hear?"
16. When you do squats, are your knees supposed to sound like a goat chewing on an aluminum can stuffed with celery?
17. I don't mean to interrupt people. I just randomly remember things and get really excited.
18. When I ask for directions, please don't use words like "east."
19. Don't bother walking a mile in my shoes. That would be boring. Spend 30 seconds in my head. That'll freak you right out.
20. Sometimes, someone unexpected comes into your life out of nowhere, makes your heart race, and changes you forever. We call those people cops.
21. My luck is like a bald guy who just won a comb.

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Submitted By Steve Wood #113382



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 Coach Crafters, Inc., 27530 County Road 561, Tavares, FL (Raymond Nuzzolo)
32778. 352-742-8111; Service Manager - Victor Koester;
victor@coachcrafters.com
- 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
- GA Certified RV Mobile Service, Wentworth, GA (Steve Masterson)
912-572-2902
- 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

RV Service Listings (cont'd)

- NC Truck Fleet Painting (for body work), 5301 Stowe Lane, Charlotte, NC 28262 704-455-5315 truckfleetpainting.com {Steve Wood}
- NC Snider Fleet Solutions (tire service), 300 E. Meadowview Rd., Greensboro, NC 27406 336-275-7188
(Note: this is a national company and more locations can be found by visiting sniderfleet.com) {Steve Wood}
- 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. 610 Old Hargrave Rd, Lexington, NC 27295 336-491-0876. ncrvrepair@yahoo.co {Steve Wood}

Editor's Note: I received an addition to our RV Service Listings after our October newsletter and seem to have misplaced my email. I apologize for the omission in this issue and ask that whoever sent me the addition, please resend so I can include in the July issue. Again my apologies.
Dianne Wood



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. dhwoodnc@gmail.com

Thank You
Dianne Wood
#113382

CLASSIFIEDS

2000 Dutch Star

2000 Dutch Star- 38 ft., Class A

Mileage: 100,100 miles

Diesel pusher

1 Slide

Queen bed

Washer/dryer.

New roof - Sept. 2016 with transferable warrantee

RV Armor

6 new Michelin tires Feb. 2019

Yearly maintained by Freightliner for chassis and engine servicing

New springs for levelers and new inverter

2 new RV batteries in November 2020

House batteries good

Owned for 10 years

Price: \$29,000



CLASSIFIEDS (cont'd)



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Carolina Rovers - Upcoming Events

2021 Spring Rally - Chapter 29

When: April 8 - 11, 2021

Where: Riverbend Campground
2626 Streak Hill Road
Hiawassee, GA 30546



Rally Hosts: Craig & Marie Rickenbach (carickenbach@gmail.com)
Steve & Dianne Wood (dhwoodnc@gmail.com)

Rally Fee: TBD

Campground Fee: \$40 / night - good for entire reservation.
Cancellation Policy: 2 week before with loss of deposit of one night.

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

Phone: (706) 896-1415
<https://www.riverbendcamping.com>

WHEN MAKING RESERVATIONS, PLEASE MENTION THAT YOU ARE WITH CAROLINA ROVERS TO GET RALLY RATE AND SITE SET ASIDE.

**Convergence Riverbend Campground
(prior to Spring Rally)
April 5 - 7, 2021**

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

Carolina Rovers - Upcoming Events

2021 Fall Rally - Chapter 29

When:	September 30 - October 3, 2021
Where:	Pine Ridge Campground 199 Pineridge Campground Rd. Roebuck, SC 29376
Rally Hosts:	TBD
Rally Fee:	TBD
Campground Fee:	<u>Daily Rate</u> - \$41.96 (includes taxes) - good for entire reservation. <u>Deposit:</u> \$41.96 (one night's rate) <u>Weekly rates</u> \$252.00 + tax <u>Cancellation Policy:</u> Daily/Weekly guests who cancel at least 14 days before check-in will get back 100% of the amount they've paid. For cancellations between 7 and 14 days before check-in, guests will get back 50% of the amount they've paid. Cancellations under one week from check-in will receive 10% of the amount they've paid.
Name of Group When Making Reservation:	Carolina Rovers, Escapees Chapter 29
Phone / Web:	(864) 576-0302 https://www.pineridgecampground.com

WHEN MAKING RESERVATIONS, PLEASE MENTION THAT YOU ARE WITH CAROLINA ROVERS TO GET RALLY RATE AND SITE SET ASIDE.

**Convergence - Pine Ridge Campground
(Prior to Fall Rally)
September 27 - 29, 2021**

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

2021 SKP ACRE Rally

(Update 10/22/20)
By Steve Masterson



Hi everyone. We hope all is well with you and your family during this trying time.

We are still a go for the 2021 ACRE Rally at River Vista RV Resort in beautiful Dillard, GA. The rally will begin on April 19, 2021 and end on April 25, 2021. We also scheduled a SKP Boot Camp before the rally which will start on April 16, 2021 and end on April 18, 2021 and we will have SmartWeigh at the rally to weigh your rigs.

Important Dates:

May 1, 2020 – Campground Reservations open for River Vista RV Resort.
706-746-2722 <http://rvmountainvillage.com>

Rally Reservations February 1, 2021
<https://skpacre.weebly.com>

Other Important Links:

SmartWeigh

<https://www.escapees.com/education/smartweigh/>

SKP Boot Camp – Please note, the link is for additional information on what is included in Boot Camp. Our session is not yet on the calendar.

<https://www.escapees.com/community-calendar/category/rvers-boot-camp/>

The SKP ACRE Steering Committee is itching to get out on the road and see everyone at the 2021 SKP ACRE Rally.

SKP ACRE Steering Committee

<https://skpacre.weebly.com>

skpacre@gmail.com

Steve Masterson
SKP# 95338





SKP ACRE Rally 2021

April 19 - April 25, 2021 - River Vista RV Resort

Dillard, GA. 706-746-2722

April 16 - 18, 2021, Boot Camp (immediately preceding the Rally)

www.RVMountainVillage.com

The SKP ACRE planning committee, steering committee, and rally team have selected River Vista RV Resort, Dillard, Georgia, as the rally location for 2021. The goal of the steering committee is to provide the safest, quality rally at the lowest possible cost. Due to COVID-19, we are working with the Escapees RV Club to develop protocols to ensure the safest possible experience. The Escapees SmartWeigh team will be available to weigh your RV and we have added Boot Camp prior to SKP ACRE on April 16 - 18, 2021. Seminars will be provided including, for example, one on tire pressure. Rally Fee is \$65 per person. River Vista RV Resort rates range from \$41 - \$56 per night minus a rally discount of 15% to 25% based on the total number of RVs. The discount will be calculated and added to reservations 20 days before the rally..

SKP ACRE Registration process will open February 1, 2021, on-line at skpacre.weebly.com. You can make your campground reservations after May 1st, 2020. We are in the process of creating our new website. Although it is currently under construction, we invite you to visit often, as we will be posting updates for the 2021 SKP ACRE.

Boot Camp information: <https://www.escapees.com/community-calendar/category/rvers-boot-camp/>

SmartWeigh: <https://www.escapees.com/education/smartweigh/>

We invite you to join us April 19 - April 25, 2021. Feel free to contact us at SKPACRE@GMAIL.COM if you have any questions.

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