



# ESCAPEES - CHAPTER 29 CAROLINA ROVERS APRIL 2022 NEWSLETTER



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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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**President, Craig Rickenbach**  
SKP#72083

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SKP#114996

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SKP#95338

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SKP#11338

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SKP #904542

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SKP#93910

**Newsletter Editor / Communications  
Specialist, Dianne Wood**  
SKP #113382

**Sunshine Person, Beverly Jackson**  
SKP#114996

Wahoo! Chapter 29 was finally able to hold a Spring Rally, after canceling the last two years. All attendees had a lot of fun. Members had many activities to choose from in the Dillard area including: the Foxfire museum, Black Mountain State Park, lots and lots of waterfalls and the towns of Clayton, GA, Highlands, NC, and Franklin, NC. We had 11 rigs and 20 members in attendance. I want to thank Linda Stevens for being the host. She put together another great Chapter 29 Rally. Hugs to Linda!

We were finally able to have election of new Officers during the chapter meeting. The new officers are as follows:

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|--|------------------|
| President  | Craig Rickenbach |
| Vice President                                   | Don Jackson      |
| Secretary  | Steve Masterson  |
| Treasurer  | Steve Wood       |
| Rally Co-Ordinator                               | Al Lucksavage    |
| Newsletter Editor &<br>Communications Specialist | Dianne Wood      |
| Sunshine Person                                  | Beverly Jackson  |

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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE** (Cont'd)

We now have a full staff thanks to everyone who volunteered for positions. I have appointed Terri Wirtz as Officer at Large. I wish to thank her for her service as Treasurer for the last nine years, she has done a great job. Terri has a wealth of knowledge of Escapees and camping, and I am excited that Chapter 29 will continue to benefit from Terri's experience and advice. Hugs to Terri!

Don't forget, you can still make reservations for the Fall Rally at Hideaway RV Resort in Myrtle Beach, SC. On April 1 we had to release the campsites that were part of the group. **YOU CAN STILL MAKE RESERVATIONS FOR THE FALL RALLY.** The campground will attempt to reserve a campsite for you near the group but cannot guarantee you will be with the group. The campground is not that big so it should not be a problem. The Lucksavages have volunteered to be our hosts and the Spangenberg have agreed to be Co-Hosts. Thank you. Our Spring 2023 rally will be at Crosswinds RV Resort in Linwood, NC. We still need hosts for the Spring Rally. We are also researching three campgrounds for Fall 2023 and anticipating more fun rallies.

Hugs to All,

Craig

Craig Rickenbach,  
President #72083



## ***New Members***

Please join us in welcoming our newest Carolina Rovers members. We look forward to seeing them all at our next rally



***Robert & Cynthia Burnisky***  
***SKP# 175764***



***Allyn & Barbara Packman***  
***SKP# 53104***

***Allen & Shelley Gravatt***  
***SKP# 159475***

***(Picture not available)***

***Miles & Suzanne Supola***  
***SKP#176862***

***(Picture not available)***

***Welcome***





# SKP ACRE 2023 IN PICTURES

APRIL 18 - 24

RIVER VISTA RV RESORT

DILLARD, GA





# SKP ACRE 2023 IN PICTURES (CONT'D)





# SKP ACRE 2023 IN PICTURES (CONT'D)





# SKP ACRE 2023 IN PICTURES (CONT'D)





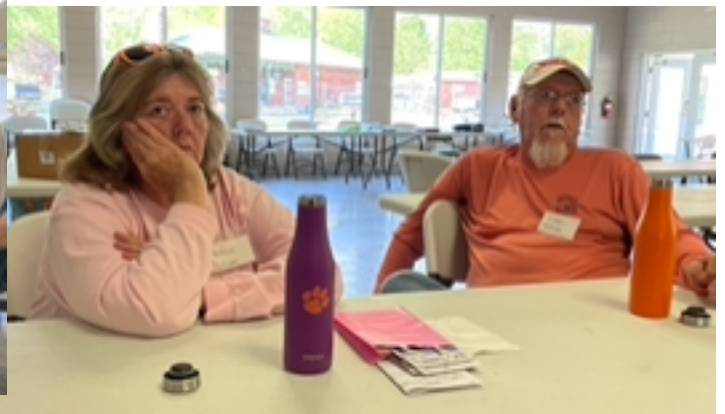
**SKP ACRE 2023 IN PICTURES (CONT'D)**





# CHAPTER #29 SPRING RALLY IN PICTURES

**APRIL 28 - MAY 1, 2023**  
**RIVER VISTA RV RESORT**  
**DILLARD, GA**





# CHAPTER #29 SPRING RALLY IN PICTURES

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# CHAPTER #29 SPRING RALLY IN PICTURES

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# **TRAVELER'S CORNER**

**by Gerhard & Margie Spangenberg SKP# 82922**

Using Amateur Radio While Visiting National Parks: How it was done

During 2016 the National Parks Service celebrated their 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Two inventive folks at the amateur radio headquarters came up with a clever way to recognize and publicize this event by creating “National Parks On The Air” (NPOTA). Margie befriended both of them. Norm Fusaro is shown in picture 1 with Margie, and the other young man with the original concept, not shown, was Sean Kutzko.



1.

They started a brand new radio adventure by requiring amateurs transmitting or “activating” within the boundaries of the park. They also required 25 responding radio amateurs or “chasers” to verify the activator transmissions through a national computer based call registry. Sean handled the National Parks locations and Norm concentrated on the national call registry.

For us this was almost a dream come true. We were able to combine our Wanderlust with our Amateur Radio hobby. Margie would make all over the air contacts and I would handle all the travel and technical logistics and do the laptop data entry. In picture 2 Margie is talking to a chaser and my data entry laptop is to the right of the steering wheel.



# **TRAVELER'S CORNER** *(cont'd)*

by Gary & Margie Spangenberg SKP# 82922



2.

Using the cell phone as a “Hot Spot” Margie is forwarding our chaser contacts to the call registry. To make sure at least 25 chasers have also entered their activator reception data into the call register, we would make 60 to 80 contacts. Many chasers just participated in the fun activity without being part of the registry. The pile-ups were classical. Margie has a unique talent for recognizing parts of a call sign and repeating it. Like magic, everyone became quiet and only the requested station would answer. The park details and reception reports were shared along with Margie's unique pleasantries. Although we transmitted SSB with less than 100 watts with our ICOM 7100, her very pleasant female voice acted like a virtual kilowatt. Then we checked several times if at least 25 chasers verified our transmission as shown in picture 3. If not, then we continued the process. Most of the time everything worked out great on the first attempt, and we had plenty of time to visit the park site.



3.

# **TRAVELER'S CORNER**

**by Margie & Gerhard Spangenberg SKP #82922**

This process we repeated at 73 different National Parks between South

Carolina to Maine, Florida and California throughout the year. Margie made about 4700 contacts overall. Afterwards she sadly suffered for three months from a Trigger Thumb from pressing the PTT button. Now we use a foot switch. To verify our presence at the parks, we always took snapshots as shown in picture 4 .



4.

The activity is still viable with very relaxed rules as POA (Parks On The Air).

The website is [parksontheair.com](http://parksontheair.com) . It is organized by a separate group of amateurs not associated with the 2016, 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary version.

Our RV based amateur radio station is shown in picture 5, along with the 32ft “Eagle One” collapsible vertical antenna right above a MFJ tuner in a rain proof enclosure, all mounted on the ladder. The entire revised setup in our present RV will be the subject of another article. And yes, I did climb the ladder 146 times to set-up and take down the antenna. The orange Clemson Tiger Paw works as another travel fun factor in the form of unexpected horn honks from passer byes and thumbs-up gestures.

**TRAVELER'S CORNER** cont'd  
by Margie & Gerhard Spangenberg SKP #82922



5.

Gary KF4GGK & Margie KK4AGN Spangenberg  
The Dynamic Duo - SKP# 82922





# ***Classifieds***

Looking for something?  
Have something to sell? We  
invite you to submit  
classifieds for each issue.  
Please include pictures or  
detailed description if  
available, along with a  
contact name and either an  
email address or a phone  
number.



## ***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](mailto:dhwoodnc@gmail.com)

Thank You  
Dianne Wood

# 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](http://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](mailto: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](http://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](http://bobsrvbodyshop.com)
- NC Shaw RV , 1650 US HWY 1, Youngsville, NC 27596  
919-556-6553 [shawrvnc.com](http://shawrvnc.com)
- NC GGT RV (Golden Gait Trailers), 5051 Davidson Hwy, Concord, NC {Steve Wood}  
28027 704-743-5280 [goldengait.com](http://goldengait.com)
- NC Country Roads RV Center- 2609 Enterprise Rd, Lexington, NC 27295 {Steve Wood}  
336-775-2100 [CountryRoadsRVCenter.com](http://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](http://www.rvcrcarolina.com) [www.coolyourcmper.com](http://www.coolyourcmper.com)  
Attn: Sam Obermiller



## ***RV Service Listings*** (cont'd)

- NC RV Rescue (Maintenance, Service, Repair) {Steve Wood}  
rv.rescue.help@gmail.com  
336-307-9377
- NC Truck Fleet Painting (for body work), 5301 Stowe Lane, {Steve Wood}  
Charlotte, NC 28262 704-455-5315 [truckfleetpainting.com](http://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](http://sniderfleet.com))
- NC Love's Tire Service, 1217 Trollingwood Hawfields Rd., Mebane, NC {Raymond Nuzzolo}  
27302. 919-563-1814. [www.loves.com/locations/667](http://www.loves.com/locations/667)
- NC Country Camping Corner, 101 Oak Grove Rd., Kings Mountain, NC {Craig Rickenbach}  
28086 704-734-0595 [www.countrycorner.com](http://www.countrycorner.com)



## When God Made Moms

By the time the Lord made mothers, he was into his sixth day of working overtime. An Angel appeared and said "Why are you spending so much time on this one"? And the Lord answered and said, "Have you seen the spec sheet on her? She has to be completely washable, but not plastic; have 200 movable parts, all replaceable; run on black coffee and leftovers; have a lap that can hold three children at one time and that disappears when she stands up; have a kiss that can cure anything from a scraped knee to a broken heart, and have six pairs of hands."

The Angel was astounded at the requirements for this one. "Six pairs of hands! No Way!" said the Angel.

The Lord replied, "Oh, it's not the hands that are the problem. It's the three pairs of eyes that mothers must have!"

"And that's just on the standard model?" The Angel asked.

The Lord nodded in agreement, "Yes, one pair of eyes are to see through the closed door as she asks her children what they are doing even though she already knows. Another pair in the back of her head, are to see what she needs to know even though no one thinks she can. And the third pair are here in the front of her head. They are for looking at an errant child and saying that she understands and loves him or her without even saying a single word."

The Angel tried to stop the Lord. "This is too much work for one day. Wait until tomorrow to finish."

"But I can't!" the Lord protested, "I am so close to finishing this creation that is so close to my own heart. She already heals herself when she is sick AND can feed a family of six on a pound of hamburger and can get a nine year old to stand in the shower."

The Angel moved closer and touched the woman, "But you have made her so soft, Lord."

"Yes, she is soft", the Lord agreed, "But I have also made her tough. You have no idea what she can endure or accomplish."

"Will she be able to think?", asked the inquisitive Angel.

The Lord smiled and replied, "Not only will she be able to think, she will be able to reason, and negotiate."

The Angel then noticed something and reached out and touched the woman's cheek. "Oops, it looks like you have a leak with this model. I told you that you were trying to put too much into this one."

"That's not a leak." The Lord objected. "That is a tear!"

"What's the tear for? the Angel asked.

The Lord said, "The tear is her way of expressing her joy, her sorrow, her disappointment, her pain, her loneliness, her grief, and her pride."

The Angel was impressed. "You are a genius, Lord. You thought of everything! Truly, You do all things well... Moms are truly amazing!"

Happy Mother's Day!

By...Erma Bombeck



Submitted By  
Steve Wood  
SKP#113382



# **Carolina Rovers - Upcoming Events** (cont'd)

## **2022 Fall Rally - Chapter 29**



**When:** October 6 - 9, 2022

**Where:** Hideaway RV Resort  
5790 Dick Pond Rd.  
Myrtle Beach, SC 29588

**Rally Hosts:** Al & Pat Lucksavage  
Gerhard & Margie Spangenberg

**Rally Fee:** TBD

**Campground Fee:** Rates are dependent on site reserved.  
Please refer to next page for Rates.

**Cancellation Policy:**  
See Cancellation Policy on next page.

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

**Phone / Web:** (843) 444-2119  
<https://hideawayrvresort.com>

**WHEN MAKING RESERVATIONS, PLEASE MENTION THAT YOU ARE WITH CAROLINA ROVERS TO GET RALLY RATE AND SITE SET ASIDE. ALSO, ONCE RESERVATIONS ARE MADE, PLEASE NOTIFY YOUR RALLY HOSTS FOR AN ACCURATE HEADCOUNT.**

**Convergence - Hideaway RV Resort  
(Prior to Fall Rally)  
October 3-5, 2022**

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

# **Carolina Rovers - Upcoming Events (Cont'd)**

## **2022 Fall Rally**

Check in – October 6, 2022

Check out – October 9, 2022

No. of sites - 30

Site #'s - #38 - #67

### **RATES:**

Reservations for 7 or more nights - standard pull thru full hook up site - \$45+tax

Reservations for less than 7 nights – standard pull thru full hookup site - \$53+tax

Upgraded waterfront site 7 or more nights – pull thru full hookup site - \$50+tax

Upgraded waterfront site less than 7 nights – pull thru full hookup site - \$58+tax

**\*\*waterfront sites cannot be held without deposits and are based on availability\*\***

**Deposit amount – one-night site fee plus tax**

**Cancellation Policy –**

- reservations cancelled more than 30 days from check in date will receive a full refund
- reservations cancelled within 30 days of check in date will be charged a \$35 fee
- reservations cancelled within 7 days of check in date will forfeit a one-night site fee plus tax

***\*Deposits must be paid by April 1, 2022 or sites will be released\****

***Any sites not reserved by April 1, will be released to the public. If sites are still available after April 1, they will be first come first served but you may not be located within the group sites.***

**\*\*Rate will be honored should guest choose to stay longer or check in earlier based on availability\*\***

**\*Activity Building available to group October 6 – 9, 2022. Gas grill, griddle and trash cans provided, and trash picked up during the day, otherwise clean-up of activity building provided by the group\***



## 2022 Fall Rally - Chapter 29

### Hideaway RV Resort October 6 - 9, 2022



#### **RESERVATION NOTICE**

**ALTHOUGH THE CAMPGROUND WILL NOT CONTINUE TO HOLD UNRESERVED SITES AFTER APRIL, YOU MAY STILL CONTINUE TO MAKE RESERVATIONS , AND GET THE GROUP RATE, HOWEVER, THERE IS NO GUARANTEE THAT YOU WILL BE LOCATED CLOSE TO OUR GROUP OR THAT THERE WILL BE SITES AVAILABLE.**

# **Carolina Rovers - Upcoming Events** *(cont'd)*

## **2023 Spring Rally - Chapter 29**

**When:** April 27 - 30, 2023

**Where:** Cross Winds Family Campground  
160 Campground Lane  
Linwood, NC 27299

**Rally Hosts:** TBD

**Rally Fee:** TBD

**Campground Fee:** 30AMP - \$44 @ night; Weekly (7 nights) \$282.  
50AMP - \$47 @ night; Weekly (7 nights) \$300.  
(Weekly Rate is based on 6 night stay, 7th is free)  
**Cancellation Policy:**  
See Cancellation Policy on next page.

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

**Phone / Web:** (336) 853-4567  
<https://www.crosswindsfamilycampground.com>



**TO ENSURE YOU ARE GIVEN THE GROUP RATES AND ARE LOCATED WITHIN THE GROUP SITES, YOU MUST CALL THEM. DO NOT MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS ON-LINE. REMEMBER TO IDENTIFY YOURSELF AS A MEMBER OF CAROLINA ROVERS CHAPTER #29.**

**NOTIFY DIANNE WOOD WHEN YOUR RESERVATIONS HAVE BEEN MADE TO MAKE SURE WE HAVE AN ACCURATE COUNT OF ATTENDEES FOR PLANNING PURPOSES.**

**Convergence - Cross Winds Family Campground  
(Prior to Spring Rally)  
April 24 - 26, 2023**

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



# **Carolina Rovers - Upcoming Events** *(cont'd)*

## **2023 Spring Rally - Chapter 29**

### **Cancellation and Refund Policy**

In need to cancel or make any changes to your reservation.... Please call the office directly in order to process the cancellation or make the changes appropriately.

#### **Cancellation Policy:**

If your reservation date needs to be changed, you may change the reservation to another date. Should you need to cancel your reservation, without penalty, you may receive a camp credit to be used at a later date. Please call (336) 853-4567 during office hours to make any changes to your reservation.

If you did reserve online, the Online Booking Fee of \$2.00 will not be added to Camp Credit.

No refund or camp credit given for early departure or late arrivals!

#### **Refund Policy:**

If you prefer to receive a refund: Cancellations requested more than 7 days prior to the reserved stay will receive a refund less a \$25 service fee. Cancellations requested less than 7 days will receive a refund less a one (1) night's charge.

If you chose a refund, it will post within 5 to 10 business days.

If you have chosen to receive Camp Credit, please call the office at (336) 853-4567 when you are ready to make your next reservation. Your Camp Credit will not expire. Please inform the representative that you have Camp Credit.

If you did reserve online, the Online Booking Fee of \$2.00 will not be refunded back to you.

Since camping is an outdoor experience, no refunds will be given due to inclement weather.



***ANNOUNCING!***

***SKP ACRE RALLY 2023***

***APRIL 15 - 20, 2023***

***Coastal Georgia RV Resort***

***912-264-3869***

***<https://www.coastalgarvresort.com>***

***April 21 - 23, 2023***

***Boot Camp***

***(Immediately following the Rally)***

***Visit the SKP ACRE website often  
for updates.***

***<https://skpacre.weebly.com>***

Steve Masterson #95338, SKP ACRE President  
Dianne Wood #113382, Director of Communications