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Rally Dates

National

Escapade 2009
Sedalia, MO
May 24 – 29, 2009

Chapter 15

Fall Rally
Nov. 12 -15, 2009
Escapes Sumter Oaks
RV Park,
Bushnell, FL

Spring Rally
Feb. 7 – 11, 2009
Little Willies RV
Resort
Arcadia, FL

**Leesburg
Lunches Resume**
Thursdays
11:30 AM
Barnhills at
Lake Square Mall
Leesburg

Letter from the President

Spring greetings from the President.

Hi everyone, I guess I have a lot to cover. Let's start back in 08, boy doesn't that sound like a long time ago. Well our adventure for 2008 started after we left Chapter 27's spring rally. We stopped at the following Chapter rallies Chapter 16, Tri-Chapter 6-36-51, then the rolling rally with Chapter 6 to the Escapade. After the Escapade we went to Alaska, we traveled to Fairbanks made a big circle and returned to the States at the end of Sept. Our next stop was Vegas, while en-route to the Balloon Fest in Albuquerque, NM. We had a great time at the Balloon Fest met with the Escapees Hop people that were setting up the Hop.

After the Balloon Fest we traveled east to Pigeon Forge. We stayed there for a week going to dinner shows and eating out at the fine mountain restaurants. We visited our son in Fayetteville, Ga. before heading back to Florida.

Our rally along with Chapter 27 was a great success. When we arrived I only had the 1st evening meal that Jane and I were going to put on. Everyone came forward and the next thing I knew we had meals for each of the days along with activities. I would also like to thank Joe and Nancy Liston who put on a real nice Geocaching work shop.

We returned to our site at Encore for the winter. As it would happen I found that I needed by-pass after Christmas. I was in the hospital from 12-26 to 1-08. I have been home recovering ever since. Jane has been nursing me back to health. The really down side to all this, was that we were unable to attend the Spring Rally at Markham park, but having great officers and members of this Chapter it is my understanding that the rally was a great success.

I think that most everyone knows that I have been working on doing a multi-chapter rally in 2010. I am including a copy of the email that I sent to all the Chapter officers in the east. I picked the last of April, 1st of May. The place will be Marion NC. (See Next Page)

Multi- Chapter Rally

Letter From President Bryan Rose to all Eastern Chapters

Greetings to all officers of the Eastern Chapters. As most know, I have been working on holding a Multi Chapter Rally in 2010. I have reserved dates for 2010. The dates that I have picked are April 30, to May 3. At this time we can be flexible on the dates, etc come in on the 29 and leave on the 3, or come in on the 30 and leave on the morning of the 4.

I believe this time of year should work well, as we have a lot of people leaving Florida heading North, and it can be a 1st outing for everyone who have set up North looking at a foot of snow on their RV. It is also over a weekend so people who work can attend.

The park that I have reserved is the Tom Johnson Rally park Marion, NC. The 2 web pages link you to the Rally park info, and the map of the area. This park is just off the Blue Ridge Parkway, and this is a really nice drive.

http://www.tomjohnsoncamping.com/camping/rally_park/default.aspx

<http://maps.google.com/maps?hl=en&tab=wl>

I believe we should be able to have 100 units if we have that many camping would be \$20.00 per night. If we have more we can come into more discounts. Tom Johnson can set up tours of the area, catered meals, and other activities....

I think if we had 1 or 2 people from each chapter that are computer literate, we can set our own activities, and maybe use some of his.

If you could poll your people to see if any are interested and how many would come, it would give me an idea of how many to prepare for. Also have you members who wish to help host, contact me so we can start planning some activities.

Secretary's Report

Jan. 2009

The meeting was called to order by Marsha Burmeister, Vice President, at 3PM with the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call of officers showed Bryan Rose, President was absent due to recovery from heart problems.

Minutes from the previous meeting were read by Kathy O'Rourke, Secretary since it was not published in the Juicer.

Larry Forbes, Treasurer, went over accounts paid.

The wheel game was played and a total of \$158.00 was made and donated to CARE.

After the meeting there was going to be another raffle with the proceeds going to CARE. The group thanked the VCR's (Voluntary Club Representative) for being such good people and helping the chapter with officer installations and other duties.

We also thanked our Co-Hosts Marsha Burmeister and Sue Spahn for hosting such a great rally.

Old Business

None

New business:

- The Escapade will be held on May 24-29th in Sedalia, Mo. The Escapade Row Reps will be Nancy and Joe Liston.-
- The Nov 2009 rally will be hosted by Mike and Jean Pertick. And Pete and Dixie Peterson in Bushnell, Fl. We are seeking a site and Rally Hosts for the spring rally which will be January or February of 2010. We will work on this.
- We spoke about purchasing a new Chapter 15 banner. The banner we currently have is too big. Because of this, we would like to purchase a smaller one, but not to exceed \$200.00 or reasonable and customary fees. Sue Spahn seconded the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 3:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy O'Rourke
Chapter 15 Secretary



Good-Bye Dear Friend

It is with great sadness that we mourn the passing of

Dick Schoen
SKP # 16633
who died on New Years Eve
12/31/2008.

Dick was the previous editor of the JUICER. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his wife Rina during her time of sorrow.

Please plan on attending Dick's interment
March 16, 2009
Florida National Cemetery
Bushnell
2:30PM.



Notes from our VCR's Susie and Denny Orr

The Quartzsite Happy Hour was another hit in Jan 2009. The weather was perfect --- sunny, warm and only a little breeze. We thank all of those who helped to form our circle of RVs and all of those who joined the fun. Isn't it neat to see friends and get those warm hugs? We also thank our SKP entertainers for an enjoyable afternoon of music – JoElla and Friends and Ernie Webster with the Quartzsite Swing Band.

The desert is showing beautiful signs of spring. As we all begin our travels, do take time to check the Events Calendar in the Escapees Magazine for rallies and luncheons along the way. Hope to see you in Sedalia, MO for Escapade May 24-29.

Who are Denny & Susie Orr? We are Escapees members who jumped right in to the RVing lifestyle. We sold the house, packed the RV and began our RVing

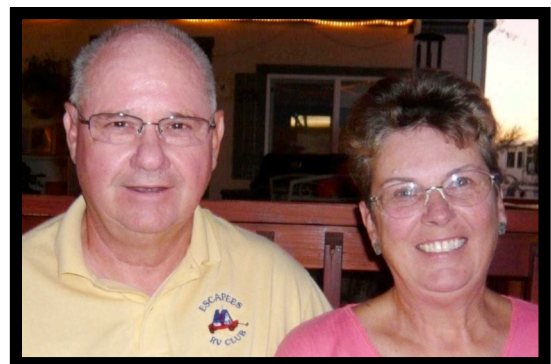
adventures in July 1999, leaving Northwest Indiana and our life long history there behind. Denny had been retired for 5 years from Xerox and Susie retired from nursing as we started this new lifestyle.

We had joined Escapees RV Club in May of 1999. Our first Escapade was September 1999 – we didn't know many RVers. By Spring 2000 Escapade we had stopped at Turkey Creek in Branson, MO, Jojoba Hills in California, traveled to Quartzsite with a group of SKPs and were introduced to the desert rallies, went to the Baja with Mexican Connection, and then met the Roadrunners at Chapter #7 rally. We were hooked on SKPs!

During 2000 summer we traveled to the Northwest, meeting other Escapees friends and joined the Dogwood SKPs Chapter #35. We agreed to be on The Row at Fall Escapade. And our SKP Family continued to grow as we made life-long friends. We volunteered for Escapade Staff and there we were – with more friends than ever in our stick house life. Being on the Parking Crew at Spring Escapade was always a hoot! From there we were asked to become Volunteer Club Representatives for Escapees. We enjoy going to rallies and have from the very beginning! Working with Adele and Dan Clifton, we were then asked to become their assistants. Adele however, died shortly thereafter. And there we were --- Chapter Directors!

The last five years have been exciting for us as we have continued to visit chapter/c-bof groups all across the US and Canada. Our family of friends continue to grow. And even though we decided it was time for some roots (we now have a house at North Ranch in Congress, AZ) we still consider ourselves RVers as we travel almost 8 months a year. If we have yet to meet you, we hope to meet you somewhere along the way.

SKP Hugs Susie & Denny Orr SKP#58118



From the Vice President's Desk Marsh Burmeister

The Chapter 15 "spring" rally was held January 25-29, 2009, at Markham Park in the greater Fort Lauderdale area. This was our second annual visit to this venue. Rally activities included a terrific pot luck buffet supper, catered continental breakfasts daily, a trip out to an area restaurant, a "walk up, sit down" outdoor movie, and lots of free time. Markham's facilities were wonderful as before; the model airplane flyers were in fine form and put on a very nice demonstration for us. Nightfall Wednesday featured a trip to the Broward Community College Planetarium. Following an interesting tour of the winter sky, we were able to view stars, the moon, and planets via a variety of telescopes set up by the local astronomy club. Our finale to the rally was the all-you-can-eat bar-b-que chicken, ribs, and boiled shrimp dinner via the famous Jungle Queen River Cruise. The weather cooperated throughout our rally.

Escapes had a great time. Many hands made light work of setting up shelters and cleaning up. The "Prize Wheel" was a fund-raiser for CARE; we raised \$ 158.00 for this worthy cause while we had fun spinning and winning a variety of prizes. In addition, a raffle earned another \$130.00 and included the grand prize of a small telescope and other items. We had a total of 25 rigs with us; it was a wonderful rally. Hosts were again George and Sue Spahn with Marsha Burmeister.



Mark your calendar now for our **Spring 2010 Rally at Little Willies RV Park in Arcadia, Florida**. The dates are February 7th-11th (leaving on the 11th). Grace Taylor has already camped here to check out this venue for us. She reports that there are a variety of interesting things to do in the area. This park also has a swimming pool and we will have the use of a rec hall with kitchen facilities.

Rally Pictures Newly Adopted



Happy Hour



Friends Relaxing Together



**Lunch at the RCA field
(Radio Controlled Aircraft)**



Favorite Recipes

From Marilyn Forbes

SKP # 37796

Fresh Apple Coffee Cake

- 2 cups apples chopped
- 1 cup sugar (I use half brown and half white)
- 1 egg
- ½ cup vegetable oil
- 1 tsp vanilla
- 1 cup flour
- 1 tsp soda
- ¼ tsp salt
- ½ tsp cinnamon
- ¼ tsp nutmeg
- ½ cup chopped pecans or walnuts

- ◇ In a bowl, put apples, sugar and egg. Then add vanilla and oil. Mix thoroughly.
- ◇ In another bowl mix flour, soda, salt, cinnamon and nutmeg.
- ◇ Add this to the apple mixture along with nuts and mix well.
- ◇ Pour into a 8"X 8" pan and bake at 425° for 25 minutes. (This can also be served hot with whipped topping as a dessert)



Thank goodness for the Internet. Another camping friend, Jean Ammons, sent Marilyn the following recipe which is a lot of fun to make. Marilyn passed it along to another friend who said she had made it several times with her grandchildren. It is the most dangerous chocolate cake recipe in the world.



Minute Chocolate Mug Cake

- 1 coffee mug
 - 4 tbsp flour (plain not self-rising)
 - 4 tbsp sugar
 - 2 tbsp baking cocoa
 - 1 egg
 - 3 tbsp milk
 - 3 tbsp oil
 - 3 tbsp chocolate chips (optional but why not!)
- ◇ Small splash of vanilla
 - ◇ Add dry ingredients to mug and mix well. Add the egg and mix thoroughly.
 - ◇ Pour in the milk and oil and mix well
 - ◇ Add the chocolate chips and vanilla and mix again
 - ◇ Put your mug in the microwave and cook 3 minutes for a 1000 watt oven. The cake will rise over the top of the mug but don't be alarmed!
 - ◇ Allow to cool a little and tip out onto a plate if desired.

EAT (this can serve 2 if you want to share)

And why is this the Most Dangerous Chocolate Cake Recipe in the world?

Because now we are all only 5 minutes away from chocolate cake at any time of the day or night!



THAT FLY!

By George Spahn
Skp# 89269

It flew right through our rig's one open door
Sans ticket, token, toll, or HALF a fare.---
"There's room enough on ceiling, wall and floor
For suctioned feet like yours; but don't you dare
Cavort about this mobile cage as though
It were your home. Stay put! You MIGHT contrive
To end this Gator Alley¹ jaunt alive!"

She scorned a clear command as if to say,
"I'll ENTERTAIN in lieu of hiker's fee.
Now watch my dervish dance along the way,
You'll see just when the IT became a SHE!"--
Our windshield's sloping pane supplied the stage
From which she launched her stunning solo show.
And WE had seats in Presidential Row!

At noon we spread a lunch for TWO, not THREE.--
But hungry fly is such a fearsome foe;
He's darting towards my juicy B-L-T!
I thrash, and flail; he parries every blow.---
"Old Multi-eyed" will taunt and harry me!--
A swish! A swat! A miss! Ought I decide?
To make this tortured trip his final ride?²

DENOUEMENT or EPITAPH ??
I know he is not here because
I tossed a cup of tainted wine.
Polluted by a FLOATING FLY!--
No time to laugh, or loss repine,
We parted with a glad "GOOD-BYE!"

¹Gator Alley or Alligator Alley is the local epithet for Highway 75's east-west stretch through the Everglades in South Florida.

² The poet, William Cowper (1731 – 1800) wrote:
"I would not enter on my list of friends,
Tho graced with good manners and fine sense,
Yet wanting sensibility, the man
Who needlessly sets foot upon a worm."

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CELEBRATIONS

- ❖ Bev and Ralph Hosford SKP # 33778 celebrated their 51st wedding anniversary on November 17th.
- ❖ Devena Smth SKP # 55125 celebrated a birthday on Nov. 18th.
- ❖ Lita Berlinn SKP # 20096 celebrated a major birthday on Sept. 19th.

Uses for Coffee Filters

Excerpts from Steve Fletcher
<http://rvtipoftheday.com/>

- I use the mirror in my bathroom to make notes with a dry erase pen. The filter cleaned off the old notes quickly and efficiently.
- The filters make great covers for dishes when cooking or reheating in a microwave.
- When putting away a cast iron skillet put a filter in it to prevent rust by absorbing any remaining moisture.
- Use a handy coffee filter on your kitchen scale when weighing chopped foods.
- A filter makes a good holder for tacos, burritos, juicy sandwiches or wraps.
- Make a spice or herb pouch with a filter with a tied top for soup or stew flavoring.
- Put garlic cloves in a filter and twist the top. Heat it in the microwave for 10 or 15 seconds to make them peel easier when skins split.
- Place a filter over the flash on a camera to diffuse the harsh light on a baby's eyes.
- Use a filter as a good throw-away applicator for shoe polish, silver polish, filler for scratches or scrapes on furniture.

Visit the above listed Website for more great ideas. Subscribe for free!

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First Thursday (November to May), 11:30 a.m. at Barnhill's, 10301-3202 US Hwy 441 South, (Lake Square Mall), Leesburg. Louise Smitherman (352) 603-1768, Lsmithe at escapees dot com.

Second Tuesday, 11:30 a.m. at Golden Corral, Vineland Rd at I-4 and 535. Sy/Flo Sandick (407) 390-0084, syandflo at mindspring dot com

Third Thursday, 2:00 P.M. at Homer's Buffet in Sebring. The Resort SKP Co-op (863) 735-1499

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