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Rally Dates

Chapter 15

Spring Rally

Feb. 7 – 10 2010

Little Willies RV

Resort

Arcadia, FL

Chapter 27

Spring Rally

(20th Anniversary)

March 22 -26, 2010

Wekiva Falls RV

Resort,

Sorrento, FL 32776.

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Multi-Chapter

April 30 – May 3

2010

Tom Johnson

Rally park

Marion, NC.

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Letter from the President

Well another year is just about gone. I will bring everyone up to date with what has happened with us.

First I am doing really great, I have recovered well from my surgery in Dec. I'm back for my 1st annual check up. I had a little set back at the Escapade in May, I fell and broke my elbow, which recovered quickly.

After the Escapade we traveled east with stops in IN, PA, MA for visits. We spent a month touring ME, NH, VT, then back into PA on the way south. We attended rallies with Chapter 3, 16, 20, and 42 this summer.

After leaving Chapter 20 rally in PA we headed south, we traveled about 150 on the Blue Ridge Parkway. This is a really nice road to take your time and just enjoy the trip.

We were lucky enough to break down at one of the scenic look outs. We were here from about 1 PM to 11:30 AM the next day. We sat out on our lawn chairs watching a very beautiful sunset. After dark we had the road and area to ourselves there wasn't any vehicles going by. In the morning we again sat in our chairs and had coffee looking at a great sunrise with the fog in the valley below us. It just doesn't get any better than this.

After repairs were completed we continued on to Tom Johnson's Campground in Marion, NC. We stayed here working on the Multi-Chapter Rally that we have been working on. The rally park had the NC Good Sam Club Rally the weekend we arrived, with 250 rigs attending. I spent as much time as I could picking the brain of their Wagon Master for ideas to use for our rally. We checked out the restaurants and I can tell you they serve really good food in the restaurant.

Leaving Marion, we stopped in Pigeon Forge to visit with friends then off to Atlanta and a stop, with son and family. We arrived back in Lake Magic, on the 1st of Nov. We stayed here for a whole week, before we traveled to Sumter Oaks for the Chapter 27 and 15 rallies. The rallies were well attended I don't remember the exact numbers, but Chapter 27 had about 110 people and we were in the 90's. The rally was hosted by Mike and Jean Pertick they did a really great job and deserve the thanks of the chapter.

At the Chapter 15 meeting, I appointed Ron Molway to be our Vice President to serve out Marsha's term. Ron will do a great job for the Chapter and I am looking forward to working with him, since no one jumped up and wanting to run for President, I elected to stay for another term along with Kathy O'Rourke, who agreed to stay on as Secretary for another two years. We will need to find someone that will take the Treasures job as Larry has had it for a long time and now wants to travel.

SECRETARY REPORT Chapter 15 Business Meeting 11-14-2009

The meeting was called to order by Bryan Rose at 3:35 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance. We had a moment of silence for Marsha Burmeister and our servicemen and women. Roll call of officers and all were present. Beverly Hosford is our Sunshine Lady. We had two visiting presidents. Rudy from chapter #20, Betty from chapter 51, and Paul from chapter 27. We had several new members that were welcomed. The treasurer report was given by Larry Forbes. We had two new Escapee members which were announced at the meeting. We had a discussion for the Care monthly rate which is \$800.00 for the patient and an additional \$400.00 for the caretaker.

Upcoming Escapade will be held Sept. 12th to the 17th, in Goshen, Indiana.

Old Business:

Nancy and Joe Listen spoke about working at Chapter Row at the Escapade. A new banner was made in the spring and we took possession at the Escapades. Beverly and Ralph will be the new Road Host in Goshen, Indiana. Beverly spoke about the next chapter rally which will be on Nov. 7th thru Nov. 10th at Little Willies Campground in Arcadia, Florida.

New Business: We will need to elect officers and with the position of president being filled by Bryan Rose. The motion was seconded.

In the absence of Marsha Burmeister, Ron Molway will be taking over the rest of her term. Kathy O'Rourke will continue being Secretary for two more years. Larry Forbes term of Treasurer will expire next year and we need someone to volunteer for this position.

Fall Rally: Chapter 27 is asking that we do a joint rally with them if we want to. It will be on November 9th - 13th. They are looking for a campsite for this rally. A motion was made to do a joint rally and it was seconded. Maureen and Frank Halladay will host the fall rally and it was decided that they will make the decision as to where it will be held. Motion was seconded.

There will be a multi-chapter rally on April 29th to May 3rd in Marion, NC. It was asked if we would be interested in selling hamburgers and hot dogs for Care. We said that we would think about it, and take a vote at the spring rally. We need someone to take Susie Q on the road with them. Ralph and Beverly offered to take her to Escapades and Dollywood with them. The hosts and co-hosts were thanked for having a great rally. There were 53 rigs and 92 people that participated in this rally.

Motion to adjourn at 4:25.

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Good Times at the November Rally



Note from Sy and Flo Sandick ...

More and more people are starting to attend the lunch at Golden Corral on the 2nd Tuesday of each month.

As more of you travel to central Florida, come meet and greet each other at our famous lunches. Call or e-mail us if you need directions. Syandflo@mindspring.com or 1-407-390-0084. We'll be there, will you?

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### **From the Desk of Susie and Denny Orr**

Happy Thanksgiving - Merry Christmas - Happy New Year!

May you enjoy your family, friends and Escapees Friends, not only for the holidays, but thru the years!

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Continued Wishes for Good Health

Some of you already know, but just in case you did not hear, on Wednesday, December 16th, Larry Forbes had a stroke while out doing his and Marilyn's daily 4 mile walk. After only a mile and a half, Larry began staggering from one side of the road to the other. He was transported to Florida Hospital South, and ended up in ICU. He is now at home recovering and getting stronger each day.

Larry we wish you continued good health and hope to see you soon.

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### **A Final Farewell**

As mentioned in the minutes from the November meeting, our friend and Vice President Marsha Burmeister died of a massive heart attack on August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2009. As many of you know Marsha was a dear friend and colleague of mine. She did everything with gusto, including playing the Bow Psaltery at the Ham-O-Rama in Sadalia to co-chairing very successful pre-spring rallies with me at Markham Park in Sunrise. Chapter 15 will miss her smiles, her volunteerism, and mostly her genuine love of life.

I received the phone call, telling me the tragic news about Marsha while I was attending the funeral of another of our Chapter 15 SKP members, Becky Szymanski. Becky and her husband Ray attended the Balloon HOP in Albuquerque with George and me last year. Unfortunately Becky missed several of the events due to her chronic COPD. It was COPD and its complications that caused her death on August 19, 2009. She will be remembered for her love of dogs and her great enthusiasm for life.

### **Letter from the Editor**

I want to extend my sincerest apologies for the delay in getting the Juicer out in a timely manner. Life sometimes interferes. George and I have been extremely busy with the wedding of our only daughter Marie and subsequently selling our house to the newly-weds Marie and Tony Cucchiaro, subsequently this means that George and I are moving out of our home of 32 years. Most of you have experienced trying to downsize and getting rid of 30+ years of accumulated "memories" which is no easy task.

To add to the problems, my computer had a complete crash, the first one in 32 years of computing. I didn't lose the data but trying to rebuild the system is tedious. Hopefully things will calm down and we will be on the road in our class B rig, trying to stay south to keep warm.

Thank you for your patience... Sue Spahn

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### **Escapees Florida Gatherings for Lunch:**

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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@escapees.com](mailto:lsmithe@escapees.com)

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