



THE FLORIDA SUNSEEKERS JUICER

**Escapade
Gillette, Wyoming
June 29 – July 5,
2008**



30th Birthday Bash



**~Chapter 15~
2008 Fall Rally
November 12 to 15,
2008
Escapees Sumter
Oaks RV Park,
Bushnell, FL**

**Chapter 15 wants
to extend a
sincere**

**Thank you to
Dick Schoen**

**for all of his time
and commitment
as the previous
Editor of the
Juicer.**

**Our best wishes
and prayers are
with you for a
speedy recovery.**

Letter from the President

Hi everyone.

Well now that I have been installed as President, I want to thank Bev Hosford for serving as President. She has done a great job that I hope I can live up to. I want to thank Marsha Burmeister for accepting to be Vice President, and Kathy O'Rourke is the new Secretary. Sue Spahn has agreed to be the editor for the Juicer. We will all work hard to make Chapter 15 a success.

By now everyone knows that Sue Spahn and Marsha Burmeister are had at work, working on our Spring Rally for 2009. Everyone that attended the 2008 Spring Rally had a great time and we convinced Sue and Marsha to host the 2009. At this time the dates have been set Jan. 26th – 30th immediately following the Cracker Capers which ends on Jan. 24. Larry will have the website up dated in the near future with dates and amount need to reserve you spot. All the details will be on the website and in the Juicer when they are set.

We plan on visiting several Chapters on the way to Gillette, Wyoming for the Escapade. Plan on going to Chapter 27 Rally, April 1st, 2nd, 3rd at Grand Lake RV Resort; hope to see a lot of you there. We will come back to Bushnell after the 27 Rally for a couple of week, before heading for Chapter 16 Spring Rally April 24 - 27, 2008, Tifton, GA. After a stop to visit our son in Atlanta we will head for Elkhart, In. where we will be the VCRs for the TriChapter rally for Chapters 6, 36, 51. We will then go to Gillette where we will sit on the Row to represent Chapter 15.

Travel safe and stop to see us in Gillette

Bryan and Jane Rose

Chapter 15 Officers for 2008

President: Bryan Rose
Vice President: Marsha Burmeister
Secretary: Kathy O'Rourke
Treasurer: Larry Forbes



SECRETARY REPORT

March 2008 meeting

Beverly Hosford, President called the meeting to order on January 30, 2008 at 9:05 AM.

She thanked the following: Marsha Burmeister and Sue and George Spahn-Rally hosts. Beverly led the chapter in The Pledge of Allegiance. Beverly read the minutes of the last meeting.

Larry Forbes would like to retire, since he is doing double duty with Chapter 27.

Dick Schoen, current news editor is having medical problems. Larry Forbes gave a treasurer report and it was accepted by all. Larry Forbes books will be audited today.

New Business:

The 2008 November Rally will return to Bushnell from November 12th – 15th. Rally hosts are needed. We also will be needing hosts for the Spring 09 rally.

We also spoke about needing a new newsletter editor. Sue Spahn volunteered for this position.

We will also need a new treasurer, since Larry Forbes will be retiring. A suggestion was made that the names of people with a computer would like to have the newsletter emailed to them. People without a computer will be sent by regular mail. Beverly Hosford asked for volunteers for the upcoming rallies. Since there were no volunteers, Bryan Rose and Jane volunteered to do the first day of dinner and then "Happy Hour" the rest of the time.

Bryan Rose was given President's badge and gavel. Jane Rose, received the First Lady's Badge.

Beverly Hosford asked for adjournment at 9:40 AM.

Respectively Submitted ... Kathy O'Rourke

Kathy

TREASURER'S REPORT

1/1/2008- OVERALL
 Category Description 2/15/2008 TOTAL

INCOME

Dues
 2008 35.00 35.00
 TOTAL Dues 35.00 35.00
 Spring Rally Income
 Camping Fees 1,052.00 1,052.00
 Care
 Other Spring Rally Income:Care 145.00 145.00
 TOTAL Care 145.00 145.00
 Jungle Cruise 1,680.00 1,680.00
 Raffle
 50-50 Raffle 35.00 35.00
 TOTAL Raffle 35.00 35.00
 Rally Fees 750.00 750.00
 TOTAL Spring Rally Income 3,662.00 3,662.00
 FROM Prepaid Dues 2009 15.00 15.00
 FROM Prepaid dues 2010 15.00 15.00
 FROM Prepaid dues 2011 15.00 15.00
 FROM Prepaid Dues 2012 0.00 0.00
TOTAL INCOME 3,742.00 3,742.00

EXPENSES

Spring Rally Expense
 Camping Fees 1,575.00 1,575.00
 CARE Inc 145.00 145.00
 Food, Etc. Purchased 469.32 469.32
 Jungle Cruise Expense 1,715.00 1,715.00
 TOTAL Spring Rally Expense 3,904.32 3,904.32
 Treasurer
 Postage 1.33 1.33
 TOTAL Treasurer 1.33 1.33
TOTAL EXPENSES 3,905.65 3,905.65

OVERALL TOTAL -163.65 -163.65

Net Worth - As of 2/15/2008**ASSETS**

Cash and Bank Accounts
 Checking 3,371.98
 Petty Cash Account 0.00
 TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts 3,371.98
 Other Assets
 Deposits 0.00
 TOTAL Other Assets 0.00
TOTAL ASSETS 3,371.98

LIABILITIES

Other Liabilities
 Payables 475.58
 Prepaid Camping-Rally Fees 0.00
 Prepaid Dues 2009 100.00
 Prepaid dues 2010 85.00
 Prepaid dues 2011 75.00
 Prepaid Dues 2012 5.00
 Prepaid dues 2013 0.00
 TOTAL Other Liabilities 740.58
TOTAL LIABILITIES 740.58

OVERALL TOTAL 2,631.40

NOTES FROM OUR NEW VICE PRESIDENT

Marsha Burmeister

It is a pleasure to serve as the new Vice President of Chapter 15. I am a relatively new Escapee but am working to make up for lost time! After the passing of my husband Lee in 2005, I have returned to my love of camping and have enjoyed my Leisure Travel Van. It works out great for me and my three "furry children" of the canine variety. My mother travelled with me until her passing last June. Our final trip together was to Jetty Park in Titusville where we saw an evening Space Shuttle launch. It was spectacular and I recommend that park and the Titusville area to you. Actually, the launch was a serendipitous experience; the reason for the trip was a scooter rally. I have two Vespa scooters and you will usually find one of them with me via the rack on the back of my rig. When I am not Escaping, I work for Nova Southeastern University as the Director of Instructional Technology. Luckily this is primarily online work so you will find me online from anywhere I am via a Sprint datacard connection.

I have had some happy, extended road trips that took me to Bushnell, Summerdale, Turkey Creek, and Rainbow's End. I attended the 2007 Goshen HOP and Escapade. I am involved with the SOLOS BOF as their Webmaster and I look forward to being in Gillette for the 2008 Escapade and the Balloon Fiesta HOP in Albuquerque. I worked with Sue & George Spahn to host the Chapter 15 Rally at Markham Park in January; we learned the ropes together and had a wonderful time!

If I had a theme for my time as your VP this year, it would be "Let's do it!" Our fall rally will be November 12-15 and we need you! Let's be there, have fun, and make memories. We don't have anyone hosting our rally so the plan is for a first-night dinner provided by Jane and Bryan Rose and Social Hour daily. What would you like to see happen during our time together? Can we plan something together? Let's do it!



FLYING HIGH

Spring Rally: Fun!

By Marsha Burmeister

The Chapter 15 rally was held at Markham Park January 28 through February 1. Forty-nine Escapees met for a variety of experiences. Scheduled activities included visiting the Barkham at Markham (the dog park) and an outstanding demonstration of model airplane flights. By special arrangement, the model airplane enthusiasts shared their planes and demonstrated the fun of flying for us. Markham has the largest model airplane field in South Florida and its Club members enthusiastically shared their hobby with us. These planes are powered by electricity and gasoline – and we were also treated to two fast and remarkable flights of model jet planes. We learned about the competitions that add to the model airplane experience. We lingered at the field for a sack lunch and we made a donation to the Club as a thank-you for a fun and information-filled morning.

Other activities included daily social hours and continental breakfast and two evening meals in the campground. We spent a delightful evening aboard the Jungle Queen for a dinner cruise that was a highlight of the rally. There was plenty of free time, too, and Escapees visited the IKEA store, the Sawgrass Mills Outlet Mall, and restaurants and other attractions. Sue taught us about digital photography and Marsha distributed plenty of demonstration CDs.

We'll always remember the Walk Up Outdoor Movie (bringing out the *Wild Hogs* in all of us), the re-gifting game, and spinning the prize wheel for fun, prizes, and CARE. The prize wheel fund-raiser generated over \$150 for CARE. We are currently negotiating with the park for another rally at Markham in late January 2009. We hope to see you there!

Pre-Spring Rally 2008



Radio Control Pilot's Assoc. Demo



Chapter 15 Banner at Markham Park



Campsites at Markham Park



Fishy Craft



Photo Tips Seminar



Good Meals



Time to relax and visit



Spin the wheel for CARE raised \$150.00+

**Photos courtesy:
Bryan Rose & Jack Mulhall**

Jungle Queen Boat Ride and Feast



G-R-E-A-T FOOD



Waiting to board Jungle Queen

**Make Your Reservations Early
for next year's
2009 Pre-Spring Rally**

We are limited to 28 sites!

Tentative Events Planned:

- **Yappy Hour (bring your pet)**
- **Jungle Queen or Everglades swamp boat tour**
- **Star Gazer's Party (local astronomy club)**
- **Breakfasts**
- **Dinners**

LEAVING YOUR HOME

“HOME ALONE”

By Marsha Burmeister

After the break-in at my home on January 2, full-timing sounds better and better! But if you are not able to do that, then I think some special considerations are in order. I learned many things because of this experience and would like to share some simple but important ideas with you. Hindsight is 20/20; perhaps these items will save you having to look back on what you could have done.

- Make sure your home security system is up to date. It should be able to combat today's criminal. In my case, this means making sure that the system is tested WEEKLY as per your contract (and you should review your contract with your provider such as ADT, Brinks, etc.). What happens if your telephone line is cut as mine was? Will the company be informed or will a siren go off (that wasn't heard, in my case)?
- I had heard this one before but it never hit home until I needed it. Video tape your possessions, especially electronics, jewelry, silver, and such – anything that is valuable and may be pawned or sold on the street for drug money. Keep receipts organized and have a list of serial numbers if you can. If you can avoid leaving such valuables in your home, do so. Take what you can with you – and don't leave jewelry or money laying around for the taking (literally).
- Dispense with your stash of coins and pocket change before leaving home. That's a good reason to convert all those containers with coins into folding money for your pocket.
- Take all keys with you. This would include the extra sets of car keys, keys to vehicles that you are leaving at home, keys to the shed, to your parents' house, and so on. I

had some “other” keys in my car and learned a tough lesson. The car should be in the garage and if it can't be, then farm it out to a neighbor's driveway.

- Inform the police that you will be away so that they can increase patrols. Be sure to let your neighbors know how to reach you while you are away. Although my neighbors knew I was gone, they didn't notice anything was going on until my car was missing (I left it parked on the driveway). Getting a phone call asking about your car is not the call you want to take at Rainbow's End or anywhere else!

I don't have all the answers, just a few which would have helped me. My burglar was a professional. From his confession, I learned that he knew I was gone because the RV was off the driveway. In my new home, I can't park the RV on my driveway and it will be parked in a lot with other RVs in my community. Initially, I regretted this situation but now I think that not having the RV on the driveway except for cleaning or loading is “a good thing” as it makes it harder to track my travel.

In the “other things that I have learned” department, I found out that in order to get your pawned property back, you must BUY it back from the pawn shop. Be sure to have cash. In my case, I paid \$375 to get my watch and laptop computer back. While I am so thrilled to these two items (just a fraction of what was stolen), it is a disappointment that I had to pay. The burglar now has additional charges against him and owes me “restitution.” Given a choice between purchasing drugs and paying me back, I think I have seen the last of that money. He bonded out of jail and has fled (after more burglary) so be careful: he is “out there,” perhaps in Georgia... or not.

PS Robert Johnson was arrested with my car at the gas station Jan. 9, bonded out Jan. 24, pawned my stuff and committed 7 more home burglaries. Re-arrested March 7, he has been designated as a “career criminal” and trial is set for April 21

THIS & THAT

Self-starter

By George Spahn

Q: Why does an internal combustion engine require a starter?

A: The pistons of an internal combustion engine must be set in motion in order to have the fuel enter the combustion chamber. In other words, the sequence of valve operation, fuel injection and ignition cannot occur at zero rotation of the crank shaft. This is true for both Otto and Diesel cycles.¹

Q: Then what starts the RV engine?

A: An electric self-starter. Direct current from the engine battery flows to the starter motor when the ignition switch is turned ON. This motion is transmitted to the flywheel which then provides crankshaft rotation and piston motion.

Q: Who invented the self-starter?

A: The U.S. Patent Office credits Charles F. Kettering of Dayton, Ohio by virtue of the patent issued to him in 1911. In the 1830's, Michael Faraday of Great Britain made several electrical devices which changed electromagnetic energy to rotary motion. But Kettering's self-starter was a small device which cranked an engine and then disengaged itself.

Q: What make of auto was the first to use the self-starter?

A: The 1912 Cadillac. Until that time, starting the auto engine was a two-person job. Using a thumb less grasp, one would crank while the driver fiddled with the spark delay trying to avoid pre-ignition and back kick!

Q: Do all cars use electric starters?

A: No, some Diesel trucks use motors run by compressed air, which is readily available for their truck's braking system.

¹ The Otto cycle uses spark plugs and gasoline; the Diesel cycle needs no spark plugs and uses diesel oil.

RECIPE

Cowboy beans are cooked in the Crockpot with ground beef, various beans, and seasonings. Great for Pot Luck dinners

INGREDIENTS:

- 1/2 pound lean bacon
- 1 pound ground chuck, lean
- 1 large onion
- 1/4 cup green pepper, diced
- 1 can pork 'n beans, 16 oz
- 1 can red kidney beans, 16 oz
- 1 can butter beans, 16 oz
- 1 can baby lima beans, 8 oz
- 1 can great northern beans, 16 oz
- 1/4 cup brown sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon dry mustard
- 1/4 cup molasses or maple syrup
- 1 jar barbecue sauce
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper

PREPARATION:

Cut bacon into 1/4" bits; brown in a large skillet. Remove bacon from rendered fat and set aside. In the bacon drippings, sauté the onion & pepper until tender. Add the ground meat and brown lightly

Send your favorite recipe to the editor!

COMPUTER CORNER

Each month your editor will be publishing a computer tidbit for your enjoyment. If you have any favorite tips to pass along or would like to learn more about some aspect of Windows or other software, please send me email.

This months Tip:

Shortcuts for moving text, graphic or pictures.

1. **Highlight the item** you want to move or delete.
2. Hold down the **CTRL** key and hit
 - **"C"** for **C**opy
 - **"X"** for **X**out Delete
 - **"V"** for **V**elcro Paste

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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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