

CLUB NEWS – Plan a Summer Escape

From Escapees RV Club

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Close to home or far away—there is a summertime rally for you!



Whether you hanging close to home, or traveling across the United States, Canadian Provinces, or exploring Mexico, there are Escapees friends just waiting to greet you. Escapees Chapter rallies allow you to “break the ice” by getting together in a smaller groups where you will enjoy fun-filled activities, learn more about the RV lifestyle through intimate discussions, tour local areas, and forge lasting friendships.

Of course rallies are known for their food, but when’s the last time you enjoyed a real Lobster Fest? If that’s too highfalutin for you, how about a “Redneck Trailer Trash” event? Of course you’ll have to wear your best “redneck” outfit in order to impress the other dinner guests. Or maybe wine-tasting is more your style?

If food and drink is not your thing, no worries! Many rallies offer entertainments, seminars, and tours. Or maybe you’d like to just kickback and relax on a farm in upstate New York or even a small fishing village on the Sea of Cortez in Sonora, Mexico? (Oops—sorry, you’ll have to wait until winter for the Mexican Connection rally.)

There are at least 30 rallies for you to participate in between now and the end of September, so don’t miss out! Check them all out at [Escapees Chapter Events](#).

Chapter Highlights/Certified BOF Highlights

July 29-August 5, 2009. SKP SOLOs are holding their "Pike's Peak or Bust" Rally at the Golden Eagle RV Park, in Colorado Springs, CO. A few of the activities planned are touring the Garden of the Gods, dinner and show at Flying W Ranch, Air Force Academy tour, cog railroad trip to the top of Pike’s Peak, NORAD tour, Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument, Cripple Creek gambling, and gold mine tour at Victor. Contact Beverly Rolfsness at BRolfsness@gmail.com for more information.

August 12-16, 2009. Chapter #3 will celebrate its 25th Anniversary in Hermon, Maine. Come and enjoy fresh lobster, steamed clams and fish chowder, just to mention a few of the scrupulous items on this rally menu. You will also be entertained by Anni Clark, a native Maine singer and songwriter. That’s not all, there will be craft classes, games, an Iron Chef dessert contest and of course, a special 25th anniversary celebration with cake for all to enjoy. [Northeast Chapter #3](#).

August 17-21, 2009. The Alberta Roamers, Chapter 44 is a friendly, outgoing international chapter with members throughout Alberta, British Columbia, Ontario, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, in addition to a large number of Americans. At this rally you will enjoy a trip to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police Dog Training Facility. Check out the full list of their [summer activities](#).

August 17-21, 2009. Chapter 5 invites you to celebrate their 25th Anniversary in Shelton, Washington at the Mason County Fairgrounds. Reservations will be required for their special meal. Contact arlene1046@gmail.com.

August 21-23, 2009. Chapter 36 will hold its rally in Wooster, Ohio at the Wayne County Fairgrounds. Wooster is in the heart of Amish country where favorite attractions like Lehman's Hardware Store is stocked with hard to find tools and unique implements. You can also visit the Warther Museum in Dover which features steam locomotives carved from wood and ivory. The theme will be "Red Neck Trailer Trash" so do your RV up right be prepared to "dress" for dinner. Learn more about [Chapter #36](#).

August 27-30, 2009. Iowa Wild Roses, Escapees Chapter 48 will hold its rally at Fieldstone RV Park in Arnolds Park, Iowa. This rally features a tour and wine tasting at the Little Swan Lake winery. Golfer, bring your clubs! The Emerald Hills Golf Course backs up to the RV park and there are several other public courses nearby. You will also be just three miles away from the performing arts and summer theatre. Check out all the details of this [event](#).

September 3-7, 2009. Join Chapter 6 in celebrating its 25th anniversary at the Midland County Fairgrounds in Midland, Michigan. Attendees will enjoy a catered meal while being entertained by Jack Barber in "A Tribute to Sinatra." In addition to geocaching, crafts, and games, there are many exciting attractions in the area including the Dow Gardens, a 110-acre botanical garden and national historical landmark, The Tridge (a three way pedestrian bridge over the merging Chippawa and Titabawassee Rivers in Downtown Midland), and the Herbert H. Dow Historical Museum, just to mention a few. Check out the [Great Lakes Chapter](#) or contact Bernie Patton @ cbpatton59@gmail.com for more information.

September 11-13, 2009. Join Chapter 41 at the Lakeside Farm and Cider Mill in Ballston Lake, New York. Picture fall in upstate New York—crisp clear days, fields of corn and pumpkins, leaves beginning to change color and apples for picking! This is meant to be a casual and relaxing weekend in the county. In addition to many meals, including chicken barbecue with all the trimmings, you can look forward to fresh cider being served all day, every day. (Special Note: This is not a campground. Rigs must come prepared to boondock.) For reservation information please contact Carol Berggren at jc5thwheel@aol.com or check out [NYSKPS Chapter 41](#).

September 15-18, 2009. The Colorado Escapees Chapter #2 "Rocky Mountain High SKP's" will hold a 2nd rally this year in the beautiful mountain community of South Fork Colorado. The campground is located right on the Rio Grande River so break out the fishing poles, or for the more adventurous folks, experience a white water rafting trip! Take time to explore the National and State Parks, Great Sand Dunes, the headwaters of the Rio Grande River, Creede, or Pagosa Springs! All are within easy driving distance. Rally hosts have planned a packed schedule of food, fun and lots of interesting workshops – computers, crafting and even yoga. Red Hatters and Geocachers bring your stuff! There will be a movie night and brown bag auction, so don't forget that white elephant item. Contact Chuck and Judy Derington at chuckderington@comcast.net.

September 27-30, 2009. Chapter 34 is hosting a joint Rally with Chapters 5, 33, and 35 at the Airstream Land Yacht Harbor in Olympia, WA. You can imagine the fun with four chapters rallying together! Attendees will enjoy a Craft Show & Tell, Dutch Oven cooking demonstration, evening entertainment, organized games (bean bag baseball, ladder golf, and bocca ball), meals, and free time to explore this beautiful area! Please let John & Nancy know you are attending at dcstew@msn.com .

Sept. 28-Oct. 3, 2009. Iowa Wild Roses, Chapter 48 has a Rolling Rally planned, beginning in NE Iowa at Decorah and continuing into the apple and cranberry-growing areas of WI. Tours in Decorah include the Norwegian-American Museum and Seed Saver's Heritage Farm. Parking one night in Soldiers Grove, WI, will provide insight into how flooding Kickapoo River resulted in them becoming America's first solar village. The Gays Mills, WI area will be in the peak apple-harvest time – where you'll see production areas and taste goodies made with apples. Kickapoo Valley Reserve will provide information about the aftermath of a canceled flood COE control program and then on to Warrens, WI to tour the Cranberry Discovery Center and view harvesting at a cranberry marsh. For more details see the chapter's current newsletter at www.escapees.com/chapter48/.

There are many other events planned this summer and fall. Check out the full list of activities on [Escapees Calendar of Events](#).

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