

# EMPIRE NEWS



## NYSKPS CHAPTER 41 July 2010

### NYSKPS CHAPTER 41 FALL RALLY - SEPTEMBER 10 - 12, 2010 ARROWHEAD MARINA & RV PARK, GLENVILLE, NY

The stalls are clean and the corral is ready for the Western Themed Rally at Arrowhead Marina & RV Park. Pack your saddle bags and join us for the weekend. Several Escapees members camp there seasonally so plan to come early and stay longer. We'll extend the "rodeo." In addition to our rally activities, the area has many opportunities for walking, biking, touring, kayaking, canoeing, visiting museums & historic sites. Eric & Ginny LeJuene are gathering brochures and maps for everyone. We will have a wonderful campfire concert on Saturday night, performed by Adirondack Folksinger, Dan Berggren

Arrowhead Marina & RV Park along the Mohawk River is holding sites for us in their water/electric circle until August 22nd. ([www.arrowheadmrpv.com](http://www.arrowheadmrpv.com)) (518) 382-8966 To make a reservation, see below:

#### TENTATIVE ACTIVITIES:

Friday- 2:00- Check in. Hitch your wagon to a post.

4:00- Friendship Hour BYO drink and a munchie to share.

6:00- Chuck Wagon Chili & Roasted Corn. Bring a can of beans for the chili pot.

7:00- Dessert Auction; To benefit CARE.

(Bring a dessert for 2)

Followed by a Raging Bonfire ! An Arrowhead signature event.

Saturday- 8:00- Breakfast provided; Followed by chapter meeting.

10am- Rhinestone Cowboy Craft

Lunch & Activities on your own.

5:00- Friendship Hour BYO drink and a munchie to share.

6:30 pm Pizza and salad around the campfire. Make a S'more for dessert.

7:30- Concert by Adirondack Folksinger/songwriter Dan Berggren.

8:30- Enjoy the campfire into the night.

Sunday- 8:00 Hitch-up Breakfast Buffet. Bring something to add to the buffet table. Beverages provided.

Door Prizes, Game Winners, etc and Good-byes for some.

Please bring something for a Door Prize (merchant donated, gently used, or new), if you can. It's great when there is something for everyone.

Please indicate on the Registration Form the days/nights you will be staying at Arrowhead and make note of the additional activities.

#### TWO- STEP REGISTRATION

1. Mail the Chapter Registration Form with rally fee enclosed to our treasurer, Bev Quinn by August 22nd so we can plan and prepare for meals. The registration form is included at the end of this newsletter.

2. Reserve your site directly with Arrowhead Marina & RV Park. (518) 382-8966. The rate is \$29; Good Sam member rate is \$26.10. They accept only cash or check.

Extra days before and after will be at the same rate. Explain that you are reserving for the Escapees Rally. Check-in is 2 pm.

#### **DIRECTIONS:**

From the NYS Thruway, take Exit 26 – following signs for Rte 5, Amsterdam and Scotia (after the toll booth). Go one mile to the first traffic light and take a left (west) on Rte. 5. Go 500 feet and turn left onto Van Buren Lane. Follow the signs.

From the north, take Rte 50 (South) to the junction of Rte. 5 in Scotia. Turn right (West) onto Rte. 5. Go 3.1 miles. You will go under a railroad bridge (13' 11") and immediately come to a traffic light. Continue on Rte. 5 for 500 feet (past the traffic light) and turn left onto Van Buren Lane; follow the signs.

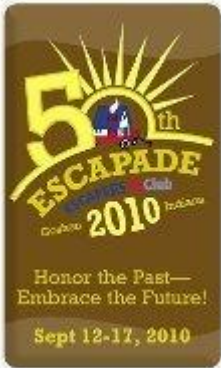
**DO NOT** plan to take Glenridge Rd. There are 2 low underpasses that most RV's can't clear.

#### **HOSTS:**

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### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**



Honoring the Past, Embracing the Future. That is the logo for the 50th Escapade in Goshen this fall. A good logo for a 50th Anniversary, a good logo for any of us at any time. A good logo for our Chapter, as we grow and move into the future! And are we growing!! If you weren't able to join us at the Spring Rally in Byron, you missed an opportunity to meet so many new friends! I would personally like to extend a warm welcome to all of our new members on behalf of the entire chapter. We are a fun bunch and will strive to provide the Caring and Sharing and Learning philosophy that IS the SKP club, while we play games, explore new places and, oh, let's not forget the food!!

Be sure to come back and join us in the fall for what promises to be another terrific rally on the banks of the Mohawk River. And for those of you going to Escapade this year, See you in Goshen!

Christine

### **JUNE RALLY REPORT**

Southwoods RV Resort

Byron, NY

June 11-13, 2010

Hidden away in this huge park of spacious green lawns and beautiful perennial gardens is a rally circle, with sites surrounding a large pavilion. There was plenty of space for eighteen rigs and 34 attendees. New member, Nevern Comber, pitched right in, assisting Carol Berggren, Sue Vitek and Phyllis Lyngard as folks arrived at the registration area, while Charlie Comber, John Berggren, Pat Vitek and Bill Mikiewicz directed each rig to its site. Each rig received a door prize ticket, a welcome bag, and signed the rally signature quilt, made by Julie VanDeusen. There was an opportunity to buy 50/50 tickets (Thanks to Terry Fritz for his efforts in selling tickets all weekend!) and donate to CARE in memory of Rich Krumenacker and Jane Luther. A change for this rally-- one mystery bag was distributed to each rig for filling, to increase group participation in this activity. (The selections proved to be more challenging to identify than anticipated!)

WHAT A GROUP!! The mix included fifteen folks who had never attended a Chapter 41 Rally. At Friday's Friendship Hour, all received adoption certificates and were introduced to their enthusiastic adoptive members. One new couple, Linda and Jerry Boger, drove by car to Byron each day, since their rig was in the shop. Other new attendees included Tom and Janis Edelman, Terry and Jill Fritz, Shirley

and Earl Gates, Anita and George Saba, Donna Turner and Phil Sperandio, Lynne VonEsch, and Bill and Marilyn Woodside. By the end of the weekend every single one of these folks along with Charlie and Nevern Comber, had become a Chapter 41 member and received an official patch.

Dinner Friday included salads with hot dogs and hamburgers, grilled by Sue and Pat Vitek. The refreshing dessert was juicy watermelon. While several gathered around a campfire, conversation groups were dispersed throughout the area. In addition, John Berggren led a session introducing geocaching, which has a very active BOF group of Escapees.

The Lyngards and the Berggrens prepared Saturday morning's breakfast of scrambled eggs, with a variety of toppings. John's cranberry scones were a major hit! Add some juice and coffee and we all felt energized for the day's activities. President Christine Straight chaired the Chapter meeting, after which possible area attractions were discussed and selected.

During Saturday's Friendship Hour we were joined by Escapees Jay and Heidi Hopwood and Charlie Baker who are seasonal residents of Southwoods RV Park. Folks shared stories of bike-riding, hiking, and geocaching. After the "newbies" had searched the campground for caches John had set up earlier in the day, the Woodsides went to a local park and discovered a cache from the official website which included a travel bug!! A popular topic was the tour of the LeRoy Jello Museum. Clearly, everyone had spent the day doing something enjoyable. A delicious homemade chicken and biscuits dinner with green salad and Louisiana Dirt Pie prepared by Julie VanDeusen left us feeling "full as ticks" and folks asking for the dessert recipe!

That evening, Fred Lyngard led a rousing series of card bingo games. Initially, some had chosen to observe, but one by one, many of those were enticed to join in the excitement and laughter. In addition, there was a campfire, where some diehards kept going for quite a while!



Sunday's breakfast was a feast of creative dishes, contributed and savored by all! Announcements included the winner of the mystery bag contest, Nevern Comber, who received the Signature Quilt as her prize. A clever picture word game was won by the LeJeunes and the 50/50 by none other than Terry Fritz who had been so instrumental in making it such a success! It was announced that \$228.75 had been donated by attendees, in memory of Rich Krumenacker and Jane Luther, to be donated to CARE. Finally came the drawing which provided every rig an opportunity to select a door prize.

Although the Berggrens, Lyngards and Viteks were the "official" hosts of this rally, what made it a GREAT one was the caring and sharing by all of the attendees. Folks pitched in before one could even ask for help!  
SueVitek

## **NYSKPS CHAPTER 41 MINUTES: JUNE 12, 2010**

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by President Christine Straight. After the Pledge of Allegiance led by John Straight, the Officers present were identified: President Christine Straight, Secretary Carol Berggren, and Treasurer Bev Quinn. Also at the meeting were Chapter members John Straight, John Berggren (Membership Chair and Newsletter Editor), Dick Quinn, Eric LaJuene (Webmaster) and Ginny, Fred Lyngard (Voicemail) and Phyllis, Edna Erven, Burt Luther, Marg Merpaw (Sunshine) and Bill, Bill Mickiewicz (Technical Assistant to Historian), Pat and Sue Vitek, and new

members Charlie and Nevern Comber, Tom and Janis Edelman, Terry and Jill Fritz, Earl and Shirley Gates, George and Anita Saba, Phil Sperandio and Donna Turner, Lynne Von Esch and Bill and Marilyn Woodside.

As there were no additions or corrections to the minutes as posted by the Secretary, a motion was made by Eric LaJuene and seconded by Ginny LaJuene to accept the minutes. Motion carried.

The Treasurer gave her report. As of the meeting time, the balance on hand was \$2078.22. The report

was accepted as read. Treasurer Bev also explained the background of her wearing purple (the Chapter's official color) . When she replaced founding member and then Treasurer Esther Tallamy, Esther explained why she always wore purple and Bev has followed suit ever since! Bev also gave a warning about a device used to discourage critters from nesting in rigs. Apparently some of these devices can cause a fire hazard.

In the absence of Vice-President Bill Nixon, the Secretary gave the Wagonmaster's report. Dates for September's Escapade as well as Chapter Rally Sept. 10-12 in Glenville, NY were outlined. The invitation to join Chapter 3 July 12-16 in Lake George was reported. The 2011 Chapter 41 Rally dates and sites have been confirmed: June 10-12 in Cooperstown, NY and Sept. 9-11 in Cortland, NY. Details were displayed on posters during the rally.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Membership:** As of meeting time, Chapter 41's roster included 49 memberships, representing 84 individuals. John Berggren introduced all the new members and presented them with Chapter patches. Later that day, Donna Turner and Phil Sperandio joined National via e-mail and then joined Chapter 41, bringing the total membership to 50 rigs/86 people!!

**Website:** Eric LaJuene reported on the latest information posted on the Chapter 41 website as well as noting that there is a link to a Facebook Page for those wanting to "chit-chat" or view additional pictures. President Christine thanked Eric and John for having, in her opinion, the best website and newsletter of all chapters.

**Sunshine:** Marg Merpaw reported on cards sent since the last rally. Doris Marks (Thinking of You), Kath Krumenacker and Burt Luther (Sympathy). She also reminded folks that the CARE donation was being sent from this rally in memory of Rich Krumenacker and Jane Luther.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

~President Christine reported on the Multi Chapter rally held in North Carolina in April. The Straights and Lyngards attended from Chapter 41. There were 12 Chapters represented along with 8 VCR's. Chapter Presidents, Denny and Susie Orr had indicated their hope of attending Chapter 41's June 2010 rally but due to rig and health problems were unable to do so. Next year's Multi Chapter rally will be held in Marion, NC at Tom Johnson's again from April 28-May 5, 2011.

~President Christine also reminded members that our Standing Rules allow a Chapter 41 member who sits on Chapter Row at an Escapade to claim a maximum reimbursement of \$200.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

~Membership Chairperson, John Berggren, noted that the annual dues of \$5.00 per rig had been set in 1996. Chapter 41 By Laws state that dues "will be no more than \$10.00 annually." In light of increased costs for everything over the last 14 years, including the Chapter's policy of a reimbursement of up to \$200 for a Chapter Row Representative at Escapade, he proposed a raise in the annual dues. Much discussion followed. Treasurer Bev noted that many Chapters still have annual dues of \$5.00. Other points made were that many RV parks charge for the use of pavilions or buildings and that having one or the other assures a successful rally. There are also items that the Chapter would like to consider buying, regular donations to CARE, etc. that the Chapter could consider if it were felt that the Chapter could afford to spend some of the monies in the treasury. After much discussion, John Berggren made the motion that " beginning with the 10/1/2011 - 10/1/2012 dues year, the annual dues will be \$10.00 per rig (couples) and \$5.00 per rig (singles.)" This allows for the members who have already paid 2010-2011 dues. The motion was seconded by Bill Mikiewicz. The motion was carried. This will change Chapter 41's Standing Rule #4 and has no effect on the ByLaws.

~President Christine announced the candidates for Vice President (Bill Nixon) and Treasurer (Bev Quinn) and asked if there were any nominations from the floor. As there were none, Sue Vitek made a motion that the Secretary cast one vote for the slate. Pat Vitek seconded. Motion carried. This election brings our election process in line with our ByLaws which state that the Election of officers shall be staggered with Vice President and Treasurer being elected on years alternating with President and Secretary. The

President reminded members to consider volunteering to run for one of the offices that will be open June 2011.

A motion was made by Fred Lyngard to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Phyllis Lyngard. Motion carried.

Following the meeting, member-auditing of the Treasurer's books was done by Bill Mikiewicz.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carol Berggren, Secretary

## **NOMINATING COMMITTEE APPOINTED**

Eric LaJuene and Julie VanDeusen have been appointed to the nominating committee. The terms of the President and Secretary end at the June, 2011 rally when elections will be held. This is your chance to take a turn at helping to keep our great Chapter running on course.

## **MEET THE MEMBER: Bill Mikiewicz**



Have you wondered about the fellow accompanied by the attentive and well behaved greyhounds? That's Bill Mikiewicz, a faithful member of our chapter and a regular attendee at our rallies. The greyhounds are Sage and Lee, both rescue dogs from a life of racing and living in kennels. I sat with Bill and the pups for a while on the morning after our rally in Byron and learned a little about his last seventy-two years.

Bill looks back favorably on his two years of active duty (1958 - 1960) on the destroyer USS Robinson and destroyer escort USS Claud Jones. He feels the military life and training prepared him well for the rest of his life.

After the Navy, Bill began work as an apprentice tool and die maker at Kodak in Rochester where he completed a 30 year career as a tool maker. Much of his work was on government contracts.

Bill has three daughters, a son, and seven grandchildren. He is looking forward to spending time with grandchildren this summer.

When his kids were young, there was always a family dog. Later, Bill adopted a Doberman named Coffee from Lollypop Farm (The Humane Society of Greater Rochester) and began behavior and obedience training there with Coffee. He continued training with Pierce, a Dalmatian, and Penny, an Irish Setter who came under his care. Now, Bill has made a business of dog sitting. He says that he's not in business to train others' dogs, but it is necessary to train them to be obedient visitors in his home and to give his own Sage and Lee some relief.

If Bill is not at his home in Rochester, he can be found at camp, east of Lake Ontario near the Salmon River in Osceola, NY, great snowmobiling country.

This September, Bill will be representing Chapter 41 at Escapade in Goshen. We'll be looking forward to a report on his adventures when we see him again next Spring.

## **MARK YOUR CALENDAR: 2011 RALLIES SCHEDULED**

**June 10-12, 2011** Beaver Valley RV Resort, Cooperstown, NY

**September 9-11, 2011** Country Music Park, Cortland, NY

## **CHAPTER 3 RALLIES**

Got a hankering for lobster? Our New England neighbor, Chapter 3, is holding its rally at Pumpkin Patch RV Resort in Herman, ME this year on August 18-22. Details including schedule and registration form may be found at [www.escapees.com/chapter3](http://www.escapees.com/chapter3).

## **SKP ACRE (ALL CHAPTERS RALLY EAST)**

The Straights and Lyngards enjoyed the Multi-Chapter Rally in N. Carolina this spring. Next spring the rally has a new name, SKP ACRE, and will be held again at the Tom Johnson's Rally Park in Marion, NC on April 28 - May 2.

## **RECIPE CORNER**

### **BREAKFAST CASSEROLE**

1 lb sausage	6 cups cubed bread
10 eggs	8 oz shredded sharp cheddar cheese
3 cups milk	2 tsp dry mustard
1/2 cup thin sliced green onions	
1 tsp salt	
1/2 tsp pepper	

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

Cook sausage.

Mix eggs, milk, mustard, salt, and pepper.

Put 1/2 bread in 9 x 13 baker.

Sprinkle 1/2 the cheese, sausage, and onions.

Repeat layering with remaining bread, cheese, sausage, and onions.

Pour egg mixture over.

Bake uncovered 1 hour or until set.

May be made ahead.....6 servings

From Donna Turner Served at the Spring Rally in Byron, NY

## **TAKE A LOOK AT OUR MEMBERSHIP ROSTER, Many New Members:**

A current membership roster is included in this newsletter if it arrives by U.S. Mail. If you are receiving the newsletter by e-mail, a .jpg file of the roster in the form of a chart is attached. It can be printed using Adobe Reader. If you have difficulty opening or printing the file, **please** contact the editor at [ic5thwheel@aol.com](mailto:ic5thwheel@aol.com). Roster information is confidential and for the personal use of Chapter 41 members who wish to keep in contact with each other throughout the year.

## **KEEP UP WITH THE LATEST CHAPTER 41 EVENTS**

The Escapees website contains a Chapter 41 page you can access for up-to-date news about coming events and photos of recent rallies. Eric LaJuene is doing a great job creating an interactive webpage with photos, links, printable membership form, and officer contact information. Go to [www.escapees.com/chapter41](http://www.escapees.com/chapter41). That will bring you to our own Chapter 41 page. If you feel there is any Chapter information that should be included on that page, contact webmaster Eric LaJuene at [Lajuene@gmail.com](mailto:Lajuene@gmail.com).

If you don't have access to the web, phone this free number- 1-888-757-7701, voicemail extension 8041 for information about our next Chapter 41 event.

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### MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM (Due by October 1) (CHECK ROSTER FOR EXPIRATION DATE)

Chapter 41 annual dues are \$5.00. Please send your dues and application/renewal/update form to Bev Quinn, 898 Hoosick Road, Troy, NY 12180

Membership Application, Renewal and/or Update - NYSKPS Chapter 41

Renewal \_\_\_\_\_ Correction \_\_\_\_\_ New Member \_\_\_\_\_ SKP # \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse/Companion \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State & Zip Code

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Winter Address and Phone (include only if dates in effect from 12/1 to 4/1)

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State & Zip Code

No person may be a member of NYSKPS Chapter #41 unless he/she is a member of National Escapees. Dues do not cover the cost of camping fees. Dues are effective from October 1 - September 30. Make check for \$5.00 payable to NYSKPS Chapter 41

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**NYSKPS CHAPTER 41 FALL RALLY SEPT. 10 - 12, 2010 CHAPTER  
REGISTRATION FORM**

By your attendance at this event you are agreeing to the following: As an attendee, you assume all risk and danger relating to your personal property, RV, and attendance at this Chapter event, whether occurring prior to, during, or after the event. In the event of loss or theft, no claim will be made upon Escapees, its volunteers, employees, or agents. Volunteers may be directing and assisting you in your parking areas. It is, however, the driver of the RV or other vehicle who is ultimately responsible for avoiding obstacles or dangerous situations and is solely responsible for any damages to their property or the property of others. As an attendee at this event, you are granting your permission to be filmed, videotaped, audiotaped, or photographed, and granting full use without compensation.

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

SKP# \_\_\_\_\_ Chap. 41 Member? Y N

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

RV Type: \_\_\_\_\_ Length: \_\_\_\_\_

Arrival Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Departure  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_ (day, date) (day, date)

- For those extending their stay...  
~**Thursday September 9th**: Dinner on a stick. Bring something to share that can be put on a stick to cook. We will provide dough for biscuits.  
~**Sunday September 12**: Chicken BBQ available for dinner. Cost \$9.50 includes 1/2 chicken, extras, beverage & cookie. This is a fundraiser for the US Water Ski Show Team and the VanDeusen's daughter and son-in-law are members of the team. Campers at Arrowhead support this every year. Pay on Sunday but we need a head count ahead of time.

Chicken BBQ - # of dinners you'd like to order \_\_\_\_\_

**Rally Fee:**

\$15.00 per person for the weekend X \_\_\_\_\_ people.....=TOTAL:

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Includes: Friday supper, Saturday breakfast, Saturday dinner, and beverages for the Sunday breakfast.

Mail reservation form and rally fee payment by **August 22nd** to:

Bev Quinn, 898 Hoosick Road, Troy, NY 12180

Write checks payable to: NYSKPS Chapter 41