

Sample of Escapade Seminars

(This is the schedule from the 2017 Escapade)

INVESTING STRATEGIES FOR RVERS

Heather Brown, CM #13

A financial planner provides insight into the unique financial planning and investing challenges faced by RVerS.

RVING ATLANTIC CANADA

Wil Olsen, CM #35

Highlights of Canadian Maritimes combining history and spectacular scenery. Includes planning, vehicle preparation, routes and road conditions.

MAXIMIZING MOBILE INTERNET

Evan Sorenson

A discussion of the aspects of getting and staying connected in today's complex and technology-driven world. Learn about tools that will improve your connectivity options, staying secure in a public WiFi venue, and advice on reducing costs associated with online access.

TRAILER BRAKES, TIRES & SUSPENSIONS

Gary Wheeler, CM #101

Review of various suspension and enhancements available for trailers and motorhomes, plus the importance of preventive maintenance.

EQUIPPING YOUR RV FOR ELECTRICAL INDEPENDENCE

Doug Kirkby, SKP #814, CM #28

Learn to understand how solar and inverter systems work with your batteries to allow electrical independence while dry-camping.

HOME IS WHERE YOU PARK IT...AND THAT COULD BE A PROBLEM

Susie Adams, CM #13

An estate-planning attorney provides answers to questions about domicile, the creation of wills and trusts, and the transferability of these instruments across state lines.

DETAILING YOUR COACH LIKE A PRO

Chris Lawrence, SKP# 133662, CM #162, Janet Trannum, SKP #65162, CM #828

If cleaning your coach is a task you hate to take on, if the bugs and road grime are driving you crazy, this is the seminar you don't want to miss.

RVING ALASKA

Nel Filliger, CM #830

At this travelogue we explain the difference between traveling on your own, and traveling with an experienced Wagon Master.

RV TIRE SAFETY

Jim Koca, SKP #86367 Educational Instructor, Escapees RV Club

Tires are one of the most vulnerable components on the RV. A presentation of factual, honest, RV-specific information about the demands on RV tires and associated safety issues.

INSURANCE SHOPPING: COMPARING APPLES TO APPLES

Cheryl Howarth, CM #28

All apples are different! Learn how insurance companies are different and what affects your rates, what coverage is available, and discover the many different choices available. Learn what works for your RV and why.

UNDERSTANDING RV ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS

Daryl Lawrence, SKP #76653, CM #376

Curious about power surges, high and low voltage problems, pedestal wiring, and how to check the power pedestal? Get the lowdown on monitoring your electrical system!

PHOTO MEMORIES WITH GOOGLE PHOTOS

Cris & Jim Guld, SKP #101167, CM #722

Google Photo will store, organize, and share your lifetime of memories for FREE.

5 QUESTIONS TO ASK BEFORE BUYING LED LIGHTS

Tom Long, CM #629

The right questions get the right answers. Get straight talk for us “normal folks”.
Engineers, KEEP OUT.

RV SATELLITE TV AND WHAT'S NEW IN HD

Don Ellis, CM #718

Expert advice to help you choose the right satellite TV & HD for your RV from folks with 32 years of satellite TV experience in the RV industry.

WHAT AFFECTS MY INSURANCE RATES?

Chris Yust, SKP #25881, CM #273

A discussion of the different variables that affect your RV and auto rates. Tips are provided for lowering your rates, as well as making sure you have the right coverage as an RV owner. Time for Q & A.

DRIVING YOUR RV SAFELY

George Mayleben, SKP #98522, CM #3

Safety on the highway is a top priority for everyone, “newbies” as well as seasoned RVers. Join this informative discussion with an experienced driving professional to ascertain how safe you really are as you navigate the nation’s roads and byways.

VASCULAR ULTRASOUNDS FOR STROKE PREVENTION

Stew Dunivan, SKP #127472, CM #809

The 911 call you never want to make; educational discussion for stroke and vascular disease prevention.

ON THE ROAD WITH VERIZON WIRELESS

Alex Yeater, CM #627

Explanation of services and products to help customers on the go.

TIRE SAFETY & PRESSURE MONITORING SYSTEMS

Daryl Lawrence, SKP #76653, CM #376

Tire-pressure monitoring systems can provide safety, extend tire wear, and reduce fuel and maintenance costs. Gather detailed information to make informed decisions on these important systems.

TRAILER DISC BRAKE CONVERSIONS

Ron Russell, CM #491

The “how” and “why” of converting to hydraulic disc brakes on your 5th-wheel or trailer.

FREE CAMPING ON YOUR PUBLIC LANDS

Marianne Edwards, SKP #105918, CM #726

A tutorial on rules for camping on various public lands, and secrets to finding scenic, free RV campsites.

TECHNOLOGY FOR TRAVELERS

Jim & Chris Guld, SKP #101167, CM #722

Tablets, computers, smartphones and GPS devices and a drone will cover all your communication needs and record your journey. Whether you are a first time or seasoned RVer, you will learn something new and helpful.

FIRE AND LIFE SAFETY FOR YOU AND YOUR RV

Mac McCoy, SKP #48271, CM #310

Study the cause of most RV fires and how they may be prevented. Information on various extinguishers and an outdoor live-fire demonstration includes hands-on training and testing elements of fire extinguishers. (1 1/2-hour presentation)

THE INTENTIONAL TRAVELER

Pam Johnson, SKP #110508, CM #782

Trip planning ideas and resources to find things to see and where to stay. How to plan without being stuck in your plan. Explore trip planning resources on the internet and elsewhere, including great things to see and places to stay.

IMPROVING ENGINE PERFORMANCE

Major Wingfield, SKP #21805, CM #585

An in-depth look at internal combustion engines. Increasing air intake and exhaust extraction will improve horsepower and save fuel.

RV ROOF PROBLEMS?

Lee Thaxton, CM #753

Learn everything you need to know about your RV roof to avoid the headaches of roof maintenance and leaks.

UNDERSTANDING GUIDED RV TOURS

Wil Olsen, CM #35

Enjoy freedom, independence, and enhanced travel experiences as you find the right fit, features, and expectations of traveling in a group.

IT'S A WEIGHTY MATTER

Jim Koca, SKP #86367 Educational Instructor, Escapees RV Club

Overloading is a major problem facing RVers; proper weighing of your load and distribution of that load are critical for safety and peace of mind while traveling. Master the details of weight management for RVs.

FREE CAMPING OFFERED BY FELLOW RVERS

Marianne Edwards, SKP #105918, CM #726

Connect with fellow RVers across the continent offering safe, legitimate, and free overnight parking as well as friendship and advice for enjoying the local area.

ROAD PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT (RPA)

Robert Henderson, SKP #19044, CM #46

A discussion on the benefits of a road performance assessment (RPA) test to discover and mitigate motorhome handling problems.

SAFETY AND TROUBLESHOOTING RV REFRIGERATORS

Paul Unmack, SKP #116483, CM #748

An education for RVers on maintenance and repair of Norcold and Dometic type refrigerators. Time for Q & A.

STAYING CONNECTED ON THE ROAD: WIFI AND CELLULAR

Eric & Tami Johnson, CM #500

Wi-Fi is important to RV travelers; discover how to improve Wi-Fi signals at RV parks and campgrounds.

10 KEYS TO RV RELIABILITY & FUN

Ed Dennis, SKP #119665, CM #626

A fast, fun-packed, fact-filled hour of proven technologies and techniques to improve your RV lifestyle.

WHAT MAKES LONG-LASTING LED LIGHTS

Gregg Wilson, SKP #121291, CM #815

Learn about long-lasting LED products as well as items to avoid.

INSIDER CLEANING TIPS

Chris Lawrence, SKP# 113662, CM #162, Janet Trannum, SKP #65162, CM #828

Learn to clean using simple, easy tips to clean from ceiling to floor. Learn how to clean with peanut butter, tang, salt, lemons and many common kitchen products you have on hand.

LONG TERM CARE; MAKING SENSE OF IT ALL

Teresa Young, CM #289

Focus and perspective on preparing for the “unexpected” for you and your partner.

TOWING 4-DOWN

Don Ellis, CM #718

Which tow brake is right for you? Learn what to do and what not to do in towing safety from others’ experiences.

NEW SOLAR TECHNOLOGY

Tim Mattson, SKP #100235, CM #828

New solar technology and how it works with your RV, your 12 volt system, inverter and house batteries. Learn to save money by eliminating the use of the power cord and fuel-guzzling generators.

AUTUMN IN NEW ENGLAND BY RV

Nel Filliger, CM #830

From the serenity of New England villages to the rushing waters of Niagara Falls, discover the treasures of autumn in New England.

BENEFITS AND LIMITATIONS OF EXTENDED WARRANTIES

Chris Yust, SKP #25881, CM #273

A discussion of the things to look for and to avoid when purchasing a warranty product. No two are alike! Warranties explained in an easy-to-understand format. Time for

Q & A.

LIVING A LONGER, HEALTHIER LIFE

Janet Trannum, SKP #65162, CM #828

Are you tired and lack energy? Added a few extra pounds? Make it your goal to live a long and healthy lifestyle. A certified health coach shares her personal story of weight loss.

TECHNOLOGY TO TELL YOUR STORIES

Chris & Jim Guld, SKP #101167, CM #722

Step-by-step instructions to use photos, maps, blogs and videos for a multi-media journal to share your travels!

EARN WHILE YOU TRAVEL

Al & Kathy Miller, SKP #18559, CM #60

Learn how you can travel where you want, stay in campgrounds for free, and earn money while you travel selling advertising on site maps of RV parks and resorts.

PROPANE SAFETY

Jim Koca, SKP #86367 Educational Instructor, Escapees RV Club

Propane cools your refrigerator, provides heat in cold climates, and is a primary cooking source in most RVs. Learn to practice propane safety in your RV as you participate in this important discussion of LP safety practices.

WOULDA, COULDA, SHOULDA...

Barry Pulis, CM #493

Useful tips and information for “newbies” and seasoned RVers with a discussion of products you REALLY should have on your RV.

RV OVERNIGHT VISITS AT FARMS AND WINERIES

Donald & Kim Greene, CM #560

Discover the opportunity to meet winemakers and farmers as you overnight by RV on their properties.

EVERYONE SHOULD DRIVE THEIR RV

George Mayleben, CM #3

Are you worried about handling a large RV? Learn why and how ALL drivers can handle their RV safely.

ARE YOU SMARTER THAN YOUR SMART TV?

Tom Bulinski, CM #768

You have questions, you'll get answers; Smart TV, HDTV, dumb TV, satellite TV, DIRECTV, Dish Network, local TV or upgrades to your entire system. Learn about satellite and television technologies for your RV lifestyle.

FINDING THE RIGHT MED-E-VAC PLAN FOR YOU

David Luchini, SKP #129958, CM #85

How to tell the difference between the "good, better and best" emergency transportation plans.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW BEFORE YOU TOW!

Dave Cartaglia, CM #398

Hands-on seminar designed to educate men and women on the fundamentals of safely towing a car, as well as the process of hooking and unhooking tow vehicles from the RV.

FULLTIMING: COME ON IN, THE WATER'S FINE

Jim Koca, SKP #86367 Educational Instructor, Escapees RV Club

An in-depth look at the issues, myths and realities experienced by full-time RVers.

EXPLORING MOROCCO BY RV

Joyce Space, SKP #61818

Morocco is Europe's equivalent to sunny Arizona for winter RVers. Join this entertaining presentation and learn how to explore Morocco by RV.

MAKE YOUR DOG A GOOD CANINE CAMPER

Juliet Whitfield, SKP #122012

Discover solutions to barking, containment, nervousness, leash aggression and other issues facing RV travelers with pets.

TOGETHER WE BUILD!

Learn how Mission Builders, a Christian organization, helps churches and camps construct and remodel their facilities.

HOW CARE CAN ASSIST YOU

Bruce Horton, SKP #63666

An insight into CARE (Continuing Assistance for Recuperating Escapees); what it's all about, healthcare issues facing current CARE residents, and how you could make a difference as a CARE volunteer.

TRANSITIONING TO FULL-TIME RV LIFE

Marc & Julie Bennett, SKP #121165

Making the transition from a “stix-n-brix” to life full-time in an RV can be overwhelming. Learn how to embrace full-time RV living with tips on what to expect, how to get everything done and planning to thrive as you embark on a new life on the road.

MAP-MAKING WITH GOOGLE “MY MAPS”

Chris & Jim Guld, SKP #101167, CM #722

You’ve searched Google Maps for a destination, but did you know that you can plan a multi-stop route with printed directions then create and save custom maps? Custom maps can include your photos, links, and descriptions. This lively seminar shares the secrets of Google Maps!

GEOCACHING BASICS

Barbara & Tom Westerfield, SKP #102865

Discover a fun and interesting activity that is perfect for RVer who enjoys treasure hunting.

RV TRAVEL TO MEXICO

Jim & Cynthia Ponder, SKP #70507

Discover a safe, low-cost way to travel to Mexico with other Escapees with Chapter 8, the Mexican Connection. Questions are welcome.

USING SOCIAL MEDIA FOR FUN...SAFELY!

Pamela Johnson, SKP #110508

A discussion of options for sharing travels and staying in touch with friends using Facebook, Pinterest, RVillage, etc. Includes tips on security settings and more to control your privacy and who-sees-what.

TAXES AND ACCOUNTING FOR FULL-TIME RVERS

Adam Nubern, SKP #131230

How to find answers to tax and accounting questions using State and Federal online resources.

MAKE YOUR RV MORE LIVABLE

Gary Tomlinson, SKP #84785

Discover dozens of tips to make RV living easier, more organized, and convenient with these modification tips for your RV. A fun and entertaining discussion for RVerS.

ESCAPEES RV CLUB: WHAT'S NEW

Shawn Loring, SKP #76442, Chief Executive Officer, Escapees RV Club

Full-time, part-time, or occasional RVers, find out how to get the most from your RVing experience and reap the many benefits of Escapees' total support network. Time for Q & A with club leaders and national staff.

OIL FIELD GATE GUARDING FOR FUN?? AND FOR PROFIT

Greg & Jan White, SKP #95050

A thorough introduction to the life of an oil-field gate guard.

FULL-TIME RVERS: RELATIONSHIPS AND COMMUNITY

Marc & Julie Bennett, SKP #121165

It's not always easy leaving behind family and friends to begin life as a full-time RVer. Learn ways to stay connected while you build new relationships, "find your tribe", and become part of a new community "on the road".

WHAT DOES THIS BUTTON DO?

Chris and Jim Guld, SKP #101167, CM #722

A primer on today's iPhones and Androids. An interesting demonstration of navigation, camera functions, apps and so much more!

HOP ABOARD!

Lisa Koca, SKP #86367 Escapees RV Club, HOP Director

Escapees HOPs (Head Out Programs) are small group tours designed for RVers. Join this presentation and discover the fun in store on a HOP. Get the latest updates about future HOPs on land and sea with fellow SKPs, and let HOPs help you fulfill your "bucket list"!

KIDS THESE DAYS

Kimberly Travaglino, SKP #123940

Are you wondering how to connect with your grandchildren? Learn to strengthen your family bonds in this frank discussion about kids these days.

CHOOSING THE RIGHT RV

Jim Koca, SKP #86367 Educational Instructor, Escapees RV Club

An in-depth look at options to consider when searching for your perfect RV. Learn the four most important things to look for as you purchase a RV just right for your lifestyle.

FULL-TIME PANEL DISCUSSION; FAQ'S AND CHAT

Kimberly & Christopher Travaglino, SKP #123940, Jim & Nancy Tidball, SKP # 97596, Dave & Brenda Neil, SKP #26978

Panel discussion with experienced full-timers. Time for Q & A.

ADVANCED GEOCACHING

Barbara & Tom Westerfield, SKP #102865

Going to the next level; an advanced look at the treasures of geocaching. Learn proper and effective methods to place interesting new geocaches.

DOVES: 101

Don Klein, SKP #112009

DOVEs Escapees service BoF works exclusively with the Red Cross across the USA. Learn what services DOVE's provide to the Red Cross and how Escapees members can become involved.

USING YOUR EMERGENCY EXIT

Mac McCoy, SKP #48271, CM #310

Learn to open, maintain, and, most importantly, how to use your exit window as an emergency exit during a fire or emergency situation.

VETERANS' BENEFITS

Marty McCauley, SKP #90496

Learn which veteran's benefits may be available to you and how to apply for them.

BORN UNDER A WANDERING STAR

The Joe & Kay Peterson Story, featured video presentation

Relive 39 years of caring and sharing the SKP way in this video production that chronicles the life of the founders of Escapees RV Club.

LIVING LARGE IN SMALL SPACES

Charles & Elaine Sanger, SKP #116710

A lively discussion on the joys and frustrations of living in small spaces; boats, RVs, or tiny houses.

TRAVEL WITH PURPOSE; HABITAT FOR HUMANITY PROJECTS

Steven Gullette, SKP #97115

Make a difference as you build homes with and for families in need; step outside of your comfort zone and have fun doing it with HFH!

BE "RED CROSS READY"

Mary Clark, SKP #110995

American Red Cross recommendations for dealing with emergency situations for RVers are presented and discussed.

SAVE THE DATE! PLAN TO SEE A TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE

Gary Tomlinson, SKP# 84785

In 2017 a total solar eclipse sweeps across the continental US, something that has not happened since 1979. Join Gary Tomlinson, a nationally recognized astronomy educator, as he discusses why this one is so important, why you should care, safe eclipse (solar) viewing, and where you need to be to see it.

VOLUNTEERING: 101

Ron & Linda Fleeger, SKP #97338

Insider tips and insights of volunteering at state and federal parks and agencies while enjoying your RV adventure.

GOLD, GHOSTS AND GRAVEL ROADS

Deb Sanders, SKP #120952

Spice up your travels with local lore, untold history, lost treasure, unexplained mysteries and more.

SERVANTS ON WHEELS EVER READY (SOWERS)

John & Joyce Morton, SKP #88615

SOWERS Escapees BoF is a Christian service ministry promoting service to others. Discover how to develop RV friendships with like-minded travelers as you participate in service projects across the country.

FUN RVING WITH HAM RADIO

Tom Abernethy, SKP #85757

An introduction to the exciting new world of RVing with a ham radio for emergency and personal communication.

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