

SAMPLE SEMINARS

(These were the 2018_Escapade seminars. 2019 seminars will be posted once schedule is completed)

MONDAY AFTERNOON SEMINARS

THE ART OF STORYTELLING

Bil Lepp, Entertainer & featured speaker

Join Bil Lepp one more time as he explains what goes into the development of a good story, with examples in Bil's own words.

RV TECHNOLOGY MADE SIMPLE

Tom Bulinski, representing RV Connection

HD satellite electronics and options, Wi-Fi and cell phone extenders and how to tailor your RV for the best reception. Learn from a 25-year industry professional and full-time RVer.

LED LIGHTING EDUCATION

Gregg Wilson, representing RV LED Lites

Answers to questions regarding RV LED lighting by a designer who has patented products in the RV industry.

INVESTING STRATEGIES FOR RVERS

Heather Brown, representing Multi-Generational Wealth Strategies

Insight into the unique financial planning and investment challenges faced by RVer.

AUXILIARY BRAKING & WHY YOU NEED IT

Presented by Blue OX

This informative discussion will address different braking systems and safety issues, as well as state requirements that will affect you as you travel.

10:00 AM – 11:00 AM

GOOGLE PHOTOS: WHAT TO DO WITH ALL YOUR PICTURES

Jim & Chris Guld, representing Geeks on Tour

How to store, edit, organize and share the memories of your life. You've taken hundreds of pictures with your smartphone. Now what? Learn how this free program makes it easy.

RVING ATLANTIC CANADA

Ray & Jan Johnson, representing Adventure Caravans, Inc.

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

INSURANCE: WHAT AFFECTS RATES AND WHY

Cheryl Howarth, representing Miller Insurance Agency

Many factors affect insurance rates for your RV, from the size of the rig to the specific insurance company. Cheryl can guide you to the best insurance products for your needs.

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

Shawn Loring, representing Multi-Generational Wealth Strategies

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

VERIZON WIRELESS Q & A SESSION

Brandon Bowers, representing Verizon Wireless

A discussion about what's new with Verizon and answers to any questions. (A product specific seminar.)

11:30 AM – 12:30 PM

ROADSIDE ASSISTANCE: DON'T LEAVE HOME WITHOUT IT

Ed Thor, representing Vehicle Administration Services / SafeRide Motor Club

Not all RV roadside assistance is created equally. Learn why Escapees roadside assistance is the best for you. (A product specific seminar.)

HOW TO PLAN A MEDICAL EVACUATION

Kay & Alan Oshel, representing SkyMed International

Roadside assistance, not for your rig but for you; services to consider and how to find the most cost-effective and beneficial plan for you.

TRAILER SUSPENSION, BRAKES, TIRES AND HOW TO CARE FOR THEM

Gary Wheeler, representing MDR/ryde International

The importance and proper maintenance of suspensions, tires and brakes, presented by an industry professional.

RV RALLIES AND GREAT DESTINATIONS

Bill Maack, representing Fantasy RV Tours

Astonishing rally destinations, amazing festivals and traditional RV locales with an exciting travel enthusiast.

UNDERSTANDING, MONITORING & PROTECTING YOUR RV ELECTRICAL SYSTEM

Jeff & Daryl Lawrence, representing RV Safety Accessories, Inc.

Topics include power surges, voltage issues, proper wiring and checking the power pedestal.

12:30 PM – 1:30 PM LUNCH

MONDAY AFTERNOON SEMINARS

1:30 PM – 2:30 PM

SMARTPHONES: WHAT DOES THIS BUTTON DO?

Jim & Chris Guld, representing Geeks on Tour

Think your smartphone is smarter than you? Whether you're a smartphone or tablet newbie or a longtime user, this fun, interactive seminar is jam-packed with useful information.

RVING THE GREAT RIVER ROAD

Ray & Jan Johnson, representing Adventure Caravans, Inc.

Get information on planning, preparation, routes, conditions, communications and resources traveling along the world's most scenic byway.

PROPANE SAFETY

Jim Koca, representing Escapees RV Club

We rely on propane in our rigs for heat, cooking or to cool the refrigerator. This seminar looks at safe propane handling, so you won't get in trouble using it.

RV SATELLITE TV SYSTEMS

Don Ellis, representing Precise Satellite & RV Electronics

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

SOLVING SIX KEY RV PROBLEMS

Ed Dennis, representing An RVer's Friend

A comprehensive discussion of maintenance ideas regarding everything from jacks to tow bars to equipment corrosion; learn the latest technology to record your travels; discover LED anti-mosquito and lighting products, as well as dry-camping alternative techniques.

3:00 PM – 4:00 PM

MAKE YOUR RV MORE LIVABLE, EFFICIENT AND CONVENIENT

Gary Tomlinson, SKP #84785

Dozens of tips for making RV living easier, more organized and convenient by modifying your rig and thinking outside the box. There are always storage and usage concerns that could be improved.

PET SAFETY WHILE TRAVELING

Laurie Leonard, representing mypetrecords.com

Laurie will discuss tips on traveling safely with your pets.

REFRIGERATION – OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE

John Bowman, representing Dometic Corporation

Learn proper operation and maintenance on Dometic RV refrigerators, explained by the manufacturer (a product specific seminar).

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW BEFORE YOU TOW

Presented by Blue Ox

Learn the fundamentals of flat towing; hooking up and tearing down, driving while towing and other safety issues.

TUESDAY MORNING SEMINARS

8:30 AM – 9:30 AM

TECHNOLOGY FOR TRAVELERS

Chris & Jim Guld, representing Geeks on Tour

Jim and Chris rely on their phones, tablets, computers and GPS devices to help them as they RV their way across America. This continuously updated seminar reveals new ways to put technology to work for you.

EVERY LIFE HAS A STORY TO TELL

Kathleen Boswell, Sedalia featured speaker

Lifelong historian and actor brings the story of Sedalia and its community to life in her delightful portrayal.

UNDERSTANDING ESCAPEES CARE, KAY'S VISION

Russ Johnson, representing Escapees CARE, Inc.

Whether you want to retire, take a breather, be pampered or recover from a medical occurrence, CARE is for you.

FOUR DOWN TOWING AND BRAKING SYSTEMS

Don Ellis, representing Precise Satellite & RV Electronics

Towing "4 down" safely, behind your RV.

GOT ME UNDER PRESSURE (PRESSURE COOKING, THAT IS)

Lockie Sailer, representing Escapees RV Club

Discover ways of using modern pressure cookers to make fast and easy "Happy Hour" appetizers. No more stale chips and crackers; impress your friends with your effortless creations right from your RV.

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BENEFITS OF CONVERTING ELECTRIC TRAILER BRAKES TO DISC

Kelly Barnett, representing Performance Trailer Braking

Benefits and increased safety of converting standard electric brakes to disc brakes.

LED LIGHTING DESIGNS FOR SAFETY & SECURITY WITH Q&A

Gregg Wilson, representing RV LED Lites

Answers to many questions about LED lights for safety and security.

RVDC – RV DISASTER CORPS

Tim & Suzie Zich SKP #115789

Discover how you and your RV can make a difference. With simple online training, you can provide essential roles to a community affected by disaster.

TIRE SAFETY AND TIRE PRESSURE MONITORING SYSTEMS

Jeff & Daryl Lawrence, representing RV Safety Accessories Inc.

Learn how a TPMS can provide safety, extended tire wear and reduce fuel and maintenance costs.

11:30 AM – 12:30 PM

SEDALIA'S INFAMOUS RED-LIGHT DISTRICT OF THE 1880'S

Dr. Rhonda Chalfant, Sedalia featured speaker

Discover how Sedalia's working women, or "soiled doves," were business women, influencing city politics and income from the red-light district.

EXPECT THE UNEXPECTED: PREPARING A SURVIVAL KIT

Kay & Alan Oshel, representing SkyMed International

Items you want to have in a survival kit in case of an immediate evacuation due to flooding, hurricane, tornado, fire, etc. FEMA says "It won't happen to me" is not a plan.

WHAT IS GOING ON IN THE INSURANCE WORLD?

Cheryl Howarth, representing Miller RV Insurance Agency

Information regarding the ever-changing rules, regulations and laws in the insurance world.

RV WEIGHTS AND BALANCES

Sue Valentine, representing Escapees RV Club

De-mystifying weight management. Basics every RVer must know to travel & tow safely and legally.

MAXIMIZING MOBILE INTERNET

Evan Sorenson, representing WiFi Ranger

Learn to overcome the challenges of mobile connectivity through WiFi and cellular with WiFi Ranger. (A product specific seminar.)

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CREATE YOUR ONLINE TRAVELOGUE

Chris & Jim Guld, representing Geeks on Tour

Keeping a journal of your travels? Let us show you how easy it is to transform your journal into an online travelogue complete with photos, maps and narrative with Google's FREE tools.

RVING TO ALASKA

Ray & Jan Johnson, representing Adventure Caravans, Inc.

How to experience Alaska in a caravan.

WHITE KNUCKLES AND WINDSTORMS

Robert Henderson, representing Henderson's Line-up

Want your RV to handle better? A discussion regarding brakes, steering and handling.

FEATURES AND BENEFITS OF EXTERIOR RV SUNSHADES

Roger Hunckler, representing Magne Shade

How using exterior RV sunshades protect your interior, and why you should use them.

SOLAR POWER FOR YOUR RV

Brandon Hatcher & Kerensa Durr, SKP #115527, featured speakers

Learn what it takes to power your RV off-grid with solar power.

3:00 PM – 4:00 PM

PURGE! PURGE! PURGE!

Gail Alexander, representing RV Space Savers

Keep your small space from bulging at the seams! Learn to live with less, yet have more!

RV INSURANCE –GETTING THE MOST FOR YOUR MONEY

Tony Reynolds, representing FCIS Insurance

An insider's look at how to get the best specialized RV insurance at the lowest cost.

SOLVE THOSE PESKY DOG PROBLEMS WITH THE DOG COACH

Juliet Whitfield, representing Tails from the Road and Pet Lovers BDF

Got barking problems or leash aggression with your dog? Get helpful advice and techniques using positive reinforcement training to alleviate these issues.

CANADA'S EASTERN ATLANTIC PROVINCES

Bill Maack, representing Fantasy RV Tours

Take a journey through the incredible Maritime Provinces. Come learn how you can see the rugged coastlines, picturesque bays and towering cliffs.

WOULDA, COULDA, SHOULDA...

Barry Pulis, representing Camco/Right Now Services

Useful tips and information about aftermarket products RVers REALLY should have.

WEDNESDAY MORNING SEMINARS

8:30 AM – 9:30 AM

FULL-TIME LIVING & TRAVELING IN AN RV

Kerensa Durr & Brandon Hatcher, SKP #115527, featured speakers

Learn the tips and tricks of successful living and traveling full-time in an RV.

LITHIUM BATTERIES: A FULL-TIMER'S PERSPECTIVE

Sue Valentine, representing Escapees RV Club

Should you believe the hype? Learn about lithium batteries from a full-timer's real-world experience.

BEAUTIFUL HAIR IN 60 SECONDS OR LESS!

Dawn Michelle Smith, representing Beauty Inspired Concepts

Hair loss? Needing added confidence? Discover the exciting concept of wash-and-wear wigs. Dawn will give a demonstration on the convenience, how to properly wash, care for and store them while traveling on the road.

DRIVING YOUR RV SAFELY

Glyn Carson, representing RV Driving School

Driving and safety tips from a seasoned professional driver with 44 years on the road.

SIX KEYS TO A HAPPY RV

Ed Dennis, representing An RVer's Friend

An insight into battery technology, and discussion of water pressure issues, LED lighting, and other topics.

10:00 AM – 11:00 AM

RVING AFRICA? SUDDENLY WE'RE SAVING WILD ANIMALS

Russ & Margrit Harris, representing Nikela

A wild, yet enlightening journey into the unknown; wild places, wild animals and wildlife heroes.

UNDERSTANDING ABSORPTION REFRIGERATION

John Bowman, representing Dometic Corporation

Gas absorption refrigeration, operation and maintenance explained by the manufacturer. (A product-specific seminar.)

HOP ON BOARD: ESCAPEES RV CLUB TOURS

Lisa Koca, representing Escapees RV Club

Escapees HOPs (Head Out Program) are small group tours designed for RVers. Get informed about HOPs, how they work, where they go, and find out how you can have fun with fellow SKPs on future HOPs, both at home and abroad, on land and at sea.

WOMEN DRIVING THEIR RV

Tim Armstrong, representing RV Driving School

Why women should learn to drive their rig as part of a team or solo.

RV INSURANCE – WHAT'S BEST FOR YOU

Tony Reynolds, representing FCIS Insurance

An insider's look at how to get the best specialized RV insurance at the lowest cost.

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FULL-TIMING: COME ON IN, THE WATER IS FINE

Jim Koca, representing Escapees RV Club

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

ESCAPEES RV CLUB TALK

Shawn Loring, CEO, 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.

ADULT "HANDS ONLY" CPR TRAINING

Robert Barnes, representing American Heart Association through Grace Unlimited, Inc.

Today's "hands only" CPR has been found to be as effective as traditional CPR. This hands-on demonstration offers the knowledge and skill to possibly increase a victim's chance of survival.

ALASKA RV TOUR

Bill Maack, representing Fantasy RV Tours

Traveling to Alaska is not easy by yourself; learn the difference between traveling on your own or with experienced travel guides.

TAKING THE NATURAL PATH ON THE ROAD WITH YOUR PETS ■ MO-AG THEATER

Juliet Whitfield, representing Tails from The Road and Pet Lovers BoF

Check out the natural way to care for your pets while on the road.

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PICKLEBALL, FASTEST GROWING SPORT IN AMERICA

Dwight & Karen Spaulding, SKP #141984

Ambassadors for the USA Pickleball Assoc. share a FUN slide/video presentation about the reason pickleball is growing so incredibly fast! Learn the equipment needed, health benefits, how it fits into the RVing lifestyle and how to get connected across the United States and Canada.

PHOTOGRAPHY FUNDAMENTALS: CAPTURING AND SHARING

Brock Brinkerhoff & Janine Vance, SKP #131442

The fundamentals of digital photography using DSLR's and smartphones, along with real-world tips on capturing and sharing your travels.

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NUTRITION TIPS FOR YOUR NOMADIC LIFESTYLE

Chris McKee, SKP #124180, The Nomadic Nutritionist, featured speaker

Be inspired to try new foods and eat for long-term health, so you can live the life you love.

WHAT IS NATIONAL CAMPERS ON MISSION?

Jerry & Renee McGovern, representing National Campers On Mission

A Christian organization providing opportunities to serve using your skills/gifts, ministering to others while volunteering on projects across the U.S.

3:00 PM – 4:00 PM

FULL-TIME RVING PANEL DISCUSSION: FAQs AND CHAT

Kimberly & Christopher Travaglino, SKP #123940

Jim & Nancy Tidball, SKP #97596. Dave & Brenda Neil, SKP #26978.

Mark Nemeth, SKP #45776 moderator.

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

THE WORLD'S LARGEST TREASURE HUNT: GEOCACHING

Barbara & Tom Westerfield, representing SKP GeoCachers BoF

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

DNA TESTING FOR GENEALOGY

Connie Ohlman, representing SKP Genies BoF

A biologist and lifelong genealogy enthusiast will explain how DNA testing can help you in your family search, as well as which companies offer what services.

GENERAL FIRST AID

Tim & Suzie Zich, SKP #115789

Exploring the latest in first aid and what you should carry with you to be prepared.

VA BENEFITS

Marty McCauley, SKP #90496

A discussion of veterans medical and disability benefits and how to apply for them.

THURSDAY MORNING SEMINARS

8:30 AM – 9:30 AM

CHOOSING YOUR PERFECT RV

Sue Valentine, representing Escapees RV Club

Buying considerations, FAQs and a 5-step process to help you determine the right RV for your needs.

XSCAPERING TO ALASKA

Brock Brinkerhoff & Janine Vance, SKP #131442

Fulltime Xscaper couple share their experiences of RVing to Alaska in the summer of 2017 – the logistics, planning and exploring, all while working remotely.

EARN WHILE YOU TRAVEL

Ed Pfeiffer, representing Southeast Publications

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.

WAYS TO STRETCH YOUR "FUN BUDGET"

Kimberly Travaglino, representing Full Time Families

Discover free fun that is readily accessible and often overlooked in many areas across the country.

HOW TO HANDLE EMERGENCIES WHILE RVING

Tim & Suzie Zich, SKP #115789

Let us help you be ready for situations that might come up on the road when you're traveling. .

10:00 AM – 11:00 AM

A BEGINNER'S GUIDE TO BOONDOCKING

Brandon Hatcher & Kerensa Durr, SKP #115527, featured speakers

Get out and camp in nature! Learn the tips, tricks and etiquette for living off-grid in any RV.

ARE YOU AFFECTED BY THE 2018 FEDERAL TAX CHANGES?

Adam Nubern, representing Nuventure CPA, LLC

There are changes to the Tax Code that may impact you. Let's spend some time together to flush out some of the major changes.

FUN RVING WITH AMATEUR RADIO

Tom Abernethy, representing HAM Radio BoF

An introduction into the exciting world of ham radio for personal and emergency communications.

RV WITH A PURPOSE

Dale & Cheryl Curtis, representing Servants on Wheels Ever Ready (SOWER)

SOWERS is a Christian RV work ministry. Make friends with like-minded travelers and discover ways to volunteer in service projects as you travel across North America in your RV.