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*Unless you choose to follow your own dream, happiness will get lost as easily as a cup of water tossed into the ocean, and the promise of what you could have been will evaporate like smoke from a dying campfire.”*

Kay Peterson #1

EXCERPT FROM KAY PETERSON'S EDITORIAL ORIGINALLY  
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*Kay Peterson*  
Co-founder **ESCAPEES RV Club**®

Annual Bash 2018 sunset campfire.  
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**On the Cover**

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Joyce Space submitted this interesting photo of an umbrella boulder found at Lee's Ferry, Arizona. (See her submission on page 28.) You can find information about these fascinating rock formations online at [www.nps.gov/places/balanced-rock-at-lees-ferry.htm](http://www.nps.gov/places/balanced-rock-at-lees-ferry.htm).

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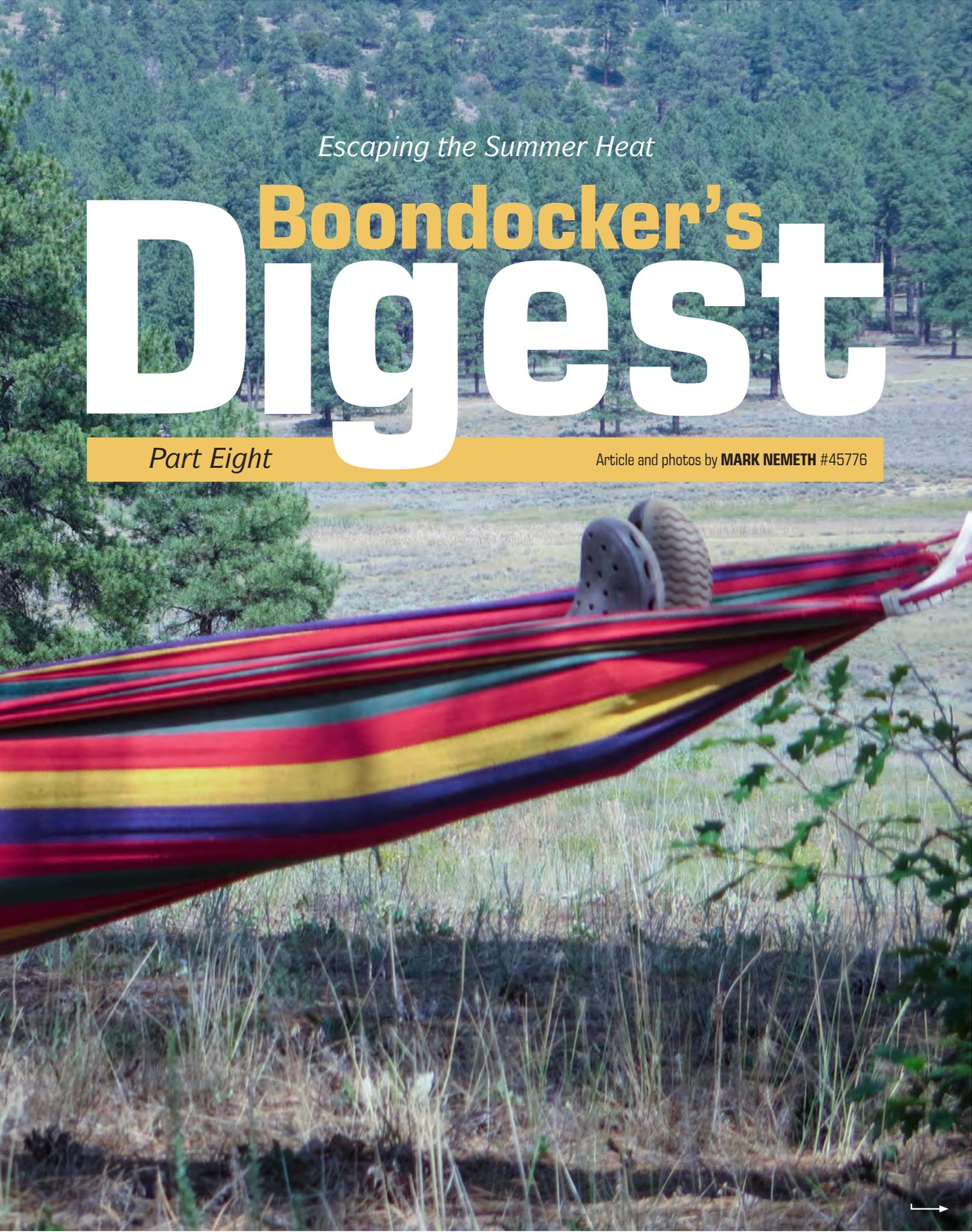


*Escaping the Summer Heat*

# Boondocker's Digest

*Part Eight*

Article and photos by **MARK NEMETH** #45776



As I write this installment, a lot of the country has been gripped with exceptional heat. In Texas, the heat started early in May and stayed on through June and into July. Wouldn't it be nice to get a break from this heat? Well, as RVers, we have the opportunity to head for cooler weather. You can head north to Montana or the Dakotas, or spend the summer in the northwest along the coast, but a lot of other folks are heading there, too, and boondocking opportunities are a little limited.

I prefer to head for the mountains. There are a lot of tall accessible mountains in Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado and Utah. There, you'll find higher ground, where the air is cool and dry, and the nights are almost chilly. There is a lot of great boondocking, too; most National Parks and US Forest Service areas allow dispersed camping, and there's a lot of BLM and public lands in the taller mountains. I'm talking about high-altitude camping, and it's a great way to spend the summer.

The higher the better, really. If you get up in the mountains above 8000 feet, it's very pleasant. I have spent several summers in northern New Mexico and southern Colorado. Camping at elevations between 8500 and 10,000 feet, the daytime highs are around 80, nights fall into the 50s and the air is very dry. I encourage you to give it a try; however, there are some things to consider before you head to higher ground.



### Effects of Altitude on Your Body

For us sea-level dwellers, moving to high altitudes will affect your body. Often called "altitude sickness," it is most often experienced at elevations of 8,000 ft. and greater. Effects are generally minor and, usually, only last a few days as your body becomes acclimated to the lower oxygen levels. Symptoms may include headache, confusion, fatigue, stomach illness, dizziness and sleep disturbance. I find that I feel sleepy and a bit tired for a few days, then it passes. I've also found that alcohol consumption should probably be avoided for the first few days, as it tends to make you sleepier. If you find that you are experiencing more severe symptoms, like a persistent dry cough, fever, a headache that does not respond to analgesics, or

shortness of breath even when resting, you should immediately move to lower altitude. If you have existing cardiovascular issues, be sure to check with your doctor before you head out. It's interesting that persons who are extremely physically fit will usually experience the same symptoms as a couch potato, and exertion, like hiking or calisthenics, may aggravate the symptoms. Just chill for a couple of days until you feel normal again. Once you do, go on with life as usual. If you plan to reach higher elevations, like 10,000–12,000 ft. it's best to do so incrementally: spend a couple days (or until any symptoms disappear) at 6,000 ft., then move up to 8,000 or 9,000 ft. and hold, then continue up.



### Effects of Altitude on Your RV and Its Systems

Lower Oxygen levels may also challenge your RV and its appliances! Yes, climbing up a mountain puts a lot of stress on your engine and drive-train, but most healthy vehicles do just fine. Take it slow and watch your temperature gauge. Once you are parked, be aware that your appliances may work differently at a higher altitude. RV absorption refrigerators that run on propane may cool less efficiently. You may need to turn the temperature control to a colder than usual setting. Most fridges will operate fine on propane up to 10,000 ft., but older units may have trouble keeping the flame lit. Usually, a good cleaning of the burner and ignition electrode will help keep it running. Residential fridges are not affected by altitude.

Your gas water heater may take a little longer to heat up but should also work fine at high elevations.

Generators are significantly affected by altitude. In general terms, an internal



combustion engine will develop less horsepower at high elevations. Again, this is due to less availability of oxygen, and you should expect a power reduction on the order of 3.5% for each 1,000 ft. of elevation gain. Take your 1,000W portable generator up to 8,000 ft. and it becomes an 720W generator! It will also run “rich,” so it may smoke a little or run rough. Some larger generators will have an altitude adjustment knob or lever, check your manual. Most small portables (Hondas, Yamahas that are 2,200W and under) will run a lot better above 5,000 ft. with a high-altitude jet installed in the carburetor. This is fairly easy to do yourself, but it does require some disassembly of the carburetor. If you would rather not get your hands dirty, you can take the generator to a service facility in advance and have them swap the jets. One thing to avoid is using the generator at lower elevations (sea level) when a high-altitude jet is installed. It will run lean, and that can damage the engine. Again, check the manual for your generator and follow the recommendations for high altitude operation.

Finally, even though it’s summer, you may need to use some heat occasionally to

take the chill off. Know that most vent-free propane heaters have an oxygen-depletion sensor built into the burner. This is intended to protect you from the effects of oxygen depletion when the heater is operating in an unvented or sealed room. The lower amount of available oxygen at altitudes above 8,000 ft. may cause the heater to either not work at all or operate sporadically. The max elevation varies from one brand or type to another. The best bet is to give it a test at higher altitudes and see if it works. My ceramic propane heater does fine as high as 10,000 ft. RV forced air furnaces are usually not bothered by elevation.

Labor Day weekend above 10,000 ft. near South Fork, Colorado



### Effects of Altitude on Your Cooking

Lower atmospheric pressure at high elevations will seriously change the way your recipes work! Just boiling water is different: at 8,000 ft, water boils at 197F, not 212F as it does at sea level. Be aware that boiling eggs or cooking pasta will take longer, and baking will yield unfamiliar results. If in doubt, follow the high-altitude directions on





Mark says, "What a difference a day makes! At an RV park in Del Norte, Colorado, around 8,000 ft."

that box of brownie mix. A pressure cooker or insta-pot will help, because they raise the pressure enough to offset the altitude effect. Propane grills will also cook differently, generally producing less heat. Relax, you'll get used to it, and there's no reason to be in a hurry anyway.



### Watch the Weather

Tall mountains seem to generate their own weather. Additionally, most weather forecasting offices and equipment are down below, and weather radar often doesn't penetrate into the mountains. Take any local weather forecast with a grain of salt and keep an eye on what the weather is doing around you. A weather radio is a great accessory for mountain camping, but you still need to pay attention. This is especially important when you leave your campsite for a hike. The good news: there aren't a lot of hurricanes or tornadoes in the mountains. The bad news: there are often short-lived strong thunderstorms, especially in regions that are affected by the monsoonal moisture plumes in Arizona and New Mexico. These pulse storms may drop a little hail and rain, and have some gusty winds, but rarely are a threat to life and limb. If you get a lot of rain, and the road out is muddy, just sit tight a few days. It'll dry out and you can continue on to your next destination.

### DID I MISS SOMETHING?

If you have boondocking tips or comments to share, send them to me at [TECHQUESTIONS@ESCAPEES.COM](mailto:TECHQUESTIONS@ESCAPEES.COM) and I will publish them in a future column.

A couple years ago, I was in the mountains above South Fork, Colorado, on Labor Day weekend. High temps at 10,000 ft. were in the low to mid-80s on Monday and fell to the mid-20s on Tuesday. You know what else fell? Snow! Yes, weather is a constant source of entertainment in the high country, so it's best to be prepared. I was paying attention to the weather forecasts for the region, saw what was coming and moved to Del Norte and an RV park (with hookups) on Monday. We got well over a foot of snow, but it was more fun than scary because I wasn't way up on the mountain. I got some amazing pictures, threw a few snowballs and acquired a great campfire story.



### Pack a Range of Gear for Varying Temperatures

When packing for an extended stay in the mountains, bring a wide range of clothing. Sure, it's over 100 degrees at home, but don't just pack shorts and t-shirts! The range between high and low temperatures is much greater on top, and swings of 40–50F are common. Dry air holds less heat, and there are no structures or roads around you to hold heat at night. I always pack long pants, sweatshirts and several jackets, from light to heavy. Don't forget some rain gear as well.



### Be Sure to Bring a Hammock

To sum it up: High-elevation camping is a great way to beat the summer heat. Be aware of what living at high altitude means in terms of preparation and daily life, and get ready to make some excellent memories. Oh, and be sure to write your friends "down below" and tell them how comfortable you are on higher ground!

Next time, we'll cover Mouse and Critter Proofing. 🐭



**MARK** travels in a small class-C and has made numerous modifications to his RV to enable him to boondock more easily. He's not saying he's an expert, or the primary source for boondocking information, but he's done it for a number of years and is happy to share some things that he's learned the hard way.

# RVers Boondocking Policy

## Dear Fellow RVers,

As thousands of new RV enthusiasts join us on the road, it is more important than ever to be good stewards of our environment. Protecting and preserving our public lands should be our honor and must be our pledge. Whether we choose a national park, national forest, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) site, or other public lands, these practices always apply. Remember, camping on public lands is a privilege, not a right. Abuse can create tighter regulations, raise maintenance fees, and have an overall negative impact on public lands and our ability to use them in the spirit in which they were intended. With the help and support of our advocates, the Escapees RV Club has created a condensed list of “Best RVing Practices” to ensure that our public lands will remain beautiful treasures that we can retreat to as we travel.

## *Public Lands Parking Etiquette* **RVers Boondocking Policy**

**RESPECT THE RULES OF THE LAND.** Observe posted signs, obtain permits when necessary, follow usage limits, and camp only in designated areas and pre-established campsites, which vary depending on agency and state regulations. Bear in mind, some of these lands fall under federal laws, not state laws.

**TREASURE THE TERRAIN.** Camp on durable surfaces. Avoid damaging surfaces or modifying terrain by digging, moving large rocks, cutting plants, etc. Stick to predesignated paths without widening them or creating new ones. Remember, there are native plants, organisms, and ecosystems that interplay here and can be easily damaged.

**RESPECT YOUR NEIGHBORS.** Avoid overcrowding an area or blocking your neighbors' view. Orient your RV so that your generator isn't directed at them and respect quiet hours. Rules vary but are generally between 10pm-8am. Maintain a tidy campsite. Keep noise to a minimum so everyone has a peaceful experience. Drive at a campground speed and be aware of kids, wildlife, pets, and your dust trails.

**RESPECT NATURE AND WILDLIFE.** Keep pets under control and clean up after them, even in the wild. Don't entice, feed, or approach wildlife. Limit or eliminate use of pesticides. Check for burn bans; be mindful of firewood rules and make sure your fire is fully extinguished. (Remember, exhaust pipes on vehicles and generators can trigger fires.) Consider a propane fire pit that you can carry with you and snub out easily.

**PACK IT IN, PACK IT OUT.** Keep your holding tanks closed! Secure fresh water from approved sources and dispose of trash respectfully in public trash receptacles. Lower your impact with bio-degradable products.

**Always leave the area cleaner than you found it!  
Take only memories, leave only footprints.**

As RVers, we should be good stewards of the land to protect this privilege for future generations. Not following these practices can have serious consequences and could be detrimental to all RVers. Public lands can be closed to camping because of overcrowding, damage to the land, and guests overstaying the time limits. Following the best practices will help ensure that we all remain good neighbors to each other and the land. If you feel that someone is unaware of these practices, share these resources with them in a positive way.

**We wish you safe and happy travels,**

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For more information and resources on boondocking best practices, please visit: [www.escapees.com/rvers-boondocking-policy](http://www.escapees.com/rvers-boondocking-policy)



Escapade Directors, Duane and Jean Mathes #115955, and Rob and Laura Kernodle #131897, dance along with attendees to the music of Charlie's Bad Habit at the 61st Escapade in Lebanon, Tennessee.

PHOTO BY CHERI ALGUIRE #11595



**MEMBER SECTION**

# Message From The Board

## A New Suite of Domicile Services

By **TRAVIS CARR** #8, Escapees RV Club President and Co-Chief Executive Officer

**Americans aspire to be free, but those of us who are fortunate enough to live the RV lifestyle, know that with that freedom, unexpected obstacles can arise. And, if you are a serious RVer, you already know that support is a critical component of the lifestyle when these obstacles become your reality.**

**W**e hope your summer travels carried you to new and unexplored regions, introduced new friendships and created memories to continue to fuel your passion for the RV lifestyle. I know our recent trip to Tennessee for the 61st Escapade did just that! But as you'll probably agree, the climbing fuel prices, rise in campground fees and the economists' warnings of a recession, haven't gone unnoticed. Thankfully, the RVing lifestyle creates one of the greatest support systems you'll ever encounter. And as RVers, we are adaptable and resilient and can endure the challenges of the RV lifestyle in return for its rewards and freedoms.

While Escapees RV Club may not be able to control or sway world events, we can do our part to continue to reduce burdens for RV enthusiasts and make the nomadic lifestyle as simple as possible. As such, we are not shying away from the investments needed to both maintain our services and improve them. We remain freedom driven and focused on our passion to "make RVing the best it can possibly be for ourselves and our friends and fellow travelers."

Since 1978, Escapees has continued to be the leading resource for serious RVers, especially full-timers. Full-time RVers like our founders, Joe and Kay Peterson, who were 43 years old when they sold everything, bought an RV and hit the road full-time for 15 years. Since its inception, Escapees has maintained a special focus in our organization for these "full-time rovers," many of which call "Rainbow Drive" their home. Today, and every day, we pride ourselves on providing a support network for all full-time RVers as well as the special members who use our Escapees mail Forwarding Service.

## New Escapees Mobile App

We are happy to announce the long-awaited Escapees Mobile App and we invite you to check it out! The goal of the mobile app is to make your membership benefits more accessible and easier to use during your travels. Phase one of the launch focuses on your main membership functions along with making it easier to manage your mail service on the go. A few highlights include:

- update your account information
- manage membership and mail service settings
- view your digital membership card
- view postage information
- update your mailing instructions
- view and manage your mail scans
- review mailing/postage history
- contact member services or mail service

We're not stopping here. If you are as excited about the app as we are and want to see more, don't worry! We are already planning phase two and look forward to bringing even more features to the app over the next year. We decided to break up this project into phases so we could get the first round of the app in your hands as soon as possible. To learn more, or to download the app for both Apple and Android, visit: [www.escapees.com/mobileapp](http://www.escapees.com/mobileapp).



## New Mail Service & Scanning Equipment

We have invested over \$400,000 in new state-of-the-art equipment for our mail-forwarding and mail-scanning services to improve efficiency and meet increased mail volume. Keeping more than 10,000 pieces of mail on the move and filed into your mailbox every day! If you do the math that equates to more than two million pieces of mail per year! In addition, we have worked hard to add staff to our member services team so that we can answer your questions and schedule your mailings even more efficiently and expediently.



## Texas Domicile Suite of Services

While we are the largest private mail-forwarding service in the country and provide the most comprehensive amenities for RVers, there are some areas best left to experts in their fields. For RVers connected with Texas or who use our Escapees Rainbow Drive address as their physical address for domicile purposes, creating community connections and interactions with local professionals is an important component of establishing domicile.

That is why Escapees has created relationships with new Commercial Partners who not only understand the RV lifestyle and its unique challenges, but also have a history with assisting Escapees members in the following areas:

- domicile
- estate planning
- banking
- financial
- investments
- property insurance
- health insurance

Escapees RV Club is excited to introduce these businesses with the goal of providing you with solutions to all of your critical domicile-related services and Texas-based needs. Together, we are here to support you and your lifestyle.

### EAST TEXAS LEGAL

East Texas Legal helps clients establish estate plans to protect their family and the distribution of their hard-earned assets. They also offer advice on questions of domicile.



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# ESCAPEES *Hangouts!*

## *2023 Winter Blast and Puerto Peñasco Hangouts*

By **DAVID AND CHERYL GOLDSTEIN** #126793, Hangouts Directors

Summer is over...so it's now time to begin thinking about where you'll be this winter! At least two new Hangouts will go on sale over the next two months, so read on, check your calendar and start making your plans.

### **WINTER BLAST HANGOUT FEBRUARY 15–20, 2023**

Get ready for four evenings of incredible fireworks displays during this five-night Hangout in Lake Havasu City, Arizona! During the Western Pyrotechnic Association's 34th Annual Winter Blast convention, WPA members (fireworks manufacturers, show producers and other enthusiasts) demonstrate their latest and most creative pyrotechnics for each other and the viewing public. People come to Winter Blast from all over the globe to see fireworks that they would seldom, if ever, see at a public display anywhere else.

New for 2023, the Winter Blast Hangout will include grandstand tickets to view the Saturday night fireworks show right at the Havasu 95 Speedway, where you'll be

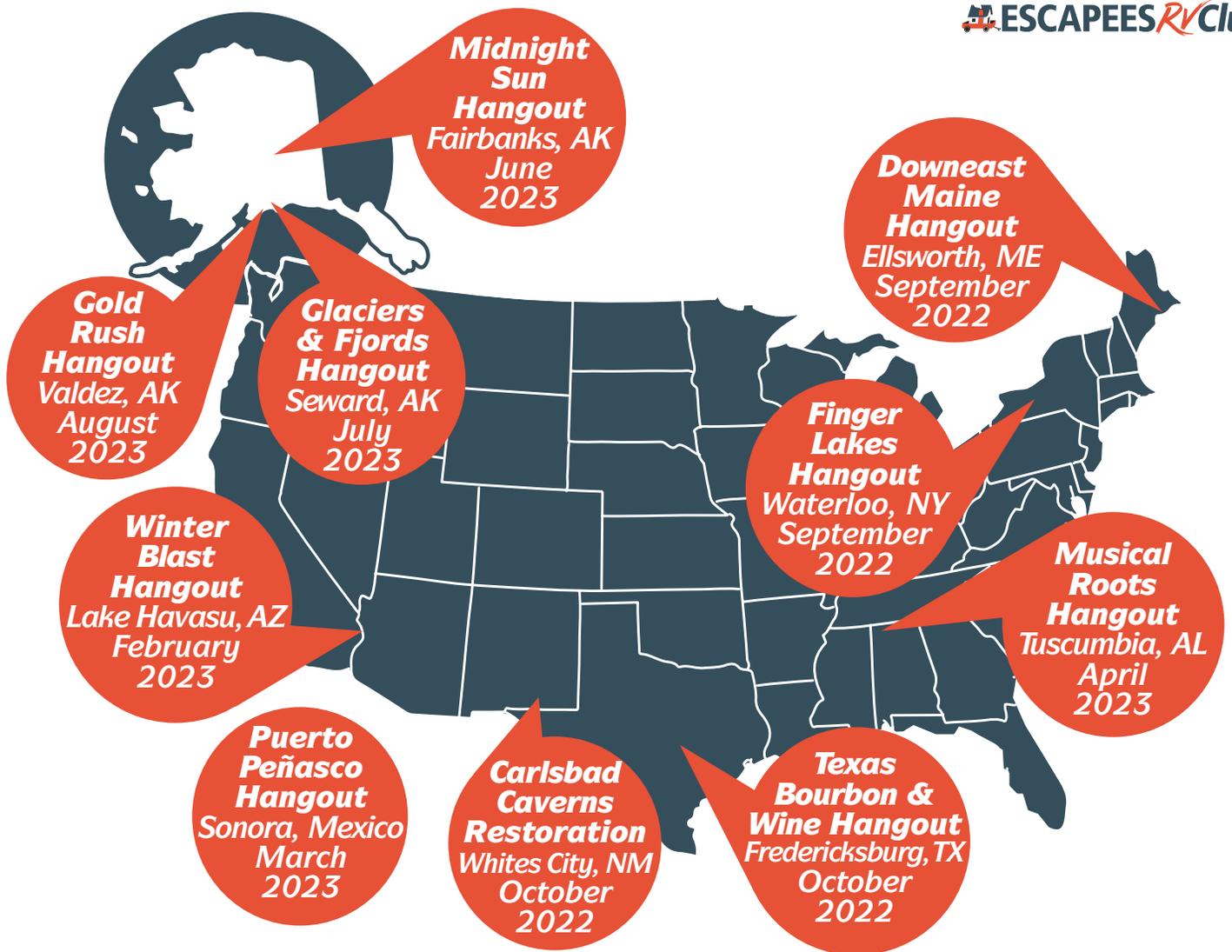
able to see the incredible ground displays as well as the aerals. You'll also enjoy a pyrotechnics talk by a WPA member, a hike through a beautiful slot canyon down to the lake, a bike ride to Lake Havasu's famous London Bridge, a potluck brunch, live music in camp from several different bands and more. All RV sites at the rodeo grounds at SARA Park are dry-camping only, but there is water and a dump station on site, and a pump-out truck service is available for an additional fee.

Your hosts for this Hangout, Jim and Gail McManus #106499, will ensure that it's a "blast"! Tickets for the Winter Blast Hangout will go on sale on Wednesday, September 7, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. CDT.



Aerial fireworks display over the 2022 Winter Blast Hangout.

PHOTO BY MAIRY DROESE SKP# 163513



## **PUERTO PEÑASCO HANGOUT MARCH 24–APRIL 4, 2023**

After two great Mexico Hangouts in San Felipe on the Baja Peninsula, we’re changing things up in a couple ways for next year. First, our destination will be Puerto Peñasco, in the Mexican state of Sonora, on the eastern side of the Sea of Cortez. This tourist-friendly town is just over an hour south of the border, with a smaller and less-crowded border crossing and no large cities to drive through along the way.

Second, we’ve moved the Hangout a month later in the year to take advantage of the warmer spring weather in late March and early April. In fact, this Hangout will begin right after Escapade in Tucson, so if you’re attending, you’ll be able to leave the Pima County fairgrounds on Friday and drive a bit less than three hours to the start of the Hangout in Ajo, Arizona. After an overnight stay in Ajo, we’ll caravan together across the border and down to Puerto Peñasco for 10 nights of ocean-view camping at Playa Bonita RV Park, all in full-hookup sites only steps from the beach.

And third, we’ve reduced the size of the group to our typical Hangout size of 30 rigs. This more intimate size will help you get to know your fellow attendees better

as you enjoy a welcome buffet dinner at a beachside restaurant adjacent to the campground, a sunset cruise on the Sea of Cortez, a group tequila tasting at the Tequila Factory, a paint and sip session at a local tapas bar, a day of fun at Manny’s Beach Club, optional deep-sea fishing and ATV tours, and an optional eco-tour to the volcanic craters of the El Pinacate y Gran Desierto de Altar Biosphere Reserve—all that plus potluck meals and campfires on the beach, our traditional margarita contest and guacamole contest benefiting Escapees CARE, and of course plenty of time for soaking up the sun on the beach!

If you’ve never RVed to Mexico before, this Hangout is a perfect way to get your feet wet (so to speak). Before the Hangout, we’ll help you learn how to get the required Mexican tourist card, Mexican auto liability insurance and everything else you’ll need to know to be well-prepared for a relaxing trip. Tickets for the Puerto Peñasco Hangout will go on sale on Wednesday, October 12, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. CDT.

Watch for more updates about these events online at [escapées.com/hangouts](https://escapées.com/hangouts). 🚐



# Xscapers Convergences

By **HOLLIE PARKS** #138407, Convergence Director



In July, the Xscapers returned to the Chaffee County Fairgrounds in Salida, Colorado, for our annual Fourth of July Convergence. The week was a non-stop good time! On arrival night, attendees grooved to the smooth sounds of Wylie Jones, Colorado's premier one-man reggae loop artist. The following morning, our group descended on downtown Salida for a crazy scavenger hunt that took participants to local landmarks and establishments, completing crazy clues and taking hilarious photos. The hunt was an excellent way for Xscapers to get acquainted with the town that was our home for the rest of the week. Later that evening, we met back at the fairgrounds for our group paint night. Attendees were given the opportunity to create their very own unique piece of art and it was a hit!

On Independence Day, we set up in Riverside Park to celebrate with the locals at the Rotary Club Amphitheater, where we watched performances by the Salida Circus and listened to live music from local bands. While some folks opted to stay downtown for the awesome fireworks display, many of us returned to the fairgrounds to enjoy the show, as the fireworks lit up the town below. On Tuesday night, the rain put a damper on our lot crawl plans but that didn't stop us. We moved the party into the event building where people were able to share their snacks and beverages with others. We used the time as an opportunity to eat good food, try some yummy drinks, chat with one another and forge some new friendships. The rest of the week was filled with team trivia, open mic night, karaoke and a local brewery takeover.

Friday night ushered in a new event called an "Anything But a Cup" party. Members were encouraged to bring something to drink out of, it just couldn't be a cup. The results were both creative and hilarious! That same evening, attendees were treated to another great performance by The Status Crowes who kept us singing and dancing all night long. On the final morning of the



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PHOTO BY PATRICK KANE SKP# 166972

***The Xscapers are gearing up for another exciting convergence season...Tickets are available now but there isn't much time left to grab one, so don't delay.***

event, 60 of the attendees went on an epic whitewater adventure through Browns Canyon where we navigated 11 class III+ rapids along a 12-mile stretch of the Arkansas River. Later that evening, we kicked off our Tiki Party. Members came dressed in their hula best to enjoy the tiki cocktail competition, a hula hoop show down and good ole-fashioned limbo contest. Guests also enjoyed performances by Hana Studios dance company which put on a show of traditional Polynesian dances complete with a fire dance and audience participation. The evening finished off with Xscapers very first silent disco. Attendees danced the night away without waking the neighbors!

The Xscapers are gearing up for another exciting convergence season. We are kicking off the fall season in New Orleans with our Halloween Convergence. Attendees can expect one heck of a party in this iconic city, complete with a parade through the French Quarter (in

costume, of course), a swamp tour and a catered dinner featuring creole cuisine. Tickets are available now but there isn't much time left to grab one, so don't delay.

The 2023 Annual Bash is also right around the corner, and tickets for the event are already on sale. This Bash will be filled with some of our favorite activities mixed in with some new and exciting events. As always, Bash is a great place to learn all about the RV Lifestyle from those who are already living it. There will be educational seminars and panels, as well as numerous opportunities to speak with your fellow RVers about their personal experiences regarding living and working from the road. There is no other event in the RVing world quite like Bash and you do not want to miss it!

As always, be sure to keep an eye on the Xscapers webpage for new upcoming events and convergence updates. See you down the road! 🚐



## Halloween Convergence

**New Orleans, Louisiana • Oct. 30—Nov. 5**

What better place to hold a spook-tacular Halloween Convergence than historical New Orleans! Join your fellow Xscapers for an exciting week, filled with jazz parades, gators and food!

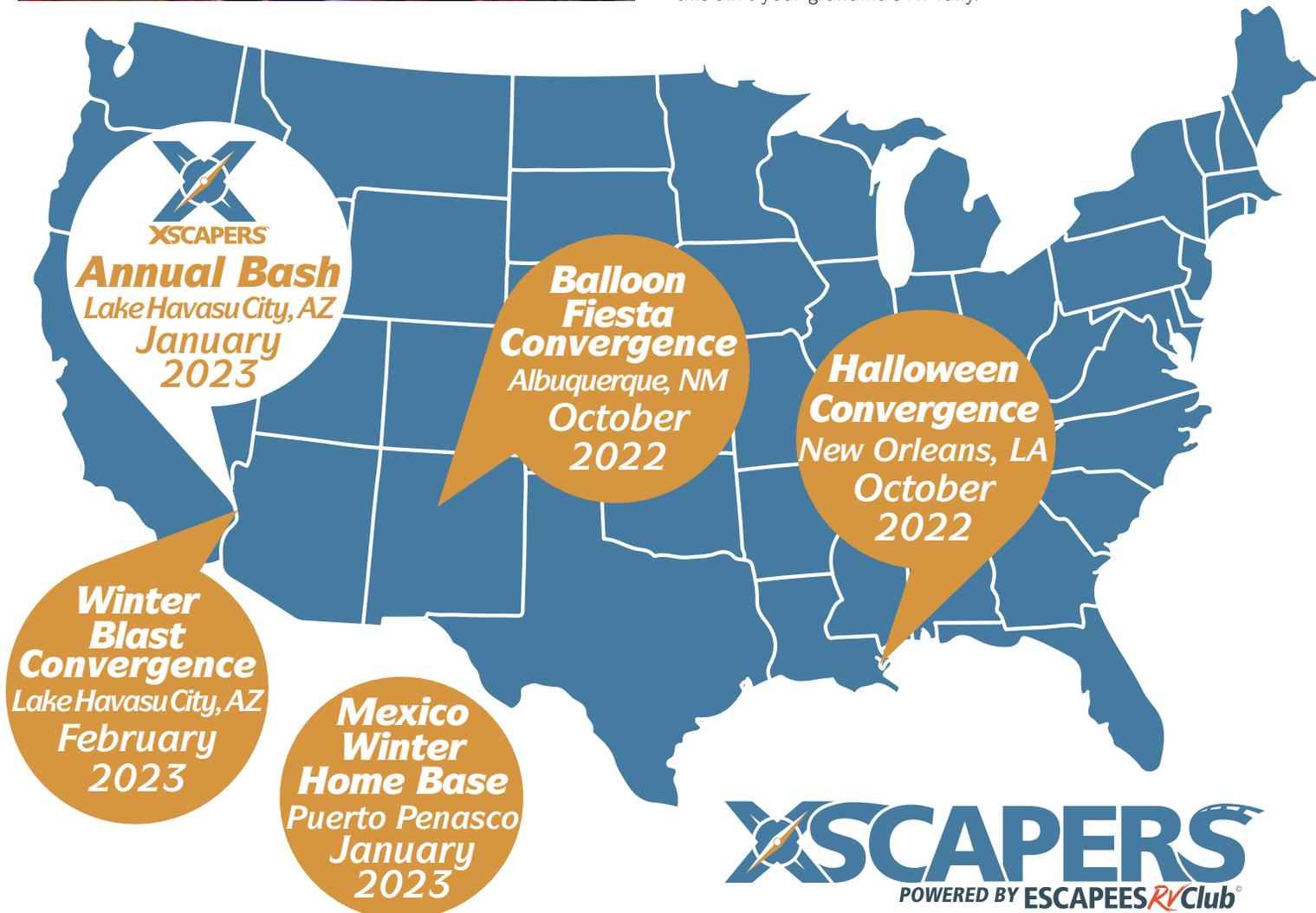
Our venue, the Shrine on Airline is centrally located in Jefferson Parish, with quick access to downtown. The surrounding area offers a multitude of amenities and activity opportunities. The Xscapers will be taking over one of their lots to use as a home base for our Halloween event.

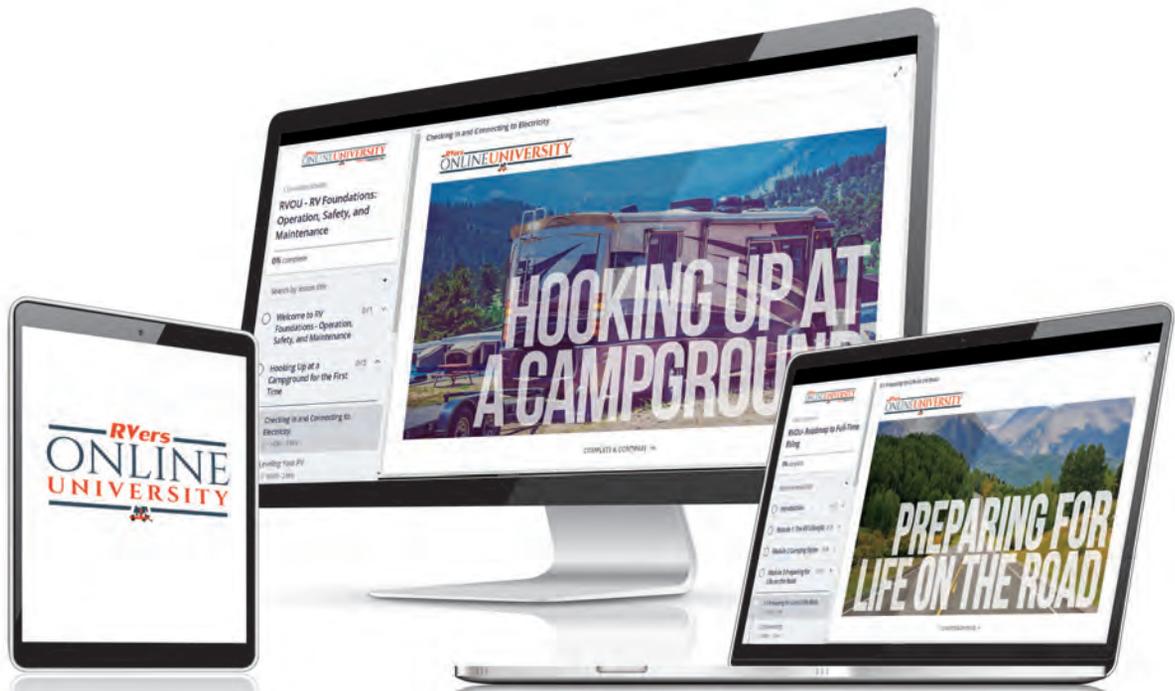
Put on your best costumes and get ready for a uniquely NOLA (New Orleans, Louisiana) experience. A jazz band will march us through the French Quarter for our very own costume parade, complete with police escort.

Gather your team and get ready for some pub style trivia. We'll also play some other fun games throughout the evening.

We'll enjoy a catered dinner highlighting creole cuisine.

**Special Notice:** This venue is located in a suburban area. There will be traffic noise and the standard hustle and bustle that comes with parking near a large city. We will be parked in a standard parking lot with no amenities. There will be no direct access to water or electricity. Generator use may be heavy for attendees that do not have solar capabilities. We will limit generator use to daytime hours but you should be prepared for generator noise throughout the day. This convergence may not be suited for the faint of heart, the noise sensitive or the early to bed. Remember, this ain't your grandma's RV rally.





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### *Eastern Caribbean Cruise HOP* Tampa, Florida, April 7–17, 2023

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Join fellow Escapees on this amazing 10-night, round trip cruise on the Eastern Caribbean Cruise HOP. You will have the luxury of setting sail from Tampa, Florida and seeing the beautiful Caribbean on-board the Celebrity Cruises Constellation.

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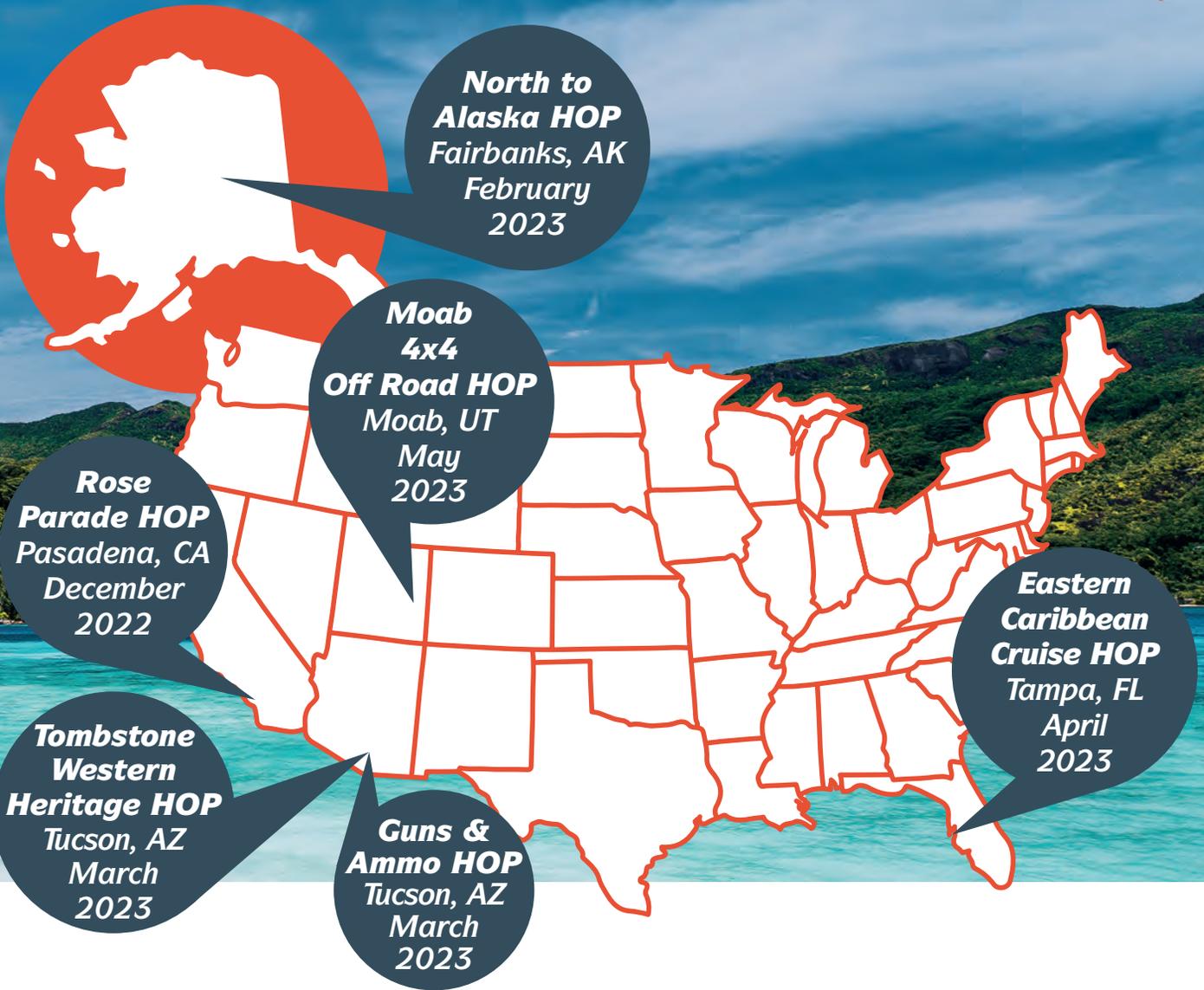
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*Lisa Koca #86367, HOP Director*

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**Rose Parade HOP**

Pasadena Tournament of Roses  
 December 28, 2022—January 04, 2023  
 Pasadena, California  
 Two-Person Rig: \$2,400  
 One-Person Rig: \$1,200  
 Additional Person: \$989

**North to Alaska—Aurora Borealis  
 aka Northern Lights HOP**

North to Alaska Adventure  
 February 12–18, 2023  
 Fairbanks, Alaska  
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 Per person—double occupancy: \$3,300  
 Single person in room: \$4,000

**Tombstone Western Heritage HOP**

March 24, 2023  
 Tucson, Arizona  
 Per Person: \$90

**Guns and Ammo HOP**

March 24, 2023  
 Tucson, Arizona  
 Revolver: \$50 per person  
 Semi-auto: \$50 per person  
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**Eastern Caribbean Cruise HOP**

10 Nights round trip April 7–17, 2023  
 Tampa, Florida  
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**Moab 4x4 Off Road HOP**

May 2–7, 2023  
 Moab, Utah  
 Two-Person Rig: \$1,300  
 One-Person Rig: \$876  
 Additional Person: \$495

# Events Calendar

Join us at one of these rallies or National events!

DATES	LOCATION	HOST CHAPTER	888-757-7701 EXTENSION #
<b>SEPTEMBER 2022</b>			
03-06	OH Mansfield, Richland County Fairground	36	8036
05-10	BC Canada, Courtenay, Seal Bay	22	8022
07-11	ME Hermon, Pumpkin Patch RV	03	8003
08-15	ME Elsworth, Downeast Maine Hangout	Hangouts/National	936-327-8873
11-15	OR Odell, Hood River Fairground	34	8034
12-16	CA Oroville, Feather Falls KOA	24	8024
15-17	MI Coldwater, Branch County Fairground	06	8006
15-18	IN Lebanon, Boone County Fairground	51	8051
16-20	OR Westfir, Casey's Riverside RV Park	37	8037
18-23	WA Chimacum, Evergreen Coho SKP Park	05	8005
18-25	TX Big Bend, Experience the Big Bend HOP	HOP/National	936-755-1060
22-25	TX Bandera, Bandera Crossing RV Park	Twist Your Throttle BoF	lucinda@dwo.net
25-29	ME Bar Harbor, Maine Leaves & Lobstah' HOP	HOP/National	936-755-1060
26-29	IL Whittington, Whittington Woods Campground	46	8046
26-30	CA Bethel Island, Sugar Barge RV Resort	38	8038
27-Oct 04	NY Waterloo, Finger Lakes Hangout	Hangouts/National	936-327-8873
30-Oct 09	NM Albuquerque, Balloon Fiesta HOP	HOP/National	936-755-1060
<b>OCTOBER 2022</b>			
02-06	OR Florence, Jesse T Jones Odd Fellows Park	34	8034
03-07	CA Shoshone, Shoshone RV Park	14	8014
06-09	SC Myrtle Beach, Hideaway RV Resort	29	8029
10-15	AZ Parker, La Paz County Park	32	8032
15-22	NM Whites City, Carlsbad Caverns Restoration Hangout	Hangouts/National	936-327-8873
17-21	CA Lodi, Flag City	24	8024
16-20	OR Merlin, Indian Mary RV Park	37	8037
19-24	CA Borrego Springs, Holiday Holmes	25	8025
20-23	TX Bandera, Skyline Ranch RV	11	8011
27-30	SC Cleveland, Palmetto Cove RV Park	16	8016
28-Nov 05	CA Furnace Creek, Sunset Campground	SOLOs Bof	8080
31-Nov 07	TX Fredericksburg, Texas Bourbon & Wine Hangout	Hangouts/National	936-327-8873
<b>NOVEMBER 2022</b>			
06-10	FL Bushnell, Paradise Oaks RV Resort	57	8057
14-18	CA Anaheim, Canyon RV Park	25	8025
30-Dec 02	CA Patterson, Kit Fox RV Park	38	8038
<b>DECEMBER 2022</b>			
28-Jan 04, 2023	CA Pasadena, Rose Parade HOP	HOP/National	936-755-1060
<b>JANUARY 2023</b>			
19-23	TX Elmendorf, Braunig Lake RV	11	8011

DATES	LOCATION	HOST CHAPTER	888-757-7701 EXTENSION #
<b>FEBRUARY 2023</b>			
12-18	AK Fairbanks, North to Alaska Adventure HOP	HOP/National	855-757-8881
14-20	AZ Lake Havasu City, Winter Blast Hangout	Hangouts/National	936-327-8873
14-Mar 08	CA Baja Cal, Vamos a Baja rolling rally	08	8008
<b>MARCH 2023</b>			
24-Apr 04	MX Puerto Peñasco, SON, Puerto Peñasco Hangout	Hangouts/National	936-327-8873
<b>APRIL 2023</b>			
07-17	FL Tampa, Eastern Caribbean Cruise HOP	HOP/National	855-757-8881
10-14	FL Kissimmee, Kissimmee RV Park	57	8057
14-20	GA Brunswick, SKP ACRE, RVers Boot Camp	National	936-327-8873
15-20	GA Brunswick, Coastal Georgia RV Resort, SKP ACRE rally	Steve Masterson	skpacre@gmail.com
16-23	AL Muscle Shoals, Musical Roots Hangout	Hangouts/National	936-327-8873
21-23	GA Brunswick, SKP ACRE, RVers Boot Camp	National	936-327-8873
23-20	TX Bellville, Coughatta Rec. Ranch	11	8011

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## Chapter 8 Mexican Connection Rally—2023

**2023 Vamos a Baja – Three Exciting Venues  
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*Gary Hatt #141228, CH8wagonmaster@gmail.com*

## SKP ACRE and Boot Camp —2023

**Coastal Georgia RV Resort  
Brunswick, Georgia  
April 14–20, 2023**

The 2023 SKP ACRE and Boot Camp will be held at Coastal Georgia RV Resort in Brunswick, GA, beginning with registration on Friday morning, April 14, 2023 and departing on Thursday, April 20, 2023. Boot Camp is a separate function administered by Jim Koca from SKP, Inc. Boot Camp will begin Friday, April 21, 2023 and end on Sunday, April 23, 2023. Campsite fees will be \$49.09 and the ACRE rally fee will be determined approximately six months before the event. 50 sites have been reserved for ACRE and 30 for Boot Camp. You can call today to book your site.

*Steve Masterson #95338  
SKP ACRE President  
and Dianne Wood #113382  
Director of Communications  
and Webmaster*

**THE EVENTS CALENDAR** is reserved for chapter, certified BoF groups and National events. All submissions must be in writing. Deadline for submissions for the November/December issue is September 10. E-mail submissions should be sent to [departmentseditor@escapees.com](mailto:departmentseditor@escapees.com), or mail submissions to *Escapees Magazine*, 100 Rainbow Drive, Livingston, TX 77351. Call the voicemail phone number (888-757-7701) + extension number for specific directions to events.

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### A Word from Our Group Director

By **JIMMY AND LOCKIE SAILER** #130519, Chapter/BoF Directors

#### ***Hello friends!***

Hopefully, by the time you're reading this, it will be much cooler than the 108 degree heat index that we have on our Ozark mountaintop right now. We are certainly looking forward to some cool autumn nights, campfires and hot chocolate.

We would like to introduce the newest Escapees BoF group and its founders, Luise and Kevin Sherman. They have formed the Vintage and Classic RVs BoF for members who own an RV that is 25 years old or older. We've seen some of those great rigs out there, so this is your opportunity to connect with others who share

the experience of renovating and restoring them. This group will be a wonderful resource, and an excellent addition to the Escapees Birds of a Feather family!

Check out more about them by going to page 82–83 of the magazine or log in to [escapees.com](http://escapees.com) and go to the BoF community page to find their link. While there, you can also check out all the BoFs!

If you have an idea for a special interest group that you'd be interested in leading, simply contact us and we'll be glad to walk you through the process. We're also happy to assist and support the efforts of those who may be interested in starting up a chapter within your geographic area.

For more information, contact us by sending an e-mail to [chapterdirectors@escapees.com](mailto:chapterdirectors@escapees.com). 

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# SKP Dine-outs

## ARIZONA

**Benson:** 2nd Wed, 11:30 a.m., San Pedro Golf Course, *Ironwood Grill*, 926 N Madison Ave. Chuck Dupuis: 520-360-5695, Nov-April

**Tonopah:** Taco Tuesday 6:30 p.m., *moving meal meeting place*. Call or text to confirm, Mike: 602-325-3171, Ajo: 602-380-7932, ajo@thecatdragdinn.org

**Wickenburg:** Visit the Chapter 32 website or voice mail for date and location. Charles Carter: 316-651-7710, cecarter39@yahoo.com

**Yuma:** 2nd Wed, 10 a.m., *Foothill's Eatery and Spirit*, 12871 S Interstate 8 Frontage Rd. David Sears: 936-215-1035, Nov-April

## ARKANSAS

**Jacksonville:** 3rd Tues, 12:30 p.m., *Barnhill's Steak And Buffet*, 500 Gregory St, Don Tannehill: 501-914-0113

## CALIFORNIA

**Clovis:** 1st Thurs, 11:15 a.m., *Denny's Restaurant*, 710 W Shaw Ave. 936-612-3216. Wayne Zimmerman: 559-638-1631

**Modesto:** Canceled until further notice. Ray Bailey: 209-532-0444

**Redding:** 1st Tues, 11:30 a.m., *Country Waffle*, 2300 Athens Ave. Nancy Voyles: 530-357-4762, tsran@aol.com March-Dec

**Sacramento:** 2nd Wed, 11:30 a.m., *Brookfield's Restaurant*, 4343 Madison Ave. Kathy Honig: 916-366-1436, pkhonig@sbcglobal.net or www.goldnugget24.org

**Southern California area:** 4th Sat, 9 a.m., breakfast, *Marie Callender's*, 6950 Alvarado Rd, San Diego. Meeting follows at 10 a.m., also available on Zoom. Larry Rice: 619-368-5295, larrydrice@aol.com

**Ventura:** 1st Tues (every month), 11 a.m., *Main Street Restaurant Steakhouse*, 3159 E. Main St. Chuck Burton: 805 647-7382

## COLORADO

**Englewood:** 2nd Tues. 12 p.m., *Golden Corral*, 4000 River Point Pkwy. Linda Gilmore: 303-349-8845, president@skpschapter2.org

## FLORIDA

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**Springfield:** 2nd Fri, 12:30 p.m., *Golden Corral (off Glenstone)*, 2020 E. Primrose Place. Vernon Eide: 417-209-8650

## NEVADA

**Pahrump:** 2nd Mon, 11:30 a.m., *Mountain Falls Grill*, 5001 Clubhouse. Nancy Schmitt #84076: suncatchers55@aol.com or 775-990-3491, Sept-May

**Reno:** 1st Wed, 1 p.m., *Gold 'N Silver Inn Restaurant*, 790 W 4th St. Adrian Jones: adrianandrebecca@att.net

## NEW MEXICO

**Lakewood:** Ladies' breakfast every Tues. Men's breakfast every Thurs. Call 575-457-2303 for more information

## OREGON

**Medford:** 2nd Tues, 11 a.m., *Elmer's Restaurant*, 2000 Biddle Rd. Valerie: 541-951-1972, valrasmussonrvclub37@gmail.com

**Sutherlin:** 2nd Wed, 8:30 a.m., breakfast, *Abby's Legendary Pizza*, 1011 W Central Ave. Terry Hilty: 760-522-4534

**Gresham:** 4th Mon, 1 p.m., *Heidi's Restaurant*, 1230 N.E. Cleveland. Michael Surratt: 503-667-0819, mrat1945@frontier.com

## TENNESSEE

**Crossville:** 2nd Wed, 11:30 a.m., *Vegas Steakhouse*, 3152 North Main St. Marcia Espander: 505-975-0387, mystuff4sale@att.net

## TEXAS

**Livingston:** 2nd Fri, 1 p.m., *Location varies. Contact David Horton*: 563-529-6181, dhorton2@aol.com

## UTAH

**West Valley City:** Canceled until further notice. Lawrence Pay: 801-599-3518, lnpay@msn.com

## WASHINGTON

**Mount Vernon:** 1st Wed, 11:00a.m., *Royal Star Buffet*, 2300 Freeway Dr. Bud/Lori: 206-953-6433, budkauffman@me.com

**Silverdale:** 2nd Tues, 11:00a.m., *Applebee's Grill*, 3138 NW Randall Way. Barb Johnson: 360-908-0699, barbj1752@msn.com

**Tacoma:** Canceled until further notice. Barb Johnson: 360-908-0699, barbj1752@msn.com

## CANADA

**AB (location TBA):** 2nd Wed, 12 p.m. Check Chapter 44 website for locations and times. Carol Davis: 888-757-7701 x8044

**BC, Kelowna:** Canceled until further notice. Sharon Rajotte: 250-707-0602, rsrajotte@telus.net

**BC, Nanaimo:** 3rd Wed, 11:30 a.m., *Smitty's*, in the Southgate Mall, 117-50 Tenth Street. Linda Henton: lfhenton@gmail.com, April-Oct, except June and Sept

**BC, Salmon Arm:** Canceled until further notice. Maisie Beattie: 250-803-9969, mlynneb146@gmail.com

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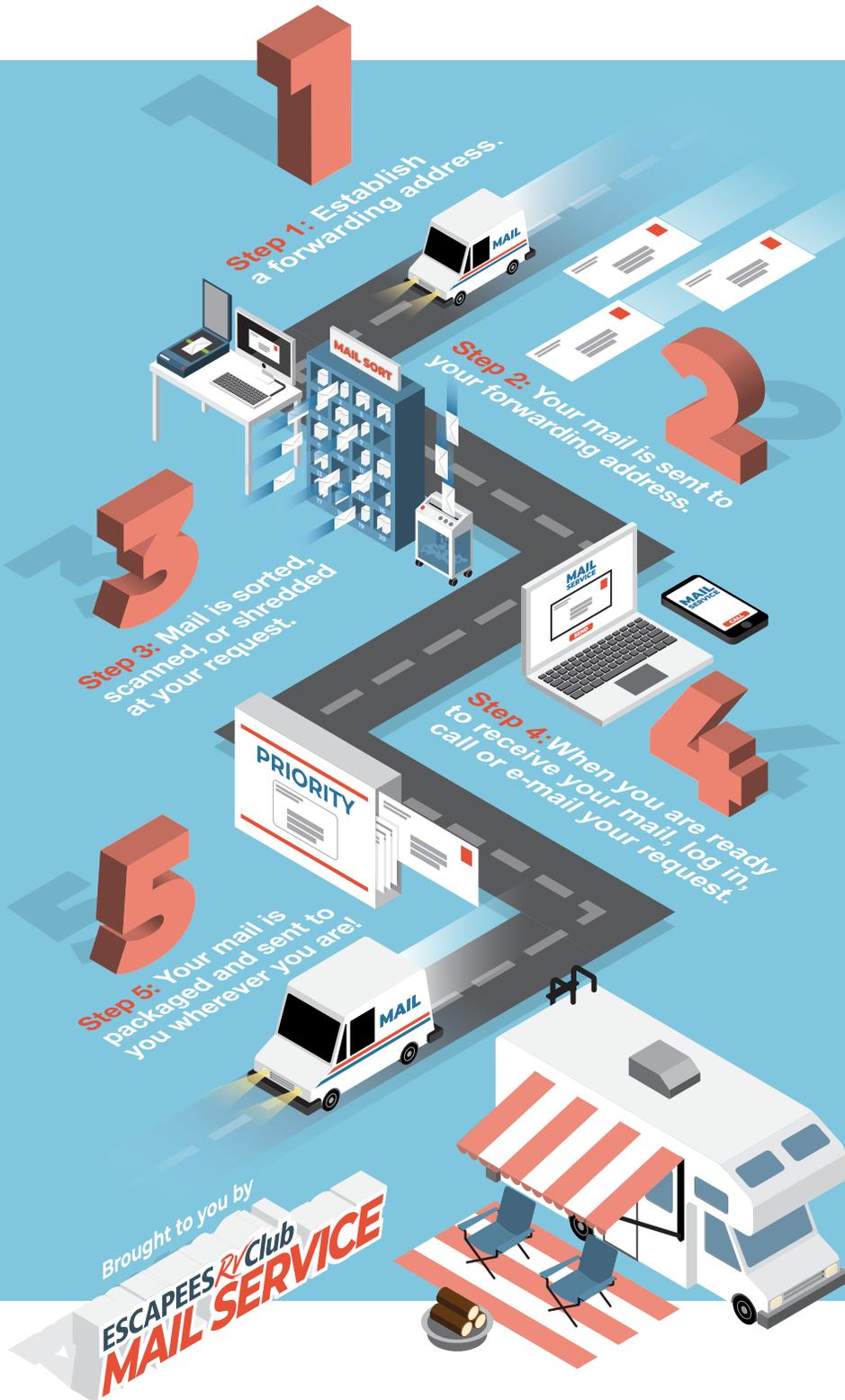
**ON, Talbotville:** 1st Tues, 11:30 a.m., *Wayside Restaurant*, 10680 Sunset Rd. Sharon Sandau: 519-862-2152, sdsandau@teksavvy.com. May-Nov

**ON, Barrie:** 1st Thurs, 12:30 p.m., *Mandarin Restaurant*, 28 Fairview Rd. Peta: 705-728-5639, petaarends@gmail.com. May and Oct

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<b>ARIZONA</b>	<b>SAGUARO CO-OP</b>   600 E. Saguaro Dr., #245, Benson, AZ 85602 520-586-7343, Fax: 520-586-4683, skpsaguaro@gmail.com, www.skpsaguaro.org	\$25 Incl CTV	+ Elec & tax	\$130 Incl CTV	+ Elec & tax	\$365 Incl CTV	+ Elec & tax
	<b>ROVERS ROOST</b>   3241 S. Montgomery Rd., Casa Grande, AZ 85193 520-426-3589, Fax: 520-421-0105, rovers_roost@yahoo.com, www.roversroost.com	\$20	+ tax	\$110	+ Elec & tax	\$375	+ Elec
	<b>KOFA KO-OP</b>   3750 E. County 17th St., Yuma, AZ 85365 928-344-0645, 928-344-0900, office@kofako-op.com, www.kofako-op.com	\$23	Incl Elec	\$100	+ Elec & tax	-	-
<b>CALIFORNIA</b>	<b>JOJOBA HILLS RESORT</b>   45120 Hwy. 79 S., Aguanga, CA 92536 951-767-9130, office@jojobahills.com, jojobahills.com	\$35 limited	Incl Elec	\$199	Incl Elec	-	-
	<b>PARK SIERRA</b>   45323 Park Sierra Dr., Coarsegold, CA 93614 559-206-9907, Fax: 559-671-0084, parksierra@gmail.com, www.parksierra.net	\$21-26	Incl Elec, WiFi & CTV	\$112	+ Elec Incl WiFi & CTV	\$420	+ Elec Incl WiFi & CTV
<b>FLORIDA</b>	<b>THE RESORT</b>   2219 SKP Way, Wauchula, FL 33873 863-735-1499, Fax: 863-735-1994, skpresortwauchula@gmail.com, fl-skp-resort.org	\$20-23	+ Elec	\$140- 161	+ Elec	\$495- 575	+ Elec
	<i>Discounted rates 5/1 - 10/31</i>						
<b>NEVADA</b>	<b>PAIR-A-DICE</b>   5150 Oakridge, Unit 2, Pahrump, NV 89048 775-727-7221, Fax: 775-727-3966, skppairadice@gmail.com	\$30	Incl Elec	\$190	Incl Elec	\$375	+ Elec
<b>NEW MEXICO</b>	<b>THE RANCH</b>   PO Box 109, Lakewood, NM 88254 575-457-2303, Fax: 575-457-2100, skpranch@pvt.net, skpranch.com	\$23	+ Tax Incl Elec	\$150	+ Tax Incl Elec	\$450	+Elec & Tax
<b>OREGON</b>	<b>TIMBER VALLEY</b>   800 S. State St., Sutherlin, OR 97479 541-459-4465, skptimbr@rosenet.net, www.timbervalleyskp.com	\$27	Incl Elec	\$162	Incl Elec	\$410	+ Elec
<b>TEXAS</b>	<b>LONE STAR CORRAL</b>   131 Private Rd. 5240, Hondo, TX 78861 830-363-7623, Fax: 830-363-5110, info@lonestarcorral.com, lonestarcorral.com	\$20	+ Elec	\$110	+ Elec	\$325	+ Elec
<b>WASHINGTON</b>	<b>EVERGREEN COHO</b>   2481 Anderson Lake Rd., Chimacum, WA 98325 360-385-6538, Fax: 360-379-5669, ecrskp@escapes.com, www.cohoskp.com	\$33 Incl Elec	+ tax	\$198 Incl Elec	+ tax	\$495	+ Elec

- The plus symbol (+) is used to indicate "plus electric." Additional charges may apply for 50-amp electric, pull-thru and/or additional occupants.
- Prices are subject to change without notice. Contact parks for hours of operation and to verify rental fees before arrival.
- Receiving mail at Escapes Parks: Route your mail to General Delivery, City, State and Zip Code. Verify zip code by calling: 800-275-8777.
- Availability of rental spaces at SKP Co-Ops depends on members putting their lots into a rental pool while they travel. During the popular season, there may be few spaces left to rent. Call in advance to check the availability of rental sites.

## EVENTS AND EXTRAS

55+ Park	30 AMP	50 AMP	# of Sites	ERPU Sites	Lease Lots	Pull-thru	Dry-camping	Storage	WiFi	Reservations	Activity Center	Clubhouse	Laundry	Dog Run	Pet Friendly
-	✓	✓	87	22	✓	-	✓	✓	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
-	✓		107	0	✓	✓	✓	N	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
-	✓	✓	99	25	N	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
-	✓	✓	68	0	N	✓	✓	✓	N	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
-	✓	✓	93	0	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
-	✓	✓	68	0	N	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
-	✓	✓	130	24	✓	✓	✓	N	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
-	✓	✓	175	0	N	✓	✓	N	✓	✓	N	N	✓	N	✓

-	✓	✓	297	n/a	✓	N	✓	✓	✓	N	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
✓	✓	✓	118	n/a	✓	N	✓	-	✓	N	N	✓	✓	N	✓
✓	✓	✓	152	n/a	✓	-	✓	✓	✓	N	-	✓	✓	✓	✓
✓	✓	✓	283	n/a	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	N	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
✓	✓	✓	254	n/a	✓	✓	✓	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
✓	✓	✓	128	n/a	✓	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
-	✓	✓	182	n/a	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	N	N	✓	✓	✓	✓
-	✓	✓	118	n/a	✓	-	✓	✓	✓	N	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
✓	✓	✓	206	n/a	✓	-	✓	✓	✓	N	N	✓	✓	✓	✓
✓	✓	✓	130	n/a	✓	N	✓	✓	✓	N	N	✓	✓	✓	✓
✓	✓	✓	175	n/a	✓	✓	✓	N	✓	✓	N	✓	✓	✓	✓

Only Escapees members may purchase an SKP Co-Op membership (when one is available), and that membership entitles them to use a specified lot until they are deceased or sell the membership back to the corporation. Each SKP Co-Op sets its own rules and is self-governing with a board of directors elected by the members. Members share in the financial responsibilities of the SKP Co-Op. Operating expenses are shared equally among the membership by way of an annual maintenance fee. Most SKP Co-Op sites have buildings and other improvements that may add several thousand dollars to the buy-in price. Most also have a waiting list. Call individual parks for more information.

### Raccoon Valley: Heiskell, TN

Local songwriters meet every Tuesday night. Thursday night, local jammers perform.

### Jojoba Hills SKP Co-Op: Aguanga, CA

Join in the fun of many social activities. Enjoy pickleball, tennis, swimming, hiking, nightly games and Friday happy hour. Deserts and beaches are only one hour away. *Sunset* magazine calls nearby Temecula, "Disneyland for adults."

### Pair-A-Dice SKP Co-Op: Pahrump, NV

First-time visitors receive their one-week stay for \$75; Make request at check-in. Call ahead for availability. No reservations. GPS: N36° 8.700'-W115° 58.000'

### Park Sierra SKP Co-Op: Coarsegold, CA

Is Yosemite on your bucket list? Stay with us! Park Sierra is 25 miles from the southern entrance to Yosemite. Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks are only a day-trip away! The winter months are mild and the spring wildflowers are glorious. Visitors can enjoy \$50 off a week's stay! Visit our website or call for reservations.

### RoVers Roost SKP Co-Op: Casa Grande, AZ

Max site length is 40'. First-time Escapees visitors will receive three days free when they pay for one week (\$110, plus tax/elec). Explore many activities from this central location. Activities update provided at daily social hours. Visit the website or call for details.

### Saguaro SKP Co-Op: Benson, AZ

First-time visitors receive their week at a 50% discount, plus elec./tax. Visit [www.SKPSaguaro.org](http://www.SKPSaguaro.org) and click "Special Offers" for details.

### The Ranch SKP Co-Op: Lakewood, NM

Planning a trip to Carlsbad Caverns or the Guadalupe Mountains National Park? We're your place to stay: large sites, reverse osmosis water. First-timers one-week special: \$75 + elec and tax. Visit website for details.

### The Resort SKP Co-Op: Wauchula, FL

Where shorts are always in season and lifelong friendships blossom. See our website for our many activities and amenities. Then visit our active park in quiet south-central Florida.

### Lone Star Corral Co-Op: Hondo, TX

First-time Escapees visitors will receive 50% off one week stay, plus electric. Offer not valid for December or last full week in February. Your extended stay will allow you to explore the San Antonio area and Texas Hill Country. The park is only a two- to three-hour drive from the Gulf Coast and Mexico.

### Timber Valley Co-Op: Sutherlin, OR

Join us in Oregon's banana belt. Large lots; more privacy. Costco, five chain grocery outlets within 12 miles. Walk to restaurants, churches; other amenities. Award-winning wineries, fishing, forest trails and wildlife. Waterfalls, 50 miles; ocean, 70 miles. Stay six nights, get a seventh night free!

### Evergreen CoHo: Chimacum, WA

Explore Washington's Olympic Peninsula from Seattle to Victoria, B.C. You can enjoy art, biking, birding, breweries, casinos, cideries, concerts, distilleries, festivals, fresh local foods, hiking, kayaking, live music, wineries/wine routes and whale watching. Stay up to six months beginning October 1 (depart by May 31). Reserve now at Evergreen CoHo SKP Park, call 360-385-6538.

# Birds of a Feather—Escapees Special Interest Groups

Escapees Birds of a Feather (BoF) groups share lifestyle interests. Expand your talents and share your knowledge. Whether you are a beginner or an expert, you are welcome.

**Alternative Medicine:** Newsletter about, but not limited to, herbs, vitamins, dietary ideas, natural healing, attaining and maintaining health I also send BoF Extras and Bits&Pieces. Free e-newsletter. Send SKP# and e-mail address to thrivebydesignonline@outlook.com. Please include BoF or Escapees in the subject line. Joyce Langley #147115. 164 CR 2127, PO Box 302, Burkeville, TX 75932.

**Amateur Radio:** Newsletter: \$5 for three issues. Published Jan, May and Sept. Include name, amateur radio call sign, if licensed, SKP #, spouse's name, address, check and e-mail to Forrest Clark, KC9YMH, SKP #110995, 411 Walnut St., PMB #10903, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043.

**AVA America's Walking Club:** AVA is a nationwide network of walking clubs. Its members arrange walks to local points of interest. We host walks throughout the year, and you're welcome to join America's Walking Club's events. The cost per person, per walk, is \$3. Membership in America's Walking Club is encouraged but not required. Members can earn pins and patches. To join BoF, send your name, SKP# and address to Susan Alton: avabof@aol.com

**\*NEW\* Aviation History and Museums BoF:** Group to discuss and share aviation history, "Aircraft of the Month," museums visited and recommended (especially the small and obscure), aviation related photos and serve as a source for information. No dues. Contact Les Jones, at lescjones1@gmail.com or 713-201-5391. Also visit our Facebook: SKP Aviation History and Museums BoF.

**Bikes, Boots 'n Paddles:** Casual group (no dues/no newsletter) for those who like to read about or participate in cycling, walking and hiking and/or paddling activities. Meet at Escapades and informal gatherings or simply share experiences online. Share routes, trails, locations, equipment and photos. Facebook: "SKP Bikes, Boots 'N Paddles BoF." Nancy Cullinan: nancullinan@gmail.com

**Boomers:** Casual group (no rules/no officers/no cost) for those who have a youthful mindset. Members enjoy hiking, beading, biking, reading, 4-wheel drives or just sitting around the campfire. Monthly e-newsletter and Facebook group provide opportunities to share the RVing experience. Impromptu gatherings will pop up several times a year. Send your name and SKP# to: boomerBoF@gmail.com

**Boondockers:** Casual group (no dues) enjoying the dry-camping lifestyle. Bimonthly newsletter lists rendezvous. (Dry-camp spots not listed.) Stan/Mikki Vincent, subscription coordinators; Darryl and Judy Wilson, editors. To join, contact Judy Wilson, at: wilsonjudwil2@gmail.com

**Christian Fellowship:** The Christian Fellowship BoF is a gathering of Escapees believers drawing together to form a mobile church-without-walls for fellowship, fun, worship, spiritual growth and serving communities. We pray for and encourage one another without focusing on denominationalism. Meet at Escapades and Christian Fellowship BoF rallies. Visit www.cfbof.com. Membership is free. For rally information, contact Allen Ferguson, at fergizmo@thefergs.com

**Computers:** For all computer users. Info is exchanged by e-mail. To subscribe to the newsgroup, e-mail: skp-computer-bof+subscribe@googlegroups.com. Contact: Andrew Richardson, 204 Rainbow Drive #10474, Livingston TX 77399-2004; spun69@gmail.com

**\*NEW\* Content Creators:** A group for anyone who publishes their RV adventures to any social media platform. We discuss content and growth strategies, techniques, monetization and the ability to generate income. We coordinate meet-ups and collaboration videos throughout the year. Stuart Takehara: stuart@claimthevision.com

**● DOVE (the Doves) • C-BoF:** Natural disasters rarely give us notice. The time volunteers give is crucial. When finances are at crisis levels in many organizations, the American Red Cross needs all the volunteer time (and money) we can give. Join the DOVES, and partner with the Red Cross to fill real needs. We'll help train and pair you with the right disaster response activity to provide life-sustaining assistance. For info, visit: www.dovebof.org or contact Brian, at president@dovebof.org, or Don, at membership@dovebof.org (210-268-3931). Yearly dues: \$10.

**Escapees Traveling Yogi:** All welcome, from dedicated yogis to those curious about learning yoga. We practice yoga at Escapades, Convergences and other meetups; share recommendations for yoga teachers, studios, retreats and amazing places to practice. We support each other in progressing our practices/healthy lifestyles while we travel. We help those new to yoga. No dues. Join us on Facebook. Send name, SKP# and interest to Theresé: tbjulo@yahoo.com. Namaste

**Friends of Bill W:** This group meets at Escapades and other Escapees gatherings. There are no dues or fees. Find a meeting or stay in contact with each other while traveling. Contact Rachel King, Rachel3223@yahoo.com or 229-834-4776. Search for our Facebook group at "SKP BOF FOB" and follow questions to request joining.

**Full-time Graduating Class:** For those who have graduated from part-time to full-time RVing. Informal group/no newsletter or officers. Correspondence is via the Escapees Discussion Forum. Join your class by visiting the forum, at www.rvnetwork.com, select "Graduating to Full-Time" and year of your class.

**Genealogy:** SKP Genies. This group is all about friendship and family history. All communication is shared through a private Facebook group: SKP Genealogy BoF. There are no dues and the only membership requirement is to be a current member of Escapees. Contact Albert, at: skpgenies@gmail.com or SKP Genealogy BoF, 142 Rainbow Dr., #4228, Livingston, TX 77399-1042.

**Geocache:** We provide a link enabling members to connect with other SKP geocachers, share information, learn from others and discover if other SKP geocachers are nearby. The BoF hosts an annual multi-day rally, in Quartzsite, AZ, in late January, featuring morning seminars and afternoon caching outings. Communication is via Facebook or e-mail. No dues/fees. To join, contact Wendy: skpgeocacheBoF@gmail.com. Include address, names, SKP#, phone# and geocaching handle.

**Hitches and Stitches:** No muss, no fuss (no dues), chat in our private Facebook group, BoF Hitches and Stitches. Projects include working with fabrics by hand or machine, clothes, quilts, embroidery or crafts. We love them all. Share your successes and ask for help for the oops projects. Contact Karla at karla.kmika@gmail.com

**\*NEW\* Jeepers:** Casual group (no rules/no officers/no cost) for those who enjoy automobile off-roading. Meet at Escapades, informal gatherings or share experiences online. Share routes, trails, locations, equipment and photos. Facebook: Off Road Jeepers BoF. To join, send your name and SKP# to: JeepersBOF@gmail.com

**Line Dancers Unite:** Join for free and to find classes, rallies and special events. Members contribute info on a city-by-city basis. Available websites feature line-dance class locations and special events. No dues or newsletters. To sign up, visit RVillage.com, click on "Groups" or "Search" and enter "Line Dancers Unite." In the left column, on the Group homepage, click "Join." To read posts, click "Group Forum" at the top of the page. Contact Margo, at: Margo@TheMaxwellGroup.net

**Low-Carb Lifestyle:** If you're eating low-carb, join us! We're here to support and encourage each other online as well as during Convergences or our own meetups. Recipes and tips are welcome. We meet online in our Facebook and RVillage groups. Send your name and SKP# to Tree Plant, treemama@gmail.com, contact Lauren, at: desertlemon@gmail.com or Melissa at melissakadorian@gmail.com

**Nomadic Families:** Brings RV families together to share info about our lifestyle and promote exploration and freedom while still maintaining a sense of community. It's a place for traveling kids/teens to make lasting connections with others, where they are treated as equals and encouraged to explore their surroundings, unhindered by societal standards. Our goals are to have many events each year, support Escapees/Xscaper family events and encourage our members to form their own gatherings. Contact: bofnomadicfamilies@gmail.com

**NOMADS:** Mission volunteers and individuals who travel with a purpose. A ministry of the United Methodist Church, specific to RVers who wish to be involved in Christian service. Membership is not dependent on church affiliation. Regular projects are three weeks, nationwide. Disaster rebuild projects may be one week or more. Parking (W,E,S incl.) is furnished. A current projects list is on NOMADS Website and visible to its members, but with nationwide sites. To join visit [www.nomadsumc.org](http://www.nomadsumc.org) or contact Doris, at 318-613-6599/jakdori@gmail.com

**Penwheels:** Quarterly newsletter inspires, encourages and assists writers in all styles of writing, published or not. Join our new group forum at RVillage.com. Sign up for free. Then click search or groups, and enter "Penwheels" in the search field. Click "join group" to post. Send your Escapees membership number to Joanne Alexakis (joalexakis@earthlink.net) to add your name to the e-mail newsletter list or contact Penwheels editor, at ellenbehr@aol.com

**Pet Lovers:** For people who love animals. All pets welcome. Join our Facebook group: Stay connected with animal-loving Escapees; receive notices of rallies and socials at Escapade. Juliet Whitfield: 970-729-2946, dogs@tailsfromtheroad.com, [www.facebook.com/groups/EscapeesPetLovers](http://www.facebook.com/groups/EscapeesPetLovers)

**Prospecting and Metal Detecting:** Share tips and information. To join our Yahoo! group SKP-PandMD, contact Ken Parsons by e-mail: [rwsp606@gmail.com](mailto:rwsp606@gmail.com) to get roster and yearly newsletter. By e-mail, \$5; mailed, \$15 a year. We get together yearly for a week of prospecting and fun. Make checks payable to Peggy Devine, Treasurer, 2121 E Keenan Way, Pahrump, NV 89048. [kokopeggi@gmail.com](mailto:kokopeggi@gmail.com)

**\*NEW\* RVICS (Roving Volunteers in Christ's Service):** We are a volunteer non-denominational Christian ministry with a heart to serve the Lord during the years leading up to retirement and beyond. Our missionary teams provide a wide variety of maintenance, service and construction assistance to needy non-profit Christian organizations. Teams typically consist of four—six couples serving together for three week assignments (US and Canada). [www.RVICS.org](http://www.RVICS.org), 800-727-8914

**SKP Freethinkers:** The focus of this BoF is information, support and community for atheists, agnostics, skeptics and all those who reject supernatural belief. This BoF serves as a virtual meeting place and forum for like-minded SKPs. We have a Website with a forum, newsletter and private Facebook page. Media in electronic/membership is free. Visit [www.skpfreethinkers.com](http://www.skpfreethinkers.com) or contact Howard Replogle, at: [howardreplogle@SKPfreethinkers.com](mailto:howardreplogle@SKPfreethinkers.com)

**SKP Photographers:** For all photographers, casual to serious. Our goal is to help members have fun with photography and to improve their skills through our free online newsletter, meetings at Escapades/ rallies and in-the-field photo outings. To join: [www.skpphotographers.com](http://www.skpphotographers.com) Brock Brinkerhoff/Janine Vance, [skpphotographers@gmail.com](mailto:skpphotographers@gmail.com)

**SKP UTV/ATV:** Casual group of people who like to ride off road responsibly, discovering new places to camp and ride their UTV/ATV. Open to Escapees members. No dues. To join send your name and SKP# to: [utvatv.bof@yahoo.com](mailto:utvatv.bof@yahoo.com). Any questions, call Dick Hicks at 816-716-4776 or Tom Hardy at 619-904-4707.

**SKP Wheels of Progress:** Politically engaged moderates/progressives committed to constructively addressing public policy at every level of government. By establishing relationships with like-minded SKPs, we facilitate personal meetings. We strive to broaden our understanding of issues, policies and candidates for public office. We seek ways to strengthen our communities, nation and world by using our influence to bring about positive change. A closed Facebook group is used to connect. Free membership. To join, send SKP# to Larry Butler, at [techcfo@yahoo.com](mailto:techcfo@yahoo.com)

● **SOLOs • C-BoF:** A group for single Escapees. Must be a current member. Membership, \$11/year. Three newsletters per year, member-hosted gatherings and pre-Escapade rallies. Download member form: [skpsolos.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/2021-12-03-Membership-Form.pdf](http://skpsolos.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/2021-12-03-Membership-Form.pdf). Print form, complete and send with check, payable to Escapees SOLOs. Send to: Escapees SOLOs, 1970 N. Leslie St. #556, Pahrump, NV. 89060. Roy Kannada: [royk1072@gmail.com](mailto:royk1072@gmail.com)

**SOWERs (Servants on Wheels):** A nondenominational ministry of born-again believers, we combine our love of RVing and service to our Lord as we volunteer to work with other Christian ministries throughout the U.S. and Canada. From our listing of approved ministries, we choose projects and months we work; [www.sowerministry.org](http://www.sowerministry.org)

**Stonewall:** Welcomes all gays, lesbians, bis, trans and their friends. An informal group, we gather at Escapades, Pride events and at Quartzsite, AZ, in January. We also gather on an "impromptu" basis at other events like Xscapers or Hangouts events. Communication is online, so we can meet each other as travels allow. Free to join/no newsletters, just good times with great people! Contact Sean Miller, at [seansmiller1@gmail.com](mailto:seansmiller1@gmail.com) or Sky Renfro, [tatmoof@yahoo.com](mailto:tatmoof@yahoo.com)

**\*NEW\* Twist Your Throttle:** An informal Escapees group who share common interests in everything motorcycle. This group is open to all types of Escapees motorcycle riders, passengers and bikes. Our goal is to provide regular connections for motorcycle safety, repairs, rides and awareness through online presentations for Escapees who are on the move in an RV. No charge to join. Lucinda Belden: [lucinda@dwo.net](mailto:lucinda@dwo.net), [www.twistyouthrottle.com](http://www.twistyouthrottle.com) or [www.facebook.com/twistyouthrottle](http://www.facebook.com/twistyouthrottle).

**\*NEW\* Vintage and Classic RVs:** A casual group (no dues) geared towards any Escapees member who owns any type of RV 25 years or older. The BoF serves as a support network for vintage and/or classic RV owners to share renovation/restoration tips, resources and provide camaraderie and support at Escapees events, during travel and through the BoF newsletter. Members are encouraged to camp together at Escapade for camaraderie and optimization of available electrical service and similarity of size/height of RVs. Email: [Vintage-ClassicBof@gmail.com](mailto:Vintage-ClassicBof@gmail.com)

**Whole-Food, Plant-Based (WFPB):** This WFPB BoF group is for those interested in learning about and sharing information, Science and recipes for the WFPB way of eating. This group focuses on science-based health reasons for eating a mostly plant-based diet. No fees or dues. We'll share information on a Facebook page, Whole-Food, Plant-Based BOF SKP. To join, contact Ray Hatch: [ray\\_h1941@yahoo.com](mailto:ray_h1941@yahoo.com) or Lodema Hatch: [LO1942@hotmail.com](mailto:LO1942@hotmail.com)

**Woodcarvers on Wheels:** This group meets annually at North Ranch, in Congress, Arizona, for a week-long workshop of carving, pyrography and more. We enjoy gathering at Escapade and anywhere else our paths may cross. Sharing ideas, patterns, hints and articles related to anything wood. To join, send name, address, SKP# and \$5/year to John Ely, 3213 W. Main, #279, Rapid City, SD 57702. Newsletter sent 3x a year. [woodcarversonwheels@gmail.com](mailto:woodcarversonwheels@gmail.com)

**Worldwide Travelers:** Members share information about independent RV and non-RV travel in countries around the world other than North America through their monthly e-newsletter. There is no charge for joining the group. For more information contact: Chari Maier, Newsletter Editor, at [editorrwtnews@gmail.com](mailto:editorrwtnews@gmail.com). She will be delighted to get you signed up for the group and send you a sample e-newsletter.

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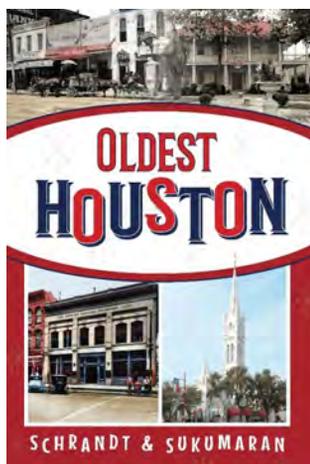
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# Final Journeys

## *Farewell to our Escapees Friends*

**The Escapees RV Club expresses sincere condolences to the families and friends of deceased members.**

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We appreciate notification of the deceased by caring friends; however, if possible, please obtain permission from a spouse or family member before submitting a notice for publication. Send notices to: *Escapees Magazine*, 100 Rainbow Drive, Livingston, Texas 77351, or e-mail [departmentseditor@escapees.com](mailto:departmentseditor@escapees.com).

**BARNUM, JEFF #25351-APRIL 25, 2022:** (Toni, 16422 East Indigo Loop, Summerdale, AL 36580) We enjoyed working as *Escapees* campground managers throughout the 90s.

**HEWES, MAUREEN #27411-NOVEMBER 10, 2021:** (Bill 401 E 8th St., Ste 214-1629, Sioux Falls, SD 57103) Mo loved full-time RVing and making new friends. In our 28 years, we visited every state in the USA and Mexico, plus all the Provinces and most of the Territories in Canada by RV.

**KIME, BARBARA #50558-OCTOBER 23, 2021:** (William 2901 N Shingle Rd., Shingle Springs, CA 95682-9569) Barbara has died.

**STEVENS, RITA #66419-JUNE 3, 2022:** Rita died after several years of declining health, just before her 82nd birthday. She and her husband, Bob, were members of *Escapees* since 2000, and members of Chapter 51 for a few years. Rita spent many winters at Rainbow Plantation and loved her friends there. She loved visiting with family and friends, reading, going to Walmart and petting any kitties she could find. RV life and the *Escapees* was a big and happy part of her and Bob's life, and I am left with wonderful memories. I'm in search of my own RV to continue the tradition. (Reported by daughter, Carol Hammonds #132771).

# RVers Good Neighbor Policy

Overnight Parking Etiquette

## Dear Fellow RVers,

The Good Neighbor Policy was created in the early 90s by Escapees RV Club. Since then, it has become the industry standard code of conduct for overnight parking. We hope that the Good Neighbor Policy serves as a reminder that RVers must be respectful of the communities they visit.

Some of the most respected RV consumer clubs have joined Escapees to support your privilege to park on private businesses' property overnight under the following code of conduct:

### Industry-sanctioned Code of Conduct (RVers Good Neighbor Policy)

1. Stay one night only!
2. Obtain permission from a qualified individual.
3. Obey posted regulations.
4. No awnings, chairs or barbecue grills.
5. Do not use hydraulic jacks on soft surfaces (including asphalt).
6. Always leave an area cleaner than you found it.
7. Purchase gas, food or supplies as a form of thank you, when feasible.
8. Be safe! Always be aware of your surroundings and leave if you feel unsafe.

**Preserve the privilege of overnight parking.  
Follow the code and encourage others to follow it, too!**

If your plans include touring the area, staying for more than one night, or necessitate conduct not within the code, please relocate to a local campground. It's the right thing to do!

Most of the complaints lodged regarding RV parking on business parking lots have to do with aesthetics and perceived abuse of the privilege. There are a variety of competing interests that were balanced to arrive at this industry-sanctioned code of conduct. As you can see, the code of conduct is nothing more than an RVers "Good Neighbor" policy.

Not following the code has serious consequences and is detrimental to the rights of all RVers. Already, some municipalities have passed ordinances to prohibit parking on private business property overnight.

Please do not take offense to this letter; it is only provided as a reminder that RVers must be perceived as good neighbors or there will be more pressure to institute state, county and local ordinances to prohibit parking on private business property.

**We wish you safe and happy travels,**

 **ESCAPEES RV Club®**

Download a copy of the RVers Good Neighbor Policy at [www.escapees.com/benefits/rv-advocacy](http://www.escapees.com/benefits/rv-advocacy)





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- SmartWeigh (accurate and detailed RV-weighing service)
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