



NH Wheelers

A NH Good Sam Chapter

August 2016 Newsletter



NH Wheelers have winter meetings on the 2nd Sunday of each month at local watering holes. During the camping season, meetings are usually on the 2nd weekend of the month, at the monthly campout. Guests are always welcome.

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Our 2016 Schedule

	Unless otherwise noted, all campouts require a pre-paid \$10 deposit 30 days prior to event.
Jan 10	Makris Lobster House, RT 106, Loudon NH
Feb 14	Makris Lobster House, RT 106, Loudon NH
Mar 13	Makris Lobster House, RT 106, Loudon NH
Apr 29-30 & May 1	Mile-A-Way CG, Henniker NH
May 13-15	Cascade RV Park, Loudon NH
June 3-5	Harbor Hill CG, Meredith NH 603-279-6910 Make own reservations and pay campground.
Jul 8-10	Lake Forest CG, E. Wakefield NH Send deposit to Maureen
Aug 19-21	NH Rally (Samboree) N. Haverhill NH FG Make own reservations with State
Sept 16-18	Harbor Hill CG, Meredith NH 603-279-6910 Make own reservations and pay campground.
Oct 7-11	Newfound RV Park, Bristol, NH. Make own reservations: Send \$10 to Maureen
Nov 13	Makris Lobster House, RT 106, Loudon NH
Dec 11	Makris Lobster House, RT 106, Loudon NH

Deposits for Campouts need to be sent to Treasurer 30 days before campout! Make checks out to "NH Wheelers".

Our Meetings

Our summer meetings usually take place at 9:30 AM on the Saturday of the camping weekend. Winter meetings are on the second Sunday of the month in Loudon at Makris Restaurant and Lobster House on Route 106; 1/2 mile north of 393. Arrive by 11:30 to order a meal which will be served as soon as it is ready. The meeting starts when most have eaten but no later than 1 PM.

Minutes of the last meeting

New Hampshire Wheelers

The August campout was not a regular Chapter weekend but was replaced by the NH Rally (Samboree) in North Haverhill NH. Since only four chapter member families were in attendance, no formal meeting was held. Perhaps, next year, we can entice a few more to attend.

NH Good Sam Rally Report

Since there was no official meeting, it seems in order to let everyone know more about the Rally which is what used to be called the Samboree.

These gatherings have changed a lot since the days of 400 or so rigs in attendance. So, let me tell you a bit about this one. There were attendees from Connecticut, Maine, Quebec, Vermont, New York, Mass, Florida, Ohio, Nebraska, Rhode Island, Virginia and, of course, New Hampshire. 79 total.

In our Chapter, John and Maureen arrived on Thursday and captured the camping area on the right as soon as you entered past the registration building. It was shady and that was a benefit for the entire weekend. Then, on Friday, Greg arrived followed by Jim and Pam. Four of us parked side by side with nobody else along that side. It was a short walk to the buildings and we could see everyone else who came in as they had to go by us to get into the grounds.

Bill Fairbanks, a former member, showed up on his motorcycle to visit. He invited us to the place where he and Priscilla spend the season as it was only 12 miles away.

The Rally had the usual 50/50 drawings and pot of gold raffle with the DeRoys taking home most of the winnings. Jim and Jill Cuddihy, also former members, were there in their newly acquired motorhome as they have now started camping again.

Worthy of note is that the NH Puckerbrushers used to be as large a chapter as the NH Wheelers having been established only one year later that the Wheelers are now down to five (5) members. But, all of them were at the Rally.

When it came down to the "TAB" competition, we were concerned since it seemed the Sea Breezes has as many boxes of tabs as we did. So, when it came down to the weighing, it was touch and go. They ended up with a very respectful 270 pounds but could not overcome our 285 pounds of tabs. So, the NH Wheelers were, once again, the winners for tabs and we certainly have to thank Elliot for that. In total, there was 1,019 pounds of tabs collected by all chapters combined.

The food was good with a Spaghetti supper on Thursday, pancakes on Saturday morning and ice cream socials but the steak dinner on Saturday took the prize. It was prepared by the North Haverhill Fire Department who arrived in full force with two huge gas grills to cook the steaks to your choice. They provided the utensils, drinks, corn on the cob, baked potato, Cole Slaw and a cake/ice cream desert. It was well worth the \$20 per head that was charged.

Of course, there were games of Bocce, Goofy Golf, Cribbage, Bean Bag Baseball and Skillet Toss among others. They had a "Men's Tool Swap", Banana Split Social, Fantasy Tours seminars, Bingo and the proverbial Chinese Auction. Our member, Jim, came in first in his age group (70 and over) for the Skillet Toss with 31 feet 9 inches.

All in all, except for the endless supply of flies left over from the use of the grounds as the North Haverhill Fair, the event was great and the weather, although very hot, held out for all weekend.

Attendance was down but that seems to be the trend at all these social gatherings of late.

Jim Belanger, Secretary

P.S. Nobody took pictures, that I know of, so there won't be any posted to the web site for this month.

President's Comments

Hello Wheelers,

I survived the New Hampshire State Rally (Samboree) and had a real nice time with fellow Wheelers and folks from other chapters that I have come to know. Arrived around 12:30 PM on Thursday and set-up next to John and Maureen who had arrived a little earlier. We socialized that afternoon with great conversation and many stories shared. The Rally sponsored a really good spaghetti supper for all on Thursday night and we stayed out talking that night till the mosquitoes said it was time to go in.

Woke up to a foggy Friday morning (each morning was foggy!). Jim Belanger and Pam

Sleeper arrived. She brought along her new "puppy" a 50 pound German Sheppard! John and Maureen won the first "Pot-of-Gold" raffle during the opening ceremonies and then we sat down to a banana split ice cream social. Nice! !

Heavy fog again Saturday morning which explains why everything from lawns and cornfields around there are so green, especially compared to what we see on the Seacoast. I ran the Cribbage Tournament for a small group. They had a good time though and an older gentleman named Ralph won again. He scored a "perfect". If you do not know what that means let's play some games and I'll show you!

Also attended several travel seminars, along with Maureen and John. The seminars were put on by Fantasy RV Tours. They covered tours on Alaska, Western national parks and Newfoundland as well as the Maritime Provinces. Very interesting and I have their travel booklets to share. Later Pam went to the "traveling with pets" seminar and I helped as a runner for the Chinese auction. They had a 50th Anniversary cake to celebrate 50 years of Good Sam and then I attended music by Jose Duddy, a country western singer. I was surprised as he was quite good.

Sunday morning was coffee and muffins, pack up to leave and attend the closing ceremonies where we won again the Tab Award for the most can tabs. We turned in 285 pounds! So keep saving those tabs.

Most importantly was the Presidents meeting after the closing where the discussion focused on next year with a possible change in location to the Lancaster Fair grounds. More on that at our September meeting at Harbor Hill in Meredith when I will have more information. Nothing has been decided yet as it will depend on the vote from the NH Chapters.

Mentioning next month I am so looking forward to seeing many of you at Harbor Hill. I believe the gate at Harbor Hill opens at 1:00 PM (I will check on this and get back to you) and remember we are having a dessert auction after our meeting Saturday morning.

So that's it till next month. Be well, travel safe and I will see you soon.

Greg

On the lighter side

TEACHER: Why are you late?

STUDENT: Class started before I got here.

TEACHER: John, why are you doing your math multiplication on the floor?

JOHN: You told me to do it without using tables.

TEACHER: Glenn, how do you spell 'crocodile'?

GLENN: K-R-O-K-O-D-I-A-L'.

TEACHER: No, that's wrong.

GLENN: Maybe it is wrong, but you asked me how I spell it. (I Love this child)

TEACHER: Donald, what is the chemical formula for water?

DONALD: H I J K L M N O.

TEACHER: What are you talking about?

DONALD: Yesterday you said it's H to O.

TEACHER: Glen, why do you always get so dirty?

GLEN: Well, I'm a lot closer to the ground than you are.

TEACHER: George Washington not only chopped down his father's cherry tree, but also admitted it. Now, Louie, do you know why his father didn't punish him?

LOUIS: Because George still had the axe in his hand.

TEACHER: Now, Simon, tell me frankly, do you say prayers before eating?

SIMON: No sir, I don't have to, my Mum is a good cook.

TEACHER: Clyde, your composition on 'My Dog' is exactly the same as your brother's. Did you copy his?

CLYDE: No, sir. It's the same dog. (I want to adopt this kid!!!)

TEACHER: Harold, what do you call a person who keeps on talking when people are no longer interested?

HAROLD: A teacher.