



NH Wheelers

A NH Good Sam Chapter

October 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.

President	Greg Thayer	332 Grand Rd	Newmarket, NH 03857	603-659-2896	Spyder.thayer@gmail.com
Vice President	John Harrigan	13 Manchester Rd	Amherst NH 03031	603-913-5177	John.harriga@gmail.com
Treasurer	Maureen DeRoy	88 Atwood Rd	Wilmot, NH 03287	603-768-5598	micaledge@hotmail.com
Secretary	Jim Belanger	32 Plain Rd	Hollis, NH 03049	603 465 2301	Jim.Blng@gmail.com
Wagon Master	Cheryl Wood	99 Georgetown Dr	Center Barnstead NH 03225	603-776-0999	pandac@driftcj.com
Directors Emeritus	Jeanne & Art Lawson	PO Box 135934	Clermont, FL 34713	603 485 5921	lawsonjdnh@aol.com

NH Wheelers Web Site Address: www.nhwheelers.com

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 October 8, 2016 meeting of the NH Wheelers was called to order by President Greg Thayer at 9:30 AM with 9 member families present at Newfound RV Park in Bristol, NH. The pledge to the flag was recited and a moment of silence was held for those in need of our prayers.

Armand and Mable Auclair, guests of the DeRoys, were our weekend guests but did not attend the meeting.

Secretary's Report:

The Secretary's minutes were read by Jim Belanger and accepted after a motion by John Wood and seconded by Kathy Thayer.

The Treasurer's report was read by Maureen DeRoy and accepted after a motion by Linda Monahan and seconded by John DeRoy.

No new members were submitted for membership.

Correspondence:

There was no correspondence to report.

Web-Master: Webmaster had no report.

Wagon Master: Wagon master had no report.

Wellness:

Janice Murray reports that she is doing fine but currently has a severe ear infection she is fighting. Linda Spofford is scheduled for surgery on her leg next week. Greg reports his last checkup went well and doesn't have to be repeated for another year. Jim Belanger is going in for minor surgery on Monday.

Unfinished Business:

The subject of holding a Christmas in July was discussed again with the end result to leave it up to the folks planning the weekends. We could still have a Christmas in July theme but hold the gift swap and formal Christmas celebration at the December meeting.

New Business: Cheryl Wood moved that we return to Newfound RV Park for the October 2017 campout, second by Armand Pinard and the motion carried.

The list of those nominated for office in 2017 was read by the Secretary. They were: President, Greg Thayer; Vice President, Armand Pinard; Secretary, Jim Belanger; Treasurer, Maureen DeRoy with Assistant Treasurer Linda Monahan; Wagon Master, Janice Murray/Linda Spofford with assistance from Kathy Thayer. Marie Allen moved that the secretary cast one ballot for the slate of officers for a unanimous election; second by Cheryl Wood and the motion carried without objection.

Officers will assume their new duties on January first 2017.

Announcements:

President Thayer reminded everyone about local attractions that might be visited.

Greg announced that dues for 2017 were due now and should be paid to Maureen before she leaves for her winter journeys.

Birthdays/Anniversaries: Greg read off the names of members with birthdays and/or anniversaries in October. Dues remain at \$10 per family.

Other Business:

Jim Belanger went over the current membership status. The Chapter membership currently stands at 23 members. So far, this year: 3 members have attended zero meetings, 6 members have attended one meeting, 3 members have attended two meetings, 3 members have attended four meetings, 8 members have attended five or more meetings. Analyzing this attendance brings forth the reality that we have 11 active members. The attendance numbers at each campout appear low but when taking into consideration that only 11 members are really active, they don't seem too bad. Attendance has been: Jan 7, Feb 11, Mar 9, Apr 6, May 7, June 8, July 9, Sept 9 and Oct 9. There was no August meeting at the Rally.

The 50/50 raffle brought \$25 to Sandy Belanger. There is no second drawing in October.

Motion to adjourn was made by Armand Pinard, seconded by Dennis Lortie and the meeting adjourned at 10:15 AM.

Respectfully submitted

Jim Belanger, Secretary

President's Comments

Hello Wheelers,

Well it's sad to say that our Wheeler camping season has come to an end. I especially enjoyed that last few camp-outs when I was strong enough to fully participate. Looking forward to Mile-Away in Henniker in the spring. Kathy and I have one last weekend out at the end of the month off

the Kanc in Conway and then we will put the camper to sleep for the winter.

Although we had a smaller group than in past years, everyone had a great time at Newfound RV Resort last weekend. We had a wonderful catered turkey dinner Saturday night followed up by a superb Sunday morning breakfast led by Chef Dave Allen. We need to do more breakfasts like this on our travel day mornings. By the way, ask Jane for her recipe for the caramel-nut snack she brought to Friday happy hour. Wow!

As I mentioned our group was smaller than in the past with only 9 family rigs. Over the last year or so we have lost 10 members from our active group. Some still make one event while others have left due to illness, moving away, becoming seasonal or passing to a better campground. We need to look for people to join our great group. New people can mean new ideas, perhaps new campgrounds to visit and new friends. So be looking for people you know who camp and approach them about attending one of our winter meetings to see what we are all about. I would like to see our club grow in membership.

Looking ahead to the November 13th meeting at Makris at 11:30 AM and the December 11th meeting at the same location for our Yankee Swap and Christmas party. Keep your eyes open for our July 2017 camp-out at Lake Forest Resort for a special theme/concept weekend. Details to follow.

So that's it. Enjoy our New England Fall weather and I hope to see everyone in November. Take care - travel safe –

Greg

Secretary's Comments

The attendance at the October Fest campout was much lower than it has been in past years. But, after some examination of activity for the year, the reason becomes clear. Of the 23 members we have in the group, only 11 are active on a regular basis. So, having 9 attend any event is 82%. What is needed now is; a membership drive if we want a larger group. We have two choices; every member should attempt to get one new member to join us in the next year or, we can remain a smaller group as we are now. Focusing on membership drives often

becomes annoying as the subject matter tends to be a pressure most of us don't need. So, what is the alternative? If you are on social media; you might post something about the good times had by being a member of the Wheelers, list the web site for more information and invite campers who don't belong to any group to join us at a winter meeting. I know I've considered preparing a half page flyer with information about the group and leaving it where appropriate when I see a camper parked in the neighborhood or elsewhere.

Our October campout was a good event with the rain holding off until Sunday when some of us had to leave to meet other commitments. The Allens had an unfortunate problem with their "slide out" where a wire broke on the motor for one side. So, the super mechanics got to work and eventually got the motor to work. You had to be there to experience the events leading to success but some of the pictures on the web site might give you an idea. The catered meal was good, as usual, with Holly's catering doing a superb job. If you had been to the small restaurant in the general store at the Irving Gas Station (Holly's place) then you were in for a surprise this year. The table area has been turned into a display area for clothes tourists might want to purchase. The restaurant was a trial that didn't pan out. Although there is still a lunch counter and you can order from the Deli and eat in; the dining area is gone.

The campground was not filled to capacity this year which concerned Paul (the owner) due to loss of revenue. Paul is his same old self and wife Betsy is doing well in her stroke recovery. She walks around the park while Paul rides his golf cart!

On the lighter side

My Psychiatrist told me he knows what makes me tick, but he hasn't figured out yet what makes me chime on the hour.

An employee marched into the boss' office and said, "I've been here 11 years doing three men's work for one man's pay. I want a raise." "I can't do that" the boss replied. "But if you tell me who the other two men are, I'll fire them."

A teacher explained to her science class, "We can learn a lot from the ant. The ant works hard every day. The ant never stops working. And what happens to the ant in the end?"

One student replied, "Somebody steps on it".

A Wife said to her husband. Wake up! There's a mouse in the bedroom. I can hear it squeaking! What do you want me to do?, her half asleep husband asked, Oil It?

A sales manager asked one of his salesmen, "Did you get any orders today"? Two, the salesman said; One to get out and one to stay out.

A motorist on his first visit to traffic court grumbled as the police clerk handed him a receipt for his fine. What am I supposed to do with this, he asked. Keep it, the clerk replied; When you get four, you get a bicycle.

While reading the newspaper, a man saw an article about a beautiful actress/model who married a boxer known for his aggression. I will never understand how the biggest jerks get the most attractive wives, he said. Thank you dear, his wife replied.

People ask us how we've been married so long. We take time to go to a restaurant twice a week, A little candlelight, soft music, dinner and a long walk home. She goes Tuesdays; I go Fridays.

A New study finds that Americans have on average become several inches shorter in the past 100 years. Scientists say it's mainly because we're all looking down at our phones.