



# NH Wheelers

A NH Good Sam Chapter

## December 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 2017 Schedule

	<b>Unless otherwise noted, all campouts require a pre-paid \$10 deposit 30 days prior to event.</b>
Jan 8	Makris Lobster House, RT 106, Loudon NH
Feb 12	Makris Lobster House, RT 106, Loudon NH
Mar 12	Makris Lobster House, RT 106, Loudon NH
Apr 28-30	Mile-A-Way CG, Henniker NH
May 12-14	Cascade RV Park, Loudon NH
June 2-4	Harbor Hill CG, Meredith NH 603-279-6910 Make own reservations and pay campground.
Jul 7-9	Lake Forest CG, E. Wakefield NH Send deposit to Maureen
<b>Aug</b>	<b>NH Rally (Samboree)</b> <b>Make own reservations with State</b>
Sept 15-17	Harbor Hill CG, Meredith NH 603-279-6910 Make own reservations and pay campground.
Oct 6-9	Newfound RV Park, Bristol, NH. Make own reservations: Send \$10/person to Maureen
Nov 12	Makris Lobster House, RT 106, Loudon NH
Dec 10	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 December 11, 2016 meeting of the NH Wheelers was called to order by President Greg Thayer at 12:50 PM with 8 member families present at Makris Lobster House in Loudon NH. The pledge to the flag was recited and a moment of silence was held for those in need of our prayers.

There were no guests at this meeting.

**Secretary's Report:**

The Secretary's minutes were read by Jim Belanger and accepted after a motion by Armand Pinard and seconded by Denis Lortie.

**The Treasurer's report** was read by Maureen DeRoy and accepted after a motion by Diana Fortin and seconded by Jane Lortie.

No new members were submitted for membership.

**Correspondence:**

Emails were received from some members indicating they were not able to attend today's meeting. No other official correspondence was received by anyone.

**Web-Master:** Webmaster had no report.

**Wagon Master:** Wagon master had no report.

**Wellness:**

No new issues with members were brought up and everyone wished the best to those who were currently experiencing maladies.

**Unfinished Business:**

Jane Lortie is in the process of planning the Christmas in July theme for the July campout and discussed her budget. She was assured there was \$50 in the budget for the weekend and she had permission to spend it without restrictions. She reminded everyone to save some of their Christmas decorations from the current season, not put them away, but bring them to the July campout as there will be a competition as to the best decorated rig. She also urged all to bring Christmas garb for a contest.

Jim went over the results of his E-mail to members who had not renewed membership by paying their dues. He named those who did not respond at all and those who indicated they should be removed from the membership list. Some indicated they would continue to stay informed as to what was happening by checking the web site which is open to the public.

**New Business:** There was no new business to be brought up at this time except to announce that the new officers assume their duties as of 1 January 2017.

**Announcements:**

Jim announced that, after his re-election as a State

Representative, he had again been appointed to chair the Municipal & County Government committee at the NH General Court.

**Birthdays/Anniversaries:** Greg read off the names of members with birthdays and/or anniversaries for the month.

**Other Business:**

There was no other business.

**The 50/50 raffle** brought \$21 to Janice Murray who indicated it was about time she won.

Motion to adjourn was made by Janice Murray, seconded by Sandy Belanger and the meeting adjourned at 1:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Jim Belanger, Secretary

## President's Comments

Hello Wheelers,

It was nice to see so many of you last Sunday at our December meeting and annual "Yankee Swap". A great time was had by all. Many scratch tickets were among the gifts. Any winners to report? I received a nice bottle of wine in a stocking and it was great! Thanks to all who participated.

It looks like we will have some theme camping events this year as some ideas are starting to develop. The April camp out theme will be "Spring" and I'm sure that by then that theme will be greatly needed. Looks like "Christmas in July" will be the theme for our July camp out at Lake Forest. Ideas and activities are being developed and I'm looking forward to more details and surprises. We are still open for themes for the May, June and September outings so get your thinking caps on and let's see more ideas at our January meeting at the Makris Restaurant.

Don't know if there's interest in having a "field trip" to one of the camping shows coming up in the spring either in Boston or Bedford. We could do the show together and then gather for lunch. There are some great places near both venues. Think about it.

Finally we want to wish all of you a wonderful holiday season. It is such a special time of the year to be with family and friends and all those who are

important in our lives. I am blessed in so many ways not the least of which is having you folks as part of my life. You have enriched my existence beyond belief. Thank you!

So have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Be safe and I will see you in January.

Greg

## Secretary's Comments

The December meeting had the same amount of members present as the November meeting. This was a surprise as the December meeting with the gift swap, etc., is usually better attended than others. After reviewing membership numbers, it appears we will be starting the new year with 16 members although we expect a new couple to be joining us in January. Everyone is reminded that we should be inviting folks we see who have campers but don't belong to any group and let them know the fun they are missing. As a start to this, we discussed inviting members at large in the campground to our brown bag auctions by posting something at the campground office while we are there for the weekend. The gift Yankee Swap went well with 15 gifts available. Dave Bonneau was the first member to draw and, therefore, the last to pick his choice of prizes. The meeting went well, the gift swap went well, the weather held out and everyone left for home with a full belly.

## On the lighter side

### Husband and Wife Christmas Shopping

A couple were in a busy shopping center just before Christmas. The wife suddenly noticed that her husband was missing and as they had a lot to do, she called him on the cell phone. The wife said "Where are you, you know we have lots to do." He said "You remember the jewelers we went into about 10 years ago, and you fell in love with that diamond necklace? I could not afford it at the time and I said that one day I would get it for you?" Little tears started to flow down her cheek and she got all choked up. "Yes, I

do remember that shop." she replied. He said "Well I am in the gun shop next door to that".

## Sacrifice in the Service

One Sunday morning, the priest noticed little Alex standing in the foyer of the church staring up at a large plaque. It was covered with names with small U.S. flags mounted on either side of it. The seven-year-old had been staring at the plaque for some time, so the priest walked up, stood beside the little boy, and said quietly, "good morning Alex." "Good morning Father," he replied, still focused on the plaque. "Father, what is this?" he asked the priest. The priest said, "Well, son, it's a memorial to all the young men and women who died in the service". Soberly, they just stood together, staring at the large plaque. Finally, little Alex's voice, barely audible and trembling with fear, asked, "Which service, the 9:45 or the 11:15?"

## These require a bit of thought before you laugh.

My daughter asked me for a pet spider for her birthday. So I went to our local pet shop and they were \$70. Forget it, I thought, I can get one cheaper **off the web.**

I was at an ATM yesterday.

A little old lady asked if I could check her balance, so I pushed her over.

Statistically, 6 out of 7 dwarfs are not Happy.

My neighbor knocked on my door at 2:30 AM. Can you believe that ... 2:30 AM? Lucky for him I was still up practicing my Bagpipe.

I was explaining to my wife last night that when you die you get reincarnated but must come back as a different creature. She said she would like to come back as a cow. I said "You're obviously not listening".

The wife was counting all the nickels and dimes out on the kitchen table when she suddenly got very angry and started shouting and crying for no reason. I thought to myself, "She's going through the change."

My girlfriend thinks that I'm a stalker. Well, she's not exactly my girlfriend yet.

An Asian fellow has moved in next door. He has traveled the world, swam with sharks, wrestled bears and climbed the highest mountain. It came as no surprise to learn his name was Bindair Dundat.